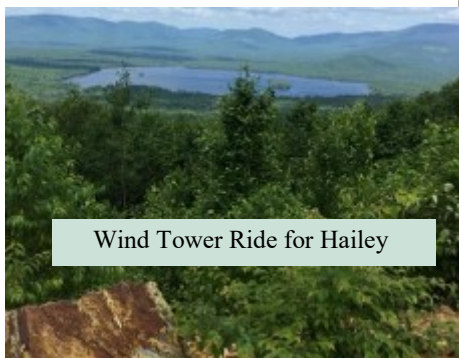


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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

It has been a couple of months since you've heard from yours truly, but I can assure you that it certainly isn't because I've been away from the organization. In fact, quite the opposite is true. The Board, some of our volunteers and members, have been hard at work behind the scenes, moving several important initiatives forward and continuing to try and build for the future of our club.

Over the past year, one of the club's primary goals has been exploring the possibility of reconnecting our East and West Side trail systems. I am excited to share that we have officially taken the first step in that process. Before reaching this point, there were many discussions, planning efforts, and conversations that needed to take place. Recently, we met with Town officials to discuss the concept, and that meeting has allowed us to move forward to the next phase of the process.

Let me be abundantly clear—this is only the first step in what will likely be a lengthy, multi-step process. There is still a significant amount of work to be done, many conversations to be had, and numerous approvals that would need to occur before a connection could ever become a reality. However, after more than a year of exploring this opportunity, it is encouraging to finally begin moving the conversation forward.

The next opportunity for the public to learn more about this proposal will be on Thursday, August 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Don Russell Meeting Room at Topsham Town Hall. I would love to see our members, supporters, landowners, and community partners in attendance. Whether you've been involved with the club for years or are simply interested in learning more about the project, your presence matters.

More importantly, every time we have the opportunity to discuss this proposal, it is important that the community sees what the Topsham Trailriders are all about. We are volunteers who maintain trails, support local events, build relationships with landowners, and advocate for responsible recreation. Showing up and participating in these discussions helps demonstrate the positive impact our organization has on the community.

So, consider this my official soapbox moment. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6th, at 6:30 p.m. and join us at Topsham Town Hall if you're able. While this may only be the first step in the process, it is an important one, and I would be proud to see the support of our membership as we continue exploring this opportunity together.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Topsham Trailriders and everything we are working to accomplish for the future of our trail system.

Photos from the Onawa Trestle



MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT



Although we will not be hosting an official TTR Social Night in August, we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the Topsham Fair! The fair runs from Tuesday, August 11 through Sunday, August 16. We hope to see many of you there throughout the week, especially on Tuesday, August 11, when we'll be attending the Mud Runs. It's always a great time to get together, enjoy the fair, and support our local community. We hope to see you there!



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Notes from the Ride Coordinator:

E Does anyone else wish they could press pause and slow time down just a little bit? It seems like the riding season is flying by. Between our Downeast overnight trip to Machias and our Three Clubs, Three Trail Systems Ride, July was packed with opportunities to explore new trails and spend time with fellow riders. While the calendar keeps moving faster than we'd like, there's still plenty of riding left this season, so let's take a look at what's coming up in August.

V We'll kick off the month with a ride in the Thorndike/Unity area on Saturday, August 8th. If you'd like to follow us up, we'll be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 7:00 a.m. Otherwise, we'll see you at the Park & Ride, where we'll depart at 9:00 a.m. Bring a packed lunch, and if you're concerned about fuel range, it never hurts to bring some extra gas along as well. It should be a great day of riding.

E A good portion of our August schedule will also revolve around the Topsham Fair. I'm especially looking forward to the Mud Runs on Tuesday, August 11th. MOMS Topsham has once again stepped up to sponsor the event, and we always enjoy helping out while getting the opportunity to watch the machines in action. It's one of my favorite fair events each year, and I hope many of you will come out and enjoy it as well.

N Then, on Saturday, August 22nd, we'll head to the 10th Annual Hailey's Hugs Wind Tower Ride. We'll once again be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 7:00 a.m. Food will be available for purchase at the event, and as the saying goes, cash is king. We're proud to support Team Hailey Hugs and look forward to another great day of riding for a great cause.

T Believe it or not, those events will bring us close to the end of another busy month. As always, if you're interested in helping with any of our rides or events, your assistance is always appreciated—especially when it comes to radio communications and ride support.

S And while we're still enjoying the 2026 riding season, planning for 2027 will be here before we know it. I already have a few ideas in mind, but I'd love to hear yours as well. If there are rides, destinations, or events you'd like to see on next year's calendar, please don't hesitate to reach out.

2 Until then, get out there and put some miles on those trails. The season isn't slowing down, and neither should you.

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Mike Little

Upcoming Events

July 8th Social Nite at Work Party for Topsham Fair Grounds

July 11th Work Party Blanch road!

July 25th, Central Maine Trail Blazers Ride Join us for a day trip with the Central Maine Trail Blazers

July 18th Multi-Club / Multi-Trail System 7th.

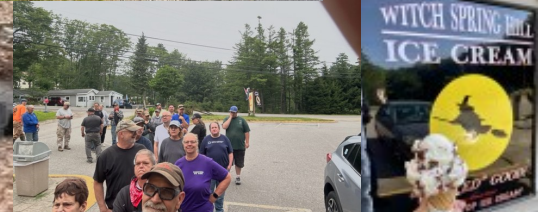
July 27th at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting** — At Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall 54 Elm St, Topsham Maine at 6:30pm

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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While summer is the time of year when most of us want to get out and enjoy the trails, the work never really stops. This time of year, much of our focus is on trimming back brush and keeping the trails clear. Nobody enjoys getting whacked in the face by a branch while they're out riding, so we're doing our best to stay ahead of Mother Nature.

This month, we also had the opportunity to begin work on our new ATV Park & Ride location. While progress is being made, the site is not yet open and ready for use. Trust us, when that day comes, you'll know about it. It's exciting to see things moving in the right direction, and I want to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help get the project started.

We also stepped away from some of our trail projects this month to lend a hand at the Topsham Fair. While I wasn't able to be there personally, I've heard we had a strong showing of Trailriders volunteers helping with various projects around the fairgrounds. From sanding to carpentry work and everything in between, our members once again demonstrated the many talents they bring to the table. We often talk about the importance of supporting our community, and I'm proud that our club was able to do just that. A sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make things happen.



TEAM WORK

I also want to recognize the many members who continue to contribute their time to trail maintenance. As of this writing, we've logged more than 238 volunteer hours this season, and I'm sure there are still some hours that haven't been reported. If you've been out doing trail work, sign maintenance, brushing, or other club-related work, please let Jenny or me know so we can make sure those hours are counted.

There is still plenty of work to do, and we're hopeful we'll be able to schedule another work party soon to continue progress on the Park & Ride location. Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook and your email for updates.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to please ride responsibly. We continue to receive reports of riders operating off-trail, on roadways, and in areas where we do not have permission to ride. These actions put our trail system and our relationships with landowners at risk. We work hard to maintain access to the trails we have, and we ask that everyone do their part by staying on approved trails, respecting private property, and being courteous to others.

As always, if you come across anything on the trails that requires immediate attention, please send a Facebook message to the club. Our Trail Master and Assistant Trail Masters will do their best to address the issue and get it resolved as quickly as possible. We appreciate everyone being our eyes and ears on the trail system and helping us keep the trails safe and enjoyable for all riders.

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer, maintain trails, support community projects, and help protect the future of our trail system.



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We will be meeting in the *At Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall 54 Elm St, Topsham
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