TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER



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Our Social Night will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This month (August) 9th 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!



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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

Is it just me or is the season flying by? We all know how the saying goes time flies when you're having fun! And boy oh boy did we have fun in July! TTR participated in the Moxie Day Parade, we held our 25th anniversary celebration, and even found time to travel north to the county!



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I've just looked over the calendar and August is looking to keep the good times going! We are quickly approaching the kick off of the 170th Topsham Fair. The fair officially kicks off on Tuesday, August 6th and continues until Sunday, August 11th. We are looking forward to the first night of the Fair because MOMS

Topsham is once again generously sponsored the Mud Runs! Anyone who is reading this is welcome to register for this event. We will be there cheering all of the participants on. And also, I know the Fair is always looking for volunteers to help with many of their events so please navigate either their Facebook page or website (<u>www.topshamfair.net</u>) to find out about their volunteer opportunities.

And finally, please do not forget that TTR still has a digital store available to purchase any and all of your TTR clothing needs now and in the future. We will soon be adding additional items to the store so continue to check back. To access the store you may either navigate to our website and at the top of the page there is a link to the store. Or, if you prefer, you may scan this QR code using the camera on your phone:

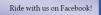


As always be safe and hope see to you on the trails!



Photos from the July's social night held at Marica and Randy Bickford's home!





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Our next adventure for the month is scheduled for Friday, August 9th till Sunday, August 11th when head to New Hampshire. We do not currently have any official plans to ride the Friday when we arrive but never say never! Please do not forget that this adventure does require a New Hampshire registration. If you have not started this and need help how you can get this completed in time, please contact Jenny Little.

Believe it or not there is a weekend that I did not plan an event for but I do want to put a plug in for the Central Maine ATV club located in the Fairfield area is hosting their annual glow ride. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 17 and registration starts at 5 pm. One of these times I will make it to the event but in the meantime please

The last adventure scheduled before our August meeting is planned for Saturday, August 24th when we head to Roxbury. We will be participating in Hailey's Wind Tower Ride. I will be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 7 am promptly for anyone who would like to either meet me there or in Roxbury. Please be advised that this event is a poker run and lunch will be available as well so please come prepared with cash!

If you have any questions these events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either

As a reminder, all of our 2024 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out for additional details. As always if you would like to help during any of these events please contact me, Michael Little, Ride

Trailmasters Notes All Trails in Topsham are open! Tread lightly!

Trailmaster Charlie Parkinson 207-319-5142

Assistant Trail Master (s) Sam Bulmer (West Side) Brad Hoskins (East Side) James Belanger (Winter)

We recently held our 25th anniversary night ride on the west side of our trail system. We had over 50 machines come out for pizza party and an evening of fun! Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the trails for this event.

I know we have been experiencing some heat but we've also on occasion received some heavy rains. We've recently held work parties on the west side of town and they are holding up reasonably well except for the Brigham trail. It would be extremely helpful if folks stayed off that trail and all trails after any heavy rain because this will allow them to dry out. It is best to resist pressing on the gas when you are on trails that have just received heavy rain and use 4-wheel drive and drive at a slow speed because it will help prevent unnecessary damage. I recently rode the trails on the east side and they are holding up fairly well but do require some serious cutting back.

To help maintain the trails during riding season we've opted to schedule regular work parties. Going forward we will be hosting trail work parties every Tuesday beginning at 5 pm. I would recommend checking the Facebook page or the website for details about each work party specifically because the location may change week to week. Having said that on Tuesday, August 6th we will not be hosting a trail work party because we will be working at the Topsham Fair.

And finally, a reminder that Topsham Trailriders was once again approved for a municipal grant. We are hopeful that the work on the trails will begin very soon so please check social media or the website for updates.

And as always, 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 little bit helps us!

And remember folks 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.

Miscellaneous Information from the Trail Master

All of our 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. Landowner's 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. And remember that trucks and cars are not allowed on any ATV/Snowmobile trails in the State of Maine without landowner permission.

And remember if a Landowner wishes to limit the use of their property either for a short window of time or for an extended of time they have the right to do so. Any club in the state cannot do what they do without the support of their landowners. So please help us help you by respecting our landowners.

Permission is 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.

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

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Please stay on established trails if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. Please use all 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.

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.

The Speed limit is 5 MPH on the Trail behind Nouria Gas station, 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 down and the noise to a minimum.

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

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

 \bigstar Always wear goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the \bigstar -ankle boots, gloves and DOT-compliant helmets. Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law. ATVs are classified as off-highway \bigstar vehicles. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or

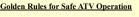
RIDE AT OWN RISK.

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- 1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear. 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
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR **TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS MEM-**BERS:

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If you are not a member of Topsham Trailriders but would like to become one please visit our website

www.topshamtrailriders.com and navigate to the club documents section for our membership form. Or, if you would like one emailed please do not hesitate in remitting an email to the addresses shown above.



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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!



****NOTICE****

This Newsletter is the official publication of the Topsham Trailriders ATV /Snowmobile Club Inc. 2003. WE MEET AT 6:30 PM OF EACH MONTH SEE OUR FACE-BOOK PAGE FOR THE LO-CATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!

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> Our regular meeting this month is scheduled for Monday, August 26th . <u>We will meet at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall at 6:30pm</u>