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Notes from our President - Matt Abbott

Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (August) 10th we'll be at one of our business sponsors

104 Main Public House, Topsham! Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!



Thanks to Randy & Marcia Bickford for hosting our July Social Gathering!

Hello Trailriders,

Our ATV riding season is in full swing! Last weekend the club spent four days in the County riding with the clubs up there and having a blast. Everyone keeps telling me the pictures don't do it justice so if you have an opportunity to go and enjoy The County, do it! Don't forget to support the local clubs up there by picking up after yourself and joining to help with their trail maintenance fund.



Matt Abbott and Angela

Our club had a AMAZING turnout at our evening ride Saturday July 23rd with 40 machines! The club unveiled our brand new apparel that seemed to be a hit with everyone that came out. If you would like some apparel reach out to the club on Facebook or email and let us know. Of course, you can save on shipping if you buy it at one of our events or rides.

We also sold more tickets to our big pig roast and ride event on October 1st here in Topsham. We'll be having a smoked whole hog with all the fixings along with a ride, can it get any better than that? Pre-purchasing tickets will save you money and help ensure the club has the right size pig to feed everyone. We have an event on Facebook with the details on how to buy tickets or you can send a Facebook message or email and we'll get you the information.

Looking into the future we've got a lot of great rides coming up – July 30th the club heads to Thorndike, August 12th-14th we head to New Hampshire, and August 27th we are on our way to Limington. Bring your friends and family, let's have a great time.

Ride Safe!

LAST MINUTE NOTES! We had some changes at last night's regular meeting that we're excited to announce! Devin Favreau and Richard Arsenault have stepped up and joined the Board of Directors! Dan Parlin and Charles Parkinson stepped back from the board but will continue their roles as Membership Chair/Newsletter Editor and Trail Master respectively. The effort and dedication these two have put into this club cannot be overstated and we are all thankful they will continue to be involved.



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TTR NEWSLETTER CORNER
EDITOR & MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - DAN PARLIN
LOTS IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER
WE HAD OUR NIGHT RIDE WHICH WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL!
LOTS GOING ON IN AUGUST INCLUDING TOPSHAM FAIR WEEK, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN UP EACH NIGHT!
IF YOU WANT THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL STATING THAT FACT!
HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT AUGUST!
DAN



July 26th We had another great meeting with approximately 30 people in attendance.



TTR NIGHT RIDE FUN NIGHT!



EVENTS

ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR

July 30th—TTR is heading to Thorndike / Unity area. We will be exploring the trails in that area. We will be leaving promptly at 7:30 am from the Topsham McDonald's.

Aug 3rd - Over the Hill Meeting at MidCoast Pizza, Bath at 6:30pm

Aug 10th— at 6pm our Social Night – 104 Main Public House, Topsham! **Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!**

Aug 12-14 TTR is heading to New Hampshire. The ride coordinator for TTR will be heading to New Hampshire Friday after work. We plan on hitting the trail 8 am on Saturday and Sunday. The ride on Sunday is planned to be a little shorter. See FB Page for details

Aug 27th Out Of Town Ride—TTR head to Limington...See Club Facebook for details

August 29th - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall.

Mike Little our Trail Ride coordinator is posting on our Facebook page our next rides Drive safely when the trails open.



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We had a night ride on the west side of town starting from the shell park & ride with pizza before the ride; there were 40 machines that came out for a fun evening. We have put a lot of work in the trails this year, from moving boulders and filling in mud holes and stream approaches to bridge repair, and the trails seem to be holding up well this year. The fair is this month where we will have a tent set up for the week. The Topsham Fair is August 9-14th. We need people to help with cleanup every night during the fair this usually takes less than 1 hour starting around 9pm if you can help give someone on the board a call.

Please stay off the trails during and just 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 safe 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!

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.

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 land owners 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.

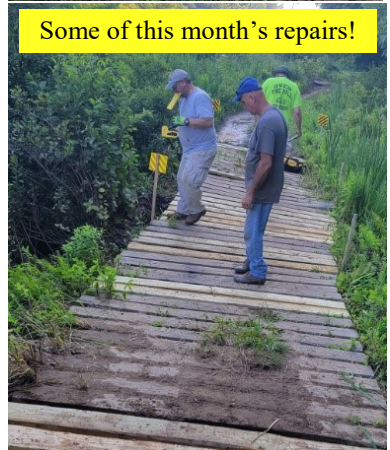
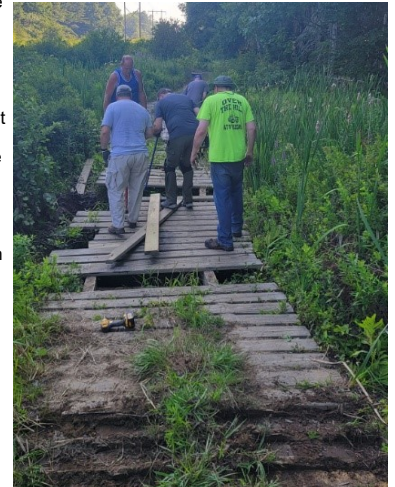
The Speed limit in residential areas like Bay Park and Topsham Crossing is 15MPH to help keep dust and noise to a minimum.

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.

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.



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The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Topsham Fair Grounds

******NOTICE******

This Newsletter is the official publication of the Topsham Trailriders ATV/Snowmobile Club Inc. 2003. WE MEET AT 6:30 PM ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE TOPSHAM FAIR EXHIBITION HALL OFF ELM STREET IN TOPSHAM, MAINE.

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Our regular meetings will be the **LAST** Monday of each month.

This month at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition hall, Elm Street Topsham at 6:30pm