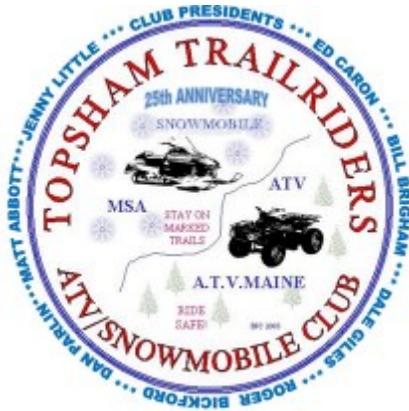


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**Notes from our President - Jenny Little**

Hello Trailriders,

Earlier this month, we were invited to help during the Topsham Fair Skijoring event held in early February. Thank you to the entire Skijoring event committee for all of the hard work and dedication that went into facilitating this event. We certainly lucked out in the snow department this year, along with a beautiful day that drew a great crowd of both participants and spectators. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the club volunteers who helped prepare the facilities. Your dedication and commitment are truly appreciated.



We also had a wonderful time assisting the China Four Seasons Club during their Snowmobile Radar Runs and Ice Fishing Derby. They couldn't have asked for better weather, and the turnout proved it—over 65 sleds participated, and rumor has it the top speed on their 660ft track reached an impressive 107 mph! Congratulations to all who came out and took part in the fun. We are now busy preparing for the upcoming Maine Sportsman Show at the Augusta Civic Center. This year's show kicks off on Friday, March 27th and runs through Sunday, March 29th. TTR will once again have a booth, generously sponsored by MOMS Topsham. The show is a great opportunity to renew your club membership, pick up a 2026 trail work and ride schedule, or stop by to meet the TTR team. And yes—rumor has it that memberships completed at the show will be offered at a discounted rate. What is that rate? You'll have to come see us to find out!

And finally, while the calendar may say we still have a couple more weeks of winter, Topsham Trailriders is already deep into planning for our first trail work party. If conditions allow, our first work day is tentatively scheduled for March 21st at 8 a.m. We haven't yet determined which side of the trail system we'll be working on, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates.

See you on the trails!



**FEBRUARY SOCIAL NIGHT AT BRICKYARD HOLLOW BREWING**



**MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT INFORMATION**



Join us for a meal at 104 Main Public House located at 104 Main St in Topsham beginning at 6pm on March 11th! Please mark if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

We do our socials on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation.



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EVENTS 2026 TRAIL CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Notes from our Ride Coordinator:**

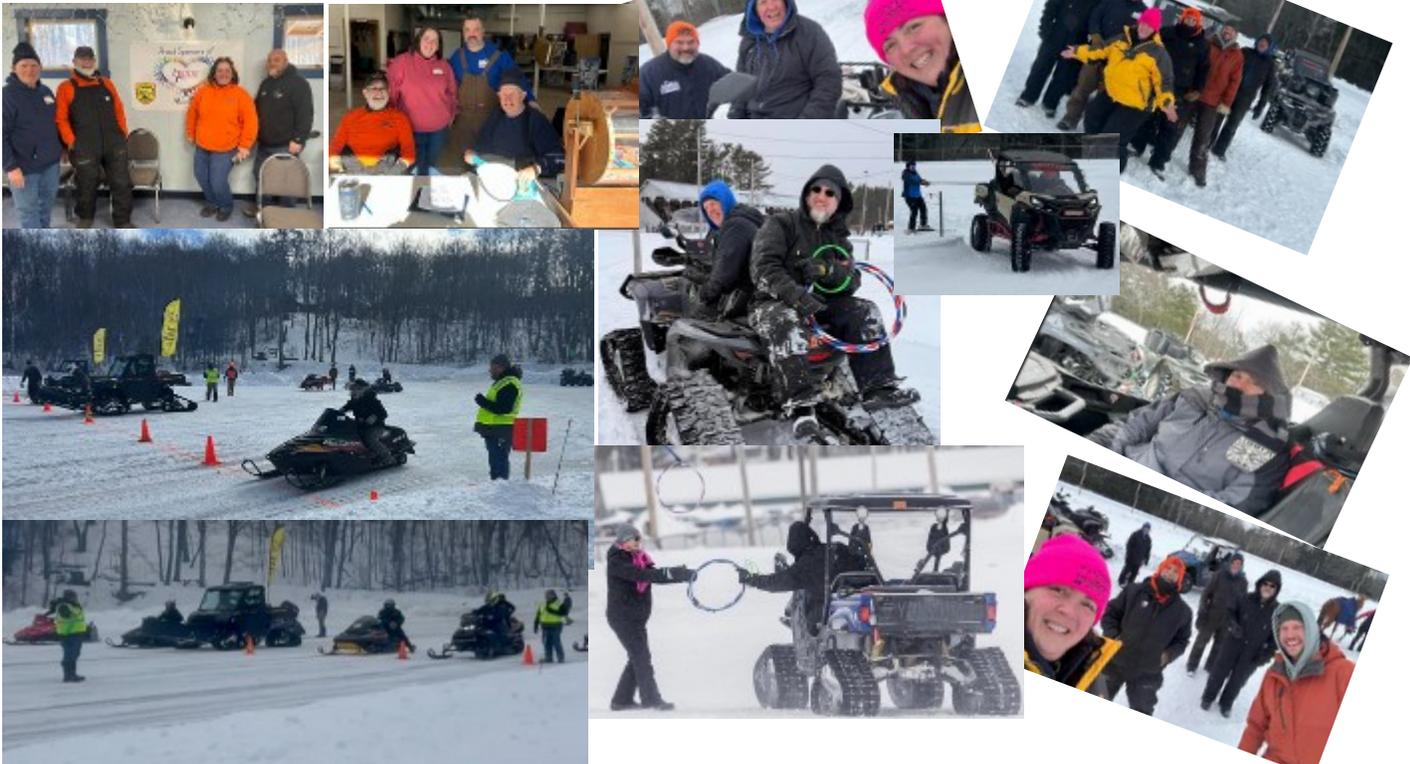
As a reminder, our 2026 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page along with our website so please check them out. Please remember to make your hotel reservations early if you plan on joining us during any of the overnight trip! As always if you would like to help during any of these events please contact me, Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.



Mike Little

- Upcoming Events**
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Ride for a Cure Committee Meeting** – Via Google Meets at 7:30 pm
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> – **TTR Helps China – Snowmobile Drags** – 7:30am – China’s Clubhouse
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> – **TTR Social Night** – 6 pm 104 Main Public House – 104 Main St Topsham ME
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> – **(TENTATIVE) Trail Work Party** – Location TBD – Check Facebook for updates
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> – **TTR Heads to the Maine Sportsman Show** in Augusta – Augusta Civic Center
  - March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting** – Don Russell Board Room in the Municipal Building— 100 Main St. — Topsham
- Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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 This past weekend, a few members of Topsham Trailriders proudly spent a good part of their time supporting the incredible team at **China Four Seasons** during their weekend of events on beautiful China Lake. On Saturday, February 14th, they hosted a very successful King of the Lake Radar Run, followed by the always-popular China Lake Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday.  
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Tim Williams Trailmaster

What a stretch it has been—this is the longest run of consistent snowmobiling we’ve seen in several years. I want to commend our trail crew for heading out multiple times to update signage and address trouble spots. We know we still need more signage, especially on the snowmobile side (and even on some ATV sections), but your efforts have made a big difference. A huge thank you as well to our grooming team. You’ve been out there keeping things in top shape, and the feedback from riders has been nothing but positive. Hard to believe, but we maybe nearing the end of the snowmobile season, so we strongly encourage everyone to check for updates before heading out.

As of February 17th, Trail 5 has been temporarily closed. This trail is a snowmobile only route that heads toward Bowdoinham, though we recently learned it does not officially connect through. This time of year, conditions can change daily—water crossings, soft spots, and hazards can appear quickly—so please ride with caution. Remember that our trails remain closed to ATV use unless a machine is equipped with tracks and registered as a

snowmobile.

We’ve also been made aware of off trail riding issues, and this is exactly the type of behavior that puts our landowner relationships and trail access at risk. Please respect all posted signs, stay on the marked trails, and never hesitate to reach out with questions. Enjoy those last few miles while we have them.

Hard to believe, but as one season winds down, we’re already looking ahead to pre-season ATV work. Very soon we could be gearing up for spring trail prep, depending entirely on conditions. Please continue to check our Facebook page and social media for updates, as any and all assistance will be needed once we’re able to get out there. Early spring is a great time to tackle trail work, but only if the ground is firm enough to do so without causing damage. At this point, any tentative March work parties remain very loose, but we’ll share details as conditions develop.

Below are some general pointers for snowmobile season. Please take a moment to review them in their entirety. As always, if you have any questions or encounter any issues, do not hesitate to contact me directly or send a message through our Facebook page—we’ll address it promptly.

Take the extra time now to look over your sleds and make sure they are ready for some fun in the snow without the headache of being stuck out in the winter wonderland walking when you should be riding. Please note that our trails will ONLY be open to snowmobiles once we have fulfilled the following criteria:

Received sufficient snow coverage / Placed all appropriate cattle fences / Opened the gates / Cleared all of the trail obstructions / Ensure that trails are properly signed:

- \* A reminder that there were some changes last season on trail #1A on the westside of town. That trail has been relocated to the trail that connects trail #1C in the powerline to trail #2A before Bradley Pond. Please pay attention to signs for the changes.
- \* A reminder that snowmobiles are not allowed on Trail #1B this is an ATV only trail.
- \* Remember that trail 2b and 5 are currently closed to any traffic.

Please note that at this time ALL trails are closed to ATV’s and UTV’s. The only exception is ATV’s/UTV’s outfitted with snow tracks and registered as a snowmobile.



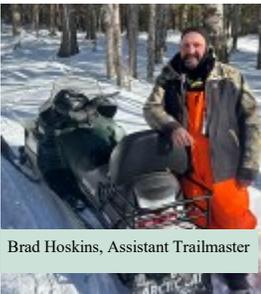
Tim Doyle, longtime member



Tim, Brad, and Mike during a recent work party!

Miscellaneous Snowmobile Trail Information

Before heading out I would recommend that you review our trail map to ensure you are riding on the correct trails. It is worth mentioning that we do have many water crossings and we try to keep an eye on them for your safety. All ice and water crossings are ride at your own risk. If you do notice any thin ice, or come across signs indicating trail closed, please stay off. If you notice something that you think is not safe, please let myself or any of our assistant trailmasters know. A reminder that the athletic fields, parking lots, and school grounds of Mt. Ararat High School are off limits to snowmobiles. Also, please take note that the tower area and the tower road are also off limits to snowmobiles. We ask that you respect our landowners by staying on marked trails and obeying all posted signs. These folks are kind enough to allow us the use of their land. They are not required to and we can’t thank them enough. All snowmobile trails are operated on privately owned land. 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 snowmobile club will lose the use of that land owners property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all snowmobile trails for everyone. Please stay on our established trails if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. A reminder to use the marked bridges to cross wet stream and/or marshy areas on the trails. Failure to do so will result in sections of the trail being CLOSED permanently by landowners. And finally, it goes without saying but trucks and cars are not allowed on ATV/Snowmobile trails anywhere in the State of Maine without landowner permission.



Brad Hoskins, Assistant Trailmaster

Park and Ride Locations:

East Side

Our park and ride on the east side of our trail system is located at the entrance of Mt. Ararat High School across from the bus garage. Please only use the small located there for loading and unloading.

West Side

Our park and ride on the west side of our trail system is located next to the Nouria Gas Station on Rt. 196. It is the dirt parking lot located next to the station. And remember folks when you do head out riding whether here in Topsham or around the state ride right and ride safe! If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate in contacting me on my cell phone which is 207-890-8479.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 23th!** **\*\*Note the location change\*\***

*We will be meeting in the Don Russell Conference located in the Town of Topsham Town Hall located at 100 Main St. Topsham beginning at 6:30pm!!*