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MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT INFORMATION



Join us for a meal at 104 Main Public House located at 104 Main Street Topsham AT 6pm! Please mark 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 this month we will be gathering on the second Thursday. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!



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Notes from our Vice President - Ron Carey

Just over a year ago, in January 2025, Marie and I attended a Topsham Trailriders meeting. As newcomers to the ATV and SxS world, we were unsure what to expect and felt a bit apprehensive. What we found was a welcoming group of people using their passion to give back to their community in meaningful ways. We were grateful to have found a place to ride with such good people.

Over the past year, our perspective has changed. As we've worked through the loss of our son to an overdose, we've come to realize how common this tragedy is across Maine. Ross was full of dreams, love, and laughter, but struggled with substance use for much of his life. Our family carried that burden quietly for years, until we recognized just how many others are affected in similar ways.

Through the Trailriders community, we saw firsthand the impact of people coming together to help others—whether through food drives, diaper drives, or events like Ride for a Cure. As we got involved and began connecting with more people, we realized we were not alone. Substance use disorder has touched so many in this community, and that shared experience inspired us to take action.

We reached out to this group of giving individuals to help us create something meaningful, and the response has been incredible. What began as an idea has grown into a collaborative effort across Central Maine, bringing together seven ATV clubs: Oxford Trail Ryders, Bog Hooters ATV Club, Over the Hill ATV Riders, China Four Seasons Club, Central Maine ATV Club, Skowhegan Stump Jumpers, and Topsham Trailriders.

The result is a one-of-a-kind event taking place on Saturday, June 20th. The day will begin at the Mechanic Falls Park and Ride, where riders can register before heading out on a ride through the combined Mechanic Falls and Oxford trail systems to the Oxford Park and Ride. There you'll find food trucks, raffles, and a vendor fair. Any items won or purchased that won't fit on your machine will be shuttled back to Mechanic Falls by volunteers.

This event is open to everyone. Registration is \$20, and 100% of the proceeds will benefit Operation HOPE in Waterville. We encourage you to spread the word, invite your friends, and join us as we come together to raise awareness and support recovery.

Follow us as we continue opening the Path to Recovery.



MAY SOCIAL NIGHT AT TOPSHAM SEA DOG BREWING RESTAURANT



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It's been a long time coming but here it is - the event you've been waiting for—Topsham Trailriders first ride of the season. The first event is an out-of-town ride and it is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th and we are riding from Pittsfield to Greenville. This event is expected, to have a large turnout so please know that ahead of time. I will be heading to Pittsfield very early on June 6th I will NOT be able meet the group at the Topsham McDonalds at 7 am. I will be anxiously awaiting everyone at the Park and Ride on Crosby St. in Pittsfield. A reminder that we will be departing at 8:30 am so don't be late. Please remember that this event is a memorial ride for Ken Snowdon and lunch is being prepared by the Moosehead ATV Riders and Moosehead Motorsports! Donations will be collected for Moosehead ATV Riders to honor all that Ken and Faith did for the sport and for their so I hope you would consider making a cash donation for their club a minimum of \$10 per person is the suggested donation.



Mike Little

Later in the month, on Saturday, June 20th, we will be collaborating with 7 other entities to host a benefit ride for Operation Hope out of Waterville. We will be heading to Mechanic Falls for this event where we will be meeting at the Park-and-Ride located at 83 South Main Street Mechanic Falls. Registration for this event will kick off at 8:30 am and we will be departing for the ride at 10:00am. We will make our way to the Oxford Park and Ride where many vendors and food trucks will be there.

The fun continues when we head to China to ride with the China Four Seasons club on Saturday, June 27th. For this event I am happy to meet anyone at the Topsham McDonald's but please note that I am leaving promptly at 8:15 am. We will be meeting at the China Four Seasons club house located at 570 Lakeview Drive in China ME. The ride will be departing at 9:45 am so please arrive well before then to prepare. China Four Seasons will also be hosting a cookout for us when we return to the clubhouse. There will be a donation jug and we would recommend adding at least \$10.00.

If you have any questions these events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either myself or the club.

As a reminder, all of our 2026 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 Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.

- Upcoming Events**
- May 30th — Time 8:30 am -- **Trail Intel Demo Class** — Phippsburg Sportsman Club — Phippsburg
 - June 2nd — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — East Side
 - June 6th — **Out of Town Ride- Ken Snowdon Memorial Ride** — Leaving Pittsfield Park and Ride at 8:30 am PROMPTLY
 - June 9th — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — East Side
 - June 10th — **TTR Social Night** — 104 Main Public House — Topsham — 104 Main Street — 6 pm
 - June 16th — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — West Side (?)
 - June 20th — **Out of Town Ride- Addiction Recovery Benefit Ride for Operation Hope** — 83 South Main Street Mechanic Falls at 8:30 am
 - June 23rd — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — Location TBD
 - June 27th — **Out of Town Ride- China Ride** — 553 Lakeview Drive China at 9:45 am
 - June 29th at 6:30 pm — **Monthly Club Meeting** — Exhibition Hall — Topsham Fairgrounds — Topsham
- Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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Tim Williams
Trailmaster

As we head into the month of June, it is hard to believe how quickly the spring season has progressed. It has already been a very productive few months for trail work, and I am pleased to share that we have surpassed 120 hours of work completed across our trail system to date. This total does not yet include the major West Side reroute project, which we are hopeful to begin in the near future.

At this time, and in full transparency, only the East Side of the trail system is currently open. We remain optimistic that additional sections—particularly on the West Side—will be opened soon, pending a follow-up inspection to evaluate trail conditions and determine what areas are suitable for use.

I would like to clearly state that no portion of the reroute area will be opened until every requirement has been fully met. This includes completing all necessary work, ensuring compliance with all regulations, and finalizing ongoing discussions with the Town. While this may be disappointing to some, it is critical that we follow all guidelines and procedures carefully. Taking the time to do this properly will ensure a safe, sustainable trail system for everyone, and we are confident it will be worth the wait.

Allow me to also be abundantly clear: it is absolutely imperative that all members and riders stay off the reroute area at this time—this applies to every section and all access points. Riding on the reroute before it is officially opened could jeopardize our landowner permissions and ongoing project efforts. Please do not put that at risk. We ask that everyone respect the club’s mission and the work being done to build this trail the right way. There will be opportunities to be involved through organized work parties where you can come out, learn the layout, and contribute to the project. This effort will require many hours of volunteer support, and we encourage anyone interested to take part in those efforts rather than accessing the area independently.

Looking ahead, we will begin our Tuesday night work parties on June 2 and continue them throughout June, July, and August. Work locations will be shared as they are determined, and we hope to have a Trail Master present whenever possible. However, participation is not limited to these scheduled times—members are welcome to contribute on any day and on any open section of trail.



Busy month for trail work!



Communication is essential for volunteer hours to count toward club records and grant requirements. We will make every effort to have a Trail Master present during scheduled work parties; however, this may not always be possible. In the event that you complete work independently, it is critically important that you communicate your efforts to the club. This includes your start time, end time, location of work, and a brief description of what was completed, and ensuring that a trail worksheet is filled out and signed.

While all volunteer work is greatly appreciated, unreported hours cannot be applied toward our official totals or grant requirements. Staying in communication ensures your time and effort properly benefits both the club and our funding opportunities. While we have had a strong and productive start to the season, I cannot stress enough the importance of volunteer support in the weeks ahead. If we are able to move forward with the reroute project, it will require a significant amount of time and effort from our members. This project may also include a major additional development, but we are not in a position to share further details until we receive confirmed updates.

Trail systems across the entire state rely on volunteers to remain open and sustainable. Every club, whether here locally or throughout other regions of Maine, depends on individuals stepping up to contribute their time and effort. Topsham Trailriders will be no exception. If we are going to successfully complete this reroute and continue improving our trail system, we will need strong participation from our membership and community.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed time and effort this season. Your continued dedication plays a vital role in maintaining and improving our trail system for all to enjoy.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 29th!**

We will be meeting at *Topsham Fairground at the Exhibition Hall 54 Elm St, Topsham Maine* at 6:30pm