## TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER



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BRUNSWICK, ME - 207.844.8163

Our social night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Join us for a meal at El Rodeo located 242 Bath Rd, in Brunswick! The restaurant has asked for a headcount so please mark if you are coming so we can give them an accurate count. Please check our events page on Facebook for the event!

Join us for a meal at Pat's Pizza! Please mark our Facebook event if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!



1005 Foreside Road, Topsham 207-350-9854



za. A great evening with our friends!

Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

The weather outside is finally starting to warm up and the peepers are chirping which only means one thing we are nearing the beginning of ATV season. Please note that all of our club maintained trails are still currently closed so please respect our landowners and stay off the trails. If you are interested in getting out there on the trails though we do have a few official club trail work parties coming up that we would love to have you join us on. A few of the dates for the trail work events are May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and



OFFICERS Topsham Trailriders/ATV/Snowmobile Club

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Student Representative -Evan Curtis Membership Chair/Editor - Dan Parlin 207-751-8651

May 25<sup>th</sup> - all are welcomed to come and help us out. Similar to our other events we've created a Facebook event for each of the dates and we will post updates on each of the trail work parties as they are needed. If you are not on social media, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either myself or our trailmaster – Charlie Parkinson.

And remember Topsham Trailriders is always looking for folks just like yourself to help us out both on and off the trails. We are a fun and easy-going group to be around, community focused group of folks who work to enhance ATV and snowmobile recreation in Topsham area. I promise if you give us a shot you wouldn't be disappointed. If you would like to help us out please do not hesitate in contacting me or send an email to and

we will get in contact with you: info@topshamtrailriders.com

As always be safe and we will soon see you on the trails!







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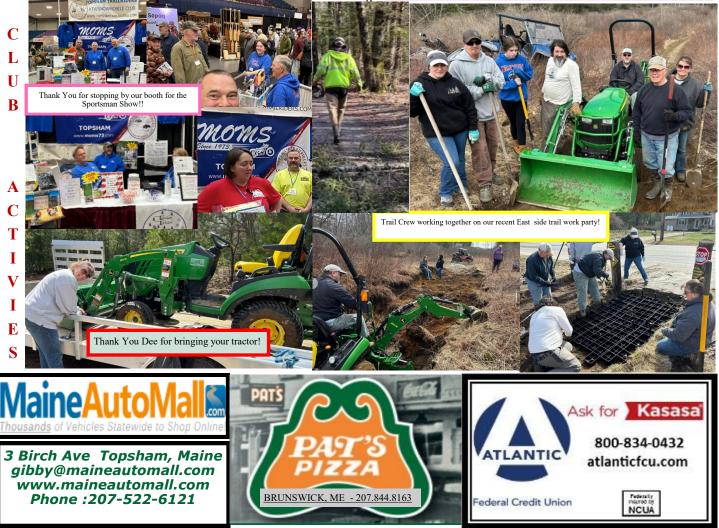
#### E **EVENTS** V ATVing/Snowmobiling E April 29th - Monthly Club Meeting being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall located at 54 Elm Street, Topsham at 6:30 pm. \*\*IMPORTANT-WE ARE RETURNING to MEETING on MON-N DAY'S! Т May 8th — TTR Monthly Social Night at El Rodeo in Brunswick at 6 pm. S May 11th - TTR Trail Work Party-9 am. Check Website and Facebook book for location May 18th - TTR Trail Work Party-9 am. Check Website and Facebook book for location 2 May 25th - TTR Trail Work Party-9 am. Check Website and Facebook book for location 0 May 27th — TTR Participates in the Memorial Day Parade—Additional Information will be sent out to those who expressed an interest to participate. 2 May 27th — Monthly Club Meeting being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall located at 54 Elm Street, Topsham at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed to join us! Т Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details! DRIVE SAFETLY ON TRAILS Т R ou for stopping by our booth for the Sportsman Show!!

## Notes from the Ride Coordinator

The riding season will soon be upon us but first we do still need to do some much needed work on our trails. Please navigate to the events page on our Fa-



cebook page and website for a listing of all of the trail work parties coming up including details about each party. I am hopeful that these events will be as successful as our early season parties have been. As a reminder, our 2024 ATV events including the trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out. 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.



# Trailmasters Notes ALL TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE CLOSED FOR MUD SEASON..



Trailmaster Charlie Parkinson 207-319-5142

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

# THE TRAILS ARE EXPECTED TO REOPEN MID MAY - JUNE PROVIDED THAT WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS PERMIT IT. AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO SET DATE FOR THE TRAILS TO OPEN. MANY FACTORS AFFECT THE TRAILS OPENING DATE WEATHER, TRAIL DAMAGE, AND MOST IMPORTANT THE LANDOWNER.

#### THE USE OF ATV'S ON A CLOSED TRAIL DURING MUD SEASON IS CONSIDERED FELONY TRESPASSING.

If you see any-one on the trails or getting ready to head out on the trails please inform them the trails are closed till they dry up. I will remove all the signs and chains as soon as they are ready for use. The trails are a wet mess. The east side of town has some erosion that needs to be fixed. We are working on getting the west side trailhead rerouted to open this year and fix some other problems on the trails. If the trails are posted as closed and the entry way is blocked then the trails are closed to all motorized vehicles period. Going around or through the barriers and riding the trails anyway is felony trespassing and jeopardizes the use of all trails, all individuals caught doing so can deal with the Game Wardens.

The Trails are going to need a lot of work in order to prepare them for the opening of the season this year. We will start doing trail work on the weekends weather permitting. All are welcome and encouraged to help the trail maintenance crew prep for opening day. We will have some working weekends over the next 2 months so if you can spare some time please give me a call.

#### 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 repellant 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.
- Never ride on public roads another vehicle could hit you.
  Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
  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.

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.

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.

Dirt bikes are not allowed on Topsham trails this is permanent because landowners want the long-

#### standing rule enforced. That is no dirt bikes allowed on their property.

Dirt bikes are not allowed on CMP property period. The following trails are on CMP property #1A, #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, #2, and #4 from RT.196 to RT.24. Any dirt bike caught on these trails will be charged with criminal trespass.

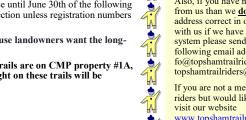
UTV's over 65" wide are not allowed on CMP property.

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## \* TTR Member Tip of the Month

Tip for May 2024 from : Dan Parlin: Do a safety check of your Machine before each ride!  $\frac{1}{2}$ 



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Trail Crew working the trails on our East Side!

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS MEM-BERS:

Dues. The annual club dues for members is Thirty Five dollars (\$35.00) per year for either an individual or a family. Club memberships are due before April 30th of each year. The annual dues for Business members is One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) each year and is due by the Last day of April of each Membership year.

#### If you have not sent in your dues you will be endanger of not receiving another Newsletter!

Also, if you have not received an email from us than we do not have your email address correct in our system. To check with us if we have your email correct in our system please send an email to both of the following email addresses: info@topshamtrailriders.com and topshamtrailriders@gmail.com.

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

to the club documents section for our mememailed please do not hesitate in remitting an email to the addresses shown above

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#### TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER

#### **ATV/SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

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#### **Student Representative**

Evan Curtis

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**, **May 27th** . <u>We will meet at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall at 6:30pm</u>