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MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT INFORMATION



Join us for a meal at Pat's Pizza located in Brunswick! Please let us know if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Our socials are typically held on the second Wednesday of the month but in April we will be meeting on April 9th. At 6pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!



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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

It's officially Spring folks which only means one thing – we are even closer to riding season! Before you begin your season though, please be sure to renew your annual club membership with Topsham Trailriders as they expire at the end of April. Our forms can easily be acquired on our website (www.topshamtrailriders.com) by navigating to the *More* tab and clicking on the *Club Documents*. Or, if you prefer you are welcome to remit an email to info@topshamtrailriders.com and we are happy to send a form to you. We appreciate all of the folks how have already renewed their dues and please know that your contribution goes a long way and helps us improve our trails.



We are optimistic that we will be able to host our first work party of the season on Saturday, April 11th. If you interested in helping out, please continue to check both our Facebook page along with our website. All are welcomed to help you do not need to be a member! I know everyone is itching to get out on the trails so here is one way to do that! Come on out and join us!

As always be safe and we will soon see you on the trails!



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News from our Ride Coordinator

The riding season will soon be upon us but first we need to do some much needed work on our trails. Please consider coming out and joining us during our upcoming work parties. We always appreciate seeing new faces while getting some trail work done!

Also, just to keep everyone on the same page as of March 30th, only 74 days remain to our first out of town ride provided the conditions allow for it. The ride is Ken Snowdon's Memorial Ride which is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th when we ride from Pittsfield to Greenville.

If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



Mike Little

Upcoming Events

April 6th – Ride for a Cure Committee Meeting – Via Google Meets at 7:00 pm

April 9th – ** NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE ** TTR Social Night – 6 pm Pats Pizza – 112 Pleasant St. Brunswick

April 11th – (TENTATIVE) Trail Work Party – Location East Side – Check Facebook for updates

April 18th – ATV Maine Banquet – Jeff's Catering (Brewer) – 9 am to 2 pm **Must register and pay before April 11th

April 26th – (TENTATIVE) Trail Work Party – Location East Side – Check Facebook for updates

April 27th at 6:30 pm— Monthly Club Meeting – Exhibition Hall— Topsham Fairgrounds — Topsham

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

What a great weekend at the State of Maine Sportsman Show!



A few members of Topsham Trailriders ventured out and had the opportunity to attend the monthly meeting with the Bowdoinham Snowbirds — and what a great night!

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Tim Williams
Trailmaster

Let me begin by stating that all trails in Topsham are currently closed. As I write this in March, we have officially entered mud season, and it is very concerning that we are already fielding calls about ATVs out on our closed trails. Actions like this are exactly how clubs lose trails. Our generous land-owners allow us the use of their property as a privilege, not a right, and we cannot afford to jeopardize that by riding prematurely.

We do have cameras placed in specific locations on the trail system, and we are actively monitoring those areas. We have also notified the Maine Wardens. Riding on closed trails is illegal and it is also deeply disrespectful. Please be courteous and stay off the trails. Spring fever is real and we all look forward to riding, but respecting trail closures during mud season is essential.

It's important that we pause for a moment and recognize that we had a snowmobile season this year. It has been several years since we've had a season as long and as active as this one, and I want to extend a sincere thank you to those who made it possible. A big thank you to Jim Belanger for everything he does on the west side of our trail system, from grooming to general trail care. I know he has helpers and I thank them as well.

I also want to thank Brad Hoskins, Mike Little, DJ Merrill, and Tim Doyle participated in some of the work parties too. It is hard work regardless of the season, and every bit of assistance makes a difference. Thank you all for the tremendous amount of work you put in throughout the snowmobile season, especially with the recent Trail 5 closure. Your efforts are appreciated. It's teamwork that makes the dream work, and I look forward to working alongside all of you as we shift into the upcoming ATV season.



Jenny Little, President Closing
Trails

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.

BE ICE SMART Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness for New Clear Hard Ice

3" (7cm) or less: **STAY OFF** No ice is without some risk - Be sure to measure ice thickness in several locations

4" (10cm): ice fishing, walking, cross country skiing	5-7" (13-18cm): one snowmobile or ATV	8-12" (20-30 cm): one car, group of people	12-15" (30-38 cm): one mid-size pickup truck or van
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Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 27th!** ****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!!