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## The New Dirt —

**Membership dues.** Yes, it's that time of year again. Please pay your 2008 dues as soon as possible. Dues are still \$25 for a single membership, \$35 for family, and \$100 for business sponsorship. The forms are available online on our website on the "JOIN US" page if you want to fill it out ahead of time and bring it to our next meeting or mail it into our PO. Box. Those of you who already paid, I will have your '08 cards at the next meeting. If anyone needs their cards mailed, just let me know via phone or email. You will be removed from the newsletter list by March 1st, if you have not paid your dues. Thanks so much for your continued support and we look forward to another great year!

**4th Annual C-4 Banquet.** The banquet's going to be at South Hills Country Club on Saturday, March 29th. Cocktails will be at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Again, we will need people to come early to help set up the raffle tables. Please start collecting any type of donations (does not have to be atv related) for door and raffle prizes for the banquet. Got a Christmas present you won't use or doesn't fit? Donate it! It can be anything from liquor (unopened please!), to household goods, to garage tools. Last year I went home with coasters, an A+ Power Sports gift certificate, cool Harley shirt and cordless drill. Thank you very much to Joe and Deb Matusewick for volunteering to head up the banquet committee again this year. Tickets are \$15 (per person) in advance or \$20 at the door, and will be available for purchase at the January meeting from our Treasurer, Eric Dittlof. We will also need people to bring some desserts. This year's banquet is bound to be a blast!

**Root River Cleanup.** If you haven't seen, the Root River is very high and uh, wet, so... we'll wait and see. Having a river cleanup this winter isn't looking good at this point.

**Bong Recreation.** Tony Zinski, Gerry Nelson, Jim Fohr, Linda & Chuck Bendever have volunteered to be part of a committee to monitor what's happening at Bong and its new club, Richard Bong ATV / OHM Riders Club. Melody Stake is currently President, as they form their new committees.

**C-4 Board Elections.** A new nomination was made and accepted at the last meeting in December for President. Sunday, January 20th we will be voting for 2-year terms for President, Treasurer and 2 Advisor positions. Voting committee consists of Deb Matusewick, Rich Helleesen and Pam Panacek. There will be space on the ballots for also write-in candidates. Accepted nominations are:

- President: **Pete Feest**
- Treasurer: **Eric Dittlof, Linda Bendever**
- Advisors: **Walter "Bubba" Bullard, Tony Zinski**

In closing, please attend winter meetings to give us your input about what we should do this year. Even though we're not doing much atv riding this time of the year, there's a lot of planning for the rest of the year. Want to head up a trip? Have something new at the banquet? Ride somewhere new? Also, thanks to Dave & Pam Panacek for picking up the flag box for the club's safekeeping our flag from the AFSOC Unit. Congrats to Pam Panacek for winning \$30 in the 50/50 raffle at the last meeting!

**C-4 Meeting & Elections**  
**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 pm**  
**South Hills Country Club**  
3047 Highway 41 Fransville, WI 53126  
**- pizza provided -**

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## Attempt at World's Largest ATV Parade

January 8, 2008 (Source: ATV News)

Minnesota, US - Tired of attempting to break the world record for most lightning strikes survived, the most one-finger push-ups or highest speed dragged behind a motorcycle (all true records)? The All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM) has set out to grab the record for the world's largest ATV parade and everybody's invited to join in the glory (on June 14th).

Claiming the title has become quite the horse race and many different groups have won the title. This year the ATVAM intends to steal the honors from the current record holder, southeastern Kentucky's Harlan County Ridge Runners.

ATVAM's ([www.atvam.org](http://www.atvam.org)) goal is to have 2,500 ATVs for the parade, held to celebrate the association's 25th anniversary.

Currently, the Harlan County Ridge Runners in Evarts, Kentucky hold the record for the longest ATV Parade. The Ridge Runners set the record of 1,138 ATVs in a parade in the summer of 2006, **surpassing the old record of 687 set in Hurley, Wisconsin.**

The ATVAM record-breaking event also will be a memorial for C.J. Ramstad, who was owner of MSPN and editor and publisher of Minnesota Off-Road.

Registration is \$12.00 per ATV and you must pre-register by May 9, 2008. Each registrant will receive 1 memorabilia ATV Parade T-shirt.

ATVAM encourages attendees to bring friends, family and, of course, ATVs to make a weekend out of the event. Other activities include the Moose Walk and the Red Dot trails - with over 50 miles of riding and are some of the nicest trails in the region. Visit Minnesota's DNR site for more information on trails, rules and regulations.

## Slow ATV Sales Send Arctic Cat into Tailspin

Pioneer Press (January 4, 2008)

Snow didn't solve Arctic Cat's problems. Just when snowmobile sales look to be coming out of a slump, the wheels have come off the all-terrain vehicle market.

The result: the Thief River Falls-based company on Friday warned its third-quarter loss will be worse than Wall Street expected.

The reaction: Investors drove Arctic Cat shares down nearly 25%, the stock's biggest one-day drop in 17 years.

The company said slow all-terrain vehicle sales would trim revenue for the three months ended Dec. 31 to between \$155 million and \$160 million, down from its earlier projection of \$170 million to \$180 million.

Its quarterly loss is expected to be 55 cents to 60 cents a share, up from its earlier forecast of 30 cents to 37 cents. The company is reducing all-terrain vehicle production by 10% during the first 3 months of this year.

All-terrain vehicles accounted for 55% of Arctic Cat's \$782.4 million revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. Medina-based rival Polaris Industries, which announced ATV production cutbacks earlier, didn't escape the investor scorn. Its shares were off \$4.30, or more than 9%, to \$42.31 on Friday. Arctic Cat shares closed at \$9.21, down \$2.98, or 24.5%.

## Arctic Cat Signs Headquarters Lease

January 2, 2008

Thief River Falls, MN - Arctic Cat Inc. (Nasdaq:ACAT) announced that it has signed a lease for its previously disclosed corporate headquarters move to the Minneapolis area. The move is expected to occur in the spring of 2008. Only certain corporate executives, general managers, and sales and marketing personnel will be relocated. The company's core manufacturing operations will remain in Thief River Falls, Minn., and will not be affected.

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Arctic Cat's corporate headquarters will be 505 Waterford Park, 10th floor, Suite #1000, 505 South Highway 169, Plymouth, Minn., 55441. Arctic Cat plans to eventually occupy approximately 11,000 square feet of space. The financial terms of the lease were not disclosed.

"Relocating our corporate headquarters will bring our executives closer to the company's daily business partners and enhance our long-term efficiency," said Christopher Twomey, chairman and chief executive officer of Arctic Cat.