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MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT INFORMATION

Topsham Trailriders – July Social Night

This month, we're trading our traditional social night for a community volunteer evening at the Topsham Fairgrounds. Join us on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, beginning at 4:00 PM (arriving at 5:00 PM is perfectly fine), in the Pulling Ring area. Volunteers will enjoy a complimentary meal at 4:00 PM, followed by a variety of projects including grounds cleanup, window washing, sweeping bleachers, mowing, and more.

Whether you can stay for an hour or the entire evening, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please update your event status so we can provide the fair organizers with an estimated headcount. Let's come together and support an organization that does so much for our community!

Notes from our Vice President - Ron Cary

I would like to begin by saying thank you all for your support. Marie and I have been humbled by the turnout and outreach opportunities that were created by this event. The collaboration between clubs and communities was heartwarming and inspiring, an added benefit to the almost \$5000.00 that we raised with this adventure. The Topsham Trailriders were instrumental in making this event a success and we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Back in January 2026 I would never have been able to foresee the course of the past six months. Please understand, I knew that as an ATV and snowmobile club, the Trailriders stay busy during the ATV offseason, with club meetings, committee meetings, social nights, trail maintenance and planning along with annual grant applications. All that when coupled with the opportunities to participate in community and landowner support activities, TTR is a busy club. I never imagined that we could have added such a large event with such a limited timeframe. You should all be proud of your hard work. It was impressive to see how impactful the Topsham Trailriders could be in only a few short months.

Late last year, in November, Marie and I came before the Board of Directors to propose an opportunity for an addiction recovery fundraiser event. The Board voted, unanimously, to support the cause and host an event to raise money for the substance dependent community. We had a vision and the Board could see it as well. We described an event similar to every ride we had been on before only with a plan to donate to a different cause, Operation H.O.P.E. What we got was much bigger than the initial vision. As people heard about the addiction recovery because they wanted to come aboard and be a part of this grand adventure. The event grew and changed from the original vision and soon became the collaborative effort of several clubs.

The final picture of what this event looked like came together about 4 months ago, with obstacles like, who can actually receive a donation, how can we donate money, and where we were going to hold the event, slowing us at every turn. The committee never lost faith that the cause was just. Soon, every obstacle was pushed through or navigated around. They stayed the course and pivoted to adjust as necessary but never lost sight of the objective. It really was an impressive accomplishment and Marie and I feel honored to have been a small part of it. Thank you all for that opportunity.

With about 80 machines attending the ride and 15 vendors at the Oxford park and ride, the food trucks were swamped with customers and sold most of their product. We saw a lot of families, fathers and grandfathers out riding with their kids and loved ones, just enjoying time with each other. That is a very big part of what this event was about. Relationships with family and loved ones become damaged during addiction and holidays like Father's Day are important in the rebuilding process as an addict tries to reconstruct what has been lost. What I'm saying is, this event was a huge success with people already asking about Father's Day weekend next year. This is thanks to the ability of the Topsham Trailriders to see our vision for an underserved community and the Trailriders heart to help wherever possible. We appreciate you all more than you know.

JUNE SOCIAL NIGHT AT 104 MAIN STREET PUBLIC HOUSE



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Notes from the Ride Coordinator

E We certainly had a grand month of June and kicked the season off with a bang! From the Ken Snowdon event, to our Path to Recovery ride, and wrapping up with China Four Seasons, it was an incredible start. We hope everyone has been able to get out, enjoy the trails, and put some miles on those machines.

V Now, here's what's coming up:

Saturday, July 18 – Multi-Club / Multi-Trail System Ride

N This is one we're especially excited about! We'll be visiting multiple clubs and trail systems throughout the day, including Lisbon, Topsham, and West Bath. Please note that these trail systems are not directly connected, so riders will need to load and unload machines at each location. We'll begin early in Lisbon with Riverside Trailriders, ride a portion of the Topsham west side midday (where we'll stop to enjoy lunch), and conclude our day in West Bath. All participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Approximate arrival times will be shared—please check our website or Facebook event for updates or contact us for additional details.

Saturday, July 25 – Central Maine Trail Blazers Ride

2 Join us for a day trip with the Central Maine Trail Blazers as we explore the Newport, Exeter, and Garland areas. Riders should plan to bring a bagged lunch and extra fuel for this ride as well.

Friday, July 31 – Monday, August 3 – Machias Overnight Trip

0 We'll be wrapping up the month with our one and only overnight trip of the season we head to Machias for an extended weekend of riding and camaraderie. If you have not already made your plans or secured your reservations, we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

2 As always, please remember to ride responsibly, respect landowner permissions, and support one another on the trails. It's been a fantastic start to the season, and we're looking forward to many more great rides ahead! As always if you have any questions these events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either myself or the club.

6 As a reminder, all of our 2026 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page and on our website 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 Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.



Mike Little

Upcoming Events

- July 7th — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — Prep for Park and Ride Work Party — (?)
- July 8th - TTR Volunteer Social Night – Topsham Fair – Topsham – 4 pm – Meal provided
- July 11th — HUGE Trail Work Party — 7:45 am— West Side – Meet at the end of 68 Branch Road
- July 14th — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — Location TBD
- July 18th — Out of Town and In-Town Multi-Club – Multi-Trail System Ride – Meet at the end of Wagg Road in Lisbon at 8 am
- July 21st — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — Location tentatively planned for the East Side
- July 25th — Out of Town Ride- Newport / Exeter / Garland –237 Moosehead Trail, Newport 8:30 am
- July 27th at 6:30 pm— Monthly Club Meeting – Exhibition Hall— Topsham Fairgrounds — Topsham
- July 31st – August 2nd — Out of Town Weekend Trip to Machias – Check Facebook event for details.

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!



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Tim Williams -
Trailmaster

First and foremost, as we move into the heart of the riding season, it's important to recognize the balance we strive for as a volunteer-driven club. While trail work is critical, it can't be all work—we also need to make time to ride and enjoy the trails we've all worked so hard to maintain. It was great to see so many members out riding during June, while at the same time continuing to make strong progress on our trail system.



Our Tuesday night trail work parties are once again off to a fantastic start. These have proven to be well attended and highly productive. A sincere

thank you to everyone who takes time out of their week to contribute—every hour makes a difference and is truly appreciated. As a reminder, if you're unable to join us on a Tuesday, you are always welcome to complete trail work on your own schedule. We simply ask that you communicate with myself, Jenny, or one of the Assistant Trail Masters so we can properly document your hours and ensure you're signed off on a worksheet.

We also want to take a moment to remind everyone of an important rule on our trail systems. Dirt bikes are not permitted on Topsham Trailriders trails. This policy is in place in accordance with landowner agreements, and we ask that all riders respect these restrictions. Additionally, closed trails are off-limits to all machines, including ATVs and UTVs.



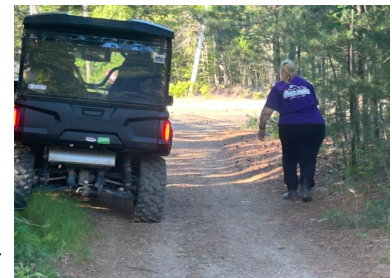
Please be aware that we have been in communication with local wardens, and enforcement presence has increased. Cameras have also been placed in select areas to monitor activity. Anyone found riding in restricted areas or operating equipment not permitted on our trail system may be reported. These steps are necessary to protect our landowner relationships and ensure continued trail access for the club.



Looking ahead, we are excited to share some significant progress on a long-awaited project. After a great deal of work over the winter and spring, we are ready to begin initial groundwork for the West Side Park & Ride. We have scheduled a major work party for Saturday, July 11th, meeting at the end of 68 Branch Road. This will be a large-scale effort, and we are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help move the project forward.

It is important to note that while this work marks a major step forward, the Park & Ride will not be immediately open for use. However, it does bring us significantly closer to having a much-needed, legal access point for the West Side in the near future.

We will hopefully continue holding Tuesday night work parties throughout July, and we are hopeful to carry them into August as well. Finally, please note that I will be unavailable for a period of time in the coming month. During that time, if you encounter any trail concerns or issues, please reach out to our Assistant Trail Masters, Ron Carey or Mike Little, whose contact information is listed in this newsletter. You may also contact Jenny Little, who is always available to assist.



Thank you again to everyone who continues to support our trails—whether through volunteering, riding responsibly, or helping spread the word. Your efforts are what keep this club moving forward. or helping spread the word. Your efforts are what keeps this club moving forward.



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We will be meeting on the *Topsham Fairgrounds in the Exhibition Hall 54 Elm St., Topsham
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