

Operation Musky 2022

Hello friends,

This was at least the 20th year in a row that I was in what could be best described as a very fun weekend of musky fishing where several veterans and a whole bunch of guys known as “The Red Brush Gang” and some other friends, a total of 32, get together on the Eagle River, Wisconsin, chain of lakes.

Back in the day most of us put in our time at Truax Field in Madison and worked on OA-37s, A-10s and F-16s. About 25 years ago, some of the guys started this fun weekend and we have just as much fun socializing as we do fishing.

Saturday, Aug. 27
High 74, low 56

We are staying at the Hiawatha Motel and our outing is two days of fishing and at night we hang out together in a picnic style setting and also in the game room where pool, ping, pong and darts are free. My fishing partner is Jeff Moll and although we really try hard to win either the musky or northern pike award, we have a history of totally sucking, and I mean pathetic. We do excel in being the last men standing each night and we make sure that there is



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food, full coolers, and a cooking setup for everyone.

The outing started at about first light. Moll and I hit the water about an hour or so later. Within 15 minutes I missed a northern pike in the 26-inch range and a heavy fish that I did not see.

When this weekend came to an end, John Gavinski of Poynette had the biggest northern pike. It was a whopping 20.75 inches long. John’s brother, Steve Gavinski had the one and only musky and that fish was 31 inches. The moral of the story, take no fish for granted when fishing for bragging rights.

One of the funnest things that we do during the daytime, when we are on the water, is tie our boats together and shoot the

bull, which in my opinion is 100% of the reason that I do not miss this event.

We tell stories like when one of my bosses back in the 80s John Meier held me under water in a swimming pool in Tucson for five full minutes in a wrestling match. John is still in the tournament with his son, Rob. They do about as well as Jeff and I, but they sure are fun.

My old buddy Moll has three sons in the Air National Guard. Ross Moll is a fireman, Ryan flies A-10s in Michigan, and Nate is in training to fly F-35s. Tommy Gilbertson was my boss, and he puts this event together each year. Tom was a 1-Man and I was a 3-Man on a weapons loading crew on the A-10, meaning anything from TV guided missiles to bombs, rockets and bullets. I drove the jammer and Tom and our 2-Man put them on the aircraft. All kidding aside, our base was very good at what we did and I mean nationally. I knew that my 6-year enlistment was going to be enough for me. In the spring of 1987, I left to canoe up the Mississippi River, the following year I started working in the Canadian bush and then it was the Appalachian Trail.



Submitted photo

Steve Gavinski caught this 31-inch musky on the Eagle River chain of Lakes during a fishing weekend with a bunch of old buddies including outdoor columnist Mark Walters.

In reality folks and it is kind of sad to say, I think our core group is down to six and no one that is left wants to hear that one of us is dropping out.

We use musky as an excuse to get together, but mainly we

are some veterans that are very proud of our service and our country and this event brings us together.

Without our military our lives would not be the same!

Sunset

MI-TRALE offers seniors fall color trail ride Sept. 29

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ONTONAGON COUNTY – Senior citizens wishing to enjoy a great view of the changing leaves should mark their calendars for Sept. 29 when members of MI-TRALE will take two groups of people out on side-by-side ORVs to see fall color at its best.

MI-TRALE, which stands for the Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment, is offering the opportunity for the 13th time this year.

“The ride we’ve chosen – that particular ride is very pretty,” said Dave Bishop, treasurer of MI-TRALE. “We go over the triple trestles, and the view is spectacular.”

“It’s free and it includes a pasty lunch,” said Pat Bishop, who is Dave’s wife.

However, reservations are due before Sept. 19, so persons wishing to participate should call Dave at 906-884-6617 by the end of this week.

“The reason we do it is many of them

don’t have this opportunity,” said Dave of seniors in a recent phone call.

He said that each ORV seats at least two people, with some seating four or five.

Persons wishing to drive their own ORVs are welcome to attend, but they also should register.

The two tours planned for Sept. 29 will leave at separate times, with the first tour ending with lunch and the second tour starting with lunch. The meal will be at Twin Lakes State Park.

“We will all meet at Twin Lakes and eat at the same time,” said Pat, adding that the meal takes place within a shelter.

“Typically, we’ve had 100 lunches,” said Dave, noting that the number includes both participants and volunteers.

He said the tour was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that it occurred only on a smaller scale in 2021.

All times noted in relation to the tour are in the Eastern Time Zone.

Members of the first tour should arrive by 9:15 a.m. at Cane Court in Ontonagon, where they will be taken by bus at 9:30 a.m. to the Ontonagon County Fairgrounds in Greenland. They also may choose to meet the group at the fairgrounds.

From the fairgrounds, they will be taken on an ORV ride to see the fall leaves, and they then will eat lunch at the park. After lunch, they again will travel by bus to their choice of the fairgrounds or Cane Court, where they will take their own transportation home.

The second group should arrive by 10:45 a.m. at the fairgrounds, where members will be taken by bus to the park to eat lunch. After lunch, they will be taken by ORVs to view the fall leaves and will end their tour back at the fairgrounds, where they will need their own transportation home.

Note that the second tour does not include the Cane Court location.

Dave advises dressing appropriately for what could be varying weather conditions. In the case of fully inclement weather, he said the event will be cancelled, but ORV roofs will protect participants from smaller problems. “If it’s just a light rain we’re gonna go, he said. “If it’s cold, we’ll just issue blankets.”

Dave said that many people are involved in making the event a success. He added that about four people organize it, whereas, “The day of the ride, there could be as many as 25.”

In addition, one facility supplies the pasty lunch while several other businesses donate the use of ORVs.

MI-TRALE is an all-volunteer community trails organization based in the western U.P. It maintains trails that include the Ottawa National Forest and that are earmarked for a variety of uses, including ATVs, equine, water, hiking/running and multi-use.

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