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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

I hope that everyone has been able to get out riding and put on some miles! We've had many events during the month of July that included our first overnight out of town adventure which was an extended weekend in the Greenville area. Those who know me know that Greenville is my happy place and I was happy to share with others the beauty of the Moosehead Lake area. Remember there are two other out of town extended weekends which include Madawaska in August and Machias in September. Please check the events section of either our Facebook page or website for each of those events for additional information.



TTR SOCIAL NIGHT

Our Social Night will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This month (August) 9th it will be held at the Topsham Fair under our Tent during the Fair! Come and enjoy a night out at the Annual Fair with family and friends!

In addition, even with it being riding season we are still actively completing trail maintenance. We've recently purchased additional mats from RightWay Trail Systems located in New Hampshire. The mats purchased are versatile and help to protect environmentally sensitive areas. Please take note that Charlie will soon be facilitating a significant trail work party on our East side trail system to install some of the mats. He will be seeking as many hands to help with this project so please continue to check both our Facebook page and website for more information.

And finally, Topsham Trailriders will be hosting our 2nd Ride and BBQ Fundraiser. This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th and it is one of the club's biggest fundraisers. The event will kick off with a ride beginning at 10 am and the BBQ will be at 12 pm. Tickets can be purchased at any of our meetings, events or online. The cost of tickets is \$20.00 per person or \$50.00 for a family bundle (2 adults & 2 children). Once again, a Facebook event has been created for this event where additional details are available.

As always be safe and hope see you on the trails!

July's Social Night was held at Randy and Marcia Bickford's home. Great night with good people and yummy food!



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EVENTS

ATVing/Snowmobiling

July 31st — TTR Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm with the Board meeting at 6 pm. A reminder that this month the meeting is being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall.

August 9th – TTR’s Social Night at the Topsham Fair

August 11th to August 14th— TTR Heads to the County (Madawaska) ATV Ride

August 19th – The Fairfield Glow Ride & BBQ

August 26th - Hailey’s Wind Tower Ride in Roxbury

August 28th — TTR Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm with the Board meeting at 6 pm. A reminder that the meeting is being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall.

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details! →

DRIVE SAFETLY ON TRAILS

Some TTR Activities from Past Month!



Ride Coordinator Write Up for August Newsletter

The club has been extremely busy putting on some miles this season. I would like to thank everyone for the patience and understanding. There have been a couple of times this season that we had to either cancel an out-of-town event or relocate a ride to another area because of the weather we’ve been experiencing. We really appreciate your flexibility and hope that things can remain on track for the rest of the season.



Mike Little

In early August we will be busy helping out at the Topsham Fair so our first event scheduled for August is our trip to the county. We will be heading north on Friday, August 11th and returning on Monday, August 14th. We have invited the President of the Madawaska ATV club and the President of Star City and any other members north to join us. Please check the website or the Facebook event for motel options if you would like to join us.

Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th where the club will be heading to the Fairfield Glow Ride & BBQ. In full disclosure, I will not be able to attend this event but please do not let that discourage you from attending. Additional details about this event will be posted on the event so please check for updates.

Our final ride for the month Aug 26th is Hailey’s Wind Tower Ride in Roxbury. I will be leaving from the Topsham McDonalds at 7 am and head to 1162 Roxbury Notch Rd where the event will be leaving from at 10 am. Please pack extra fuel just to be certain.

If you have any questions these events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either myself or the club.

As a reminder, all of our 2023 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out. As always if you would like to help during any of these events please contact me, Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780. Or, if you have an area you’d like us to explore please do not hesitate in contacting me.

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The trail entrance to the west side trails is closed until further notice, this means no access to the trails on the west side from or to the gas station due to landowner construction.

The trails seem to be holding up reasonably well this year except for the Brigham trail with all the heavy rain we've had this spring and people not giving it time to dry out before riding. Please lay off the gas on the trails, wet areas will only get worse the more people try to power through them so use 4-wheel drive and slow and steady power.

The Topsham fair is Aug 7-13 we will have a booth there so stop by and say hello. We will have a trail work party soon to finish installing mats on hill on trail 4. We have been approved for the state municipal grant this year.

Please stay off the trails during and the day after heavy rains. This cuts down on the damage that has cost our club a lot of time and money to keep the Landowners happy. Please ride safely out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride this summer and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

Operating an ATV in wetlands, marshes, rivers, and streams is illegal in Maine.

Please stay on established trails if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. Please use Marked Bridges to cross WET, STREAM or Marsh areas on the trails. Failure to do so will result in sections of the trail being CLOSED permanently by landowners.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN, TIME TO REGISTER YOUR MACHINES.

The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. A registration is valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 30th of the following year. A person may not operate an ATV that is required to be registered under this section unless registration numbers are displayed in these spaces or as otherwise required by the department.

Permission required. A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the permission of the landowner or lessee. Permission is presumed on designated state approved ATV trails or in areas open to ATVs by landowner policy. A landowner may limit the use of a designated state approved ATV trail on that landowner's property through agreements with the State or an ATV club to address environmental, public safety or management concerns. Written permission of the landowner or lessee is required on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard. As used in this subsection, "cropland" means acreage in tillage rotation, land being cropped and land in bush fruits, and "pastureland" means acreage devoted to the production of forage plants used for animal production.

THINK AND DRIVE

1. Make sure your registration is up to date. Properly attach your Registration stickers.
 2. Check your helmet. Invest in a new one if it's damaged by any dents or cracks.
 3. Give your ATV a twice-over. Check that all equipment, including brakes, lights, engine, and tires are in good condition and functioning properly.
 4. Familiarize yourself with local regulations and bylaws regarding ATV usage.
 5. Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, waterproof matches, a whistle, insect repellent and sunblock, a flashlight, spare fuel, tea or coffee, water/water purification tablets, duct tape, signal mirror, tool kit, first aid supplies, rope, flares, spare keys, a sharp knife, and/or compass.
 6. If your children want to ride, ensure they have completed the ATV safety course. If you haven't ridden before or could just use a re-fresher, do the same. Don't let your children use adult-sized ATVs.
 7. Consider taking a first aid course. It doesn't hurt to be prepared.
 8. Get yourself in the mindset for a great riding season. Have fun!
- Dirt bikes and UTV's over 65" wide are not allowed on CMP Property period. This is a CMP rule that the club has no control over. The following trails are on CMP property #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, and #4 from RT.196 to RT.24. Any dirt bike or UTV over 65" caught on these trails will be charged with criminal trespass.**

Landowners have the right to stipulate what can and cannot be operated on the trails that use their property. If these stipulations are not followed the club will lose the use of that landowners' property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all trails for everyone.

The Speed limit is 5 MPH on the Trail behind Noria shell, this is to help the trail stabilize due to soft soil.

The Speed limit is 15 MPH in the power line behind the shop on rte. 196, if this speed limit is not followed the trail will be closed permanently.

The Speed limit in residential areas like Bay Park and Topsham Crossing is 15MPH to help keep dust and noise to a minimum.

All ATV trails are operated on privately owned land, individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all ATV trails for everyone.

TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LANDOWNER PERMISSION.

RESPECT LANDOWNER'S - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND ONLY MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. RIDE AT OWN RISK.

While riding please wear proper protective equipment and keep speeds at a safe level. Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride Sober.

Again, if you're out on the trail please bring a pair of clippers or even a small saw to help cut back the new growth from the summer. Every snip helps.

Golden Rules for Safe ATV Operation

1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.
2. Never ride on public roads – another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age. The CPSC age/size guidelines are:

Age 6 and older	Under 70cc
Age 12 and older	70cc – 90cc
Age 16 and older	Over 90cc
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
8. Take an ATV Rider Course; to enroll call toll free (800) 887-2887.



Recent TTR trail work with help from many volunteers - Thank you!

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The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM See our Facebook Page for Location!

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We meet at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition hall at 6:30pm