

# TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER

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**Notes from our President - Jenny Little**

Hello Trailriders,

We are wrapping up our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary ATV season and what a remarkable season it was! The club should be proud of what we accomplished this year to include some fantastic rides, work parties, and community events. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who donated their time during these events. I would like to acknowledge that Topsham Trailriders could not do what we do without the generosity of our landowners. We can't thank you enough for their continued support. Without both our generous landowners and our superior members Topsham Trailriders would not be what it is today! I've said it before but I'll say it again – Topsham Trailriders is an outstanding group and no one would be disappointed joining us.

As we enter into the snowmobile season, I'd like to share with you that our meeting location will be changing temporarily during the winter months. The changes will go into effect beginning November of 2024 and will continue until the end of March 2025. Please take note that our meeting scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup> will occur in the Conference Room located in the Public Safety Building in Topsham beginning at 6:30 pm. The address for the Public Safety Building is 100 Main St. We are ironing out the location for our meetings scheduled on January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> but please mark your calendars. Once we have additional information, we will be certain to share with everyone.

Hope to see you on the trails!

Jenny



Election Nominations Include:

- President:** Jenny Little
- Vice President:** Tim Williams
- Treasurer:** Tim Moody
- Secretary:** Jessica Emmert

**Board of Directors: Only 5 Positions Available**

- Michael Little**
- Randy Bickford**
- Rick Emmert**
- Stephanie Burnham**
- John Bursley**
- Kyle McComiskey**
- Cindy Sheain**

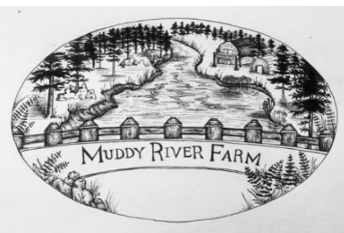
**SOCIAL NIGHT**



Nov 13th - Join us for a meal at Pat's Pizza located in Brunswick! Please mark if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Our socials are held on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!

**Photos from October Social Night at 104 Main Public House**



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## Notes from the Ride Coordinator

**E** The 2024 riding season is quickly coming  
**V** to end and what a great one we had. We  
**E** held over 18 rides covering miles of trails  
**N** all around this great state. I can't thank all  
**T** of you enough for coming out and riding  
**S** with us during one or many of these events!  
 And to all of the folks who helped out dur-  
 ing any of these rides – THANK YOU! We  
 couldn't do what we do without you! I am hopeful that our ride  
 schedule for next year will include some near areas along with a  
 couple of familiar areas! Topsham will continue hosting at least a  
 couple of local rides next year including the Ride for a Cure event.

**2** If you have any suggestions that you would like us to consider  
**0** please contact Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trail-  
**2** riders at 207-522-3780.  
**4**



Mike

### EVENTS FOR AT- Ving/Snowmobiling

Oct 28th at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting**—Exhibition Hall—  
Topsham Fairgrounds—Topsham—  
Election Night

Nov 13th at 6 pm— **TTR Monthly Social Night**— Pat's Pizza—  
Brunswick

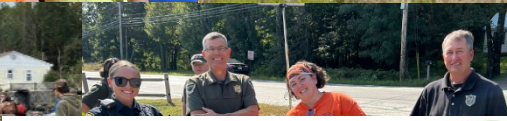
Nov 25th at 6:30 pm — **Monthly Club Meeting**—Conference Room  
located in the Public Safety Building  
in Topsham beginning at 6:30 pm.

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Please read the Ride Coordinator  
article for more details!

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ATVing season is quickly drawing to a close. At this time our trails are still open and we are hoping to keep them open until the end of November provided the conditions allow for it. I would recommend checking both our Facebook page and website for the most up to date information on our trails. A reminder that hunting season is in full swing so remember to **stay alert and wear orange when in the woods**. Please leave all hunting setups along as they are on private property and may belong to the landowner.

If you do head out and ride our trails we would appreciate it if you would please ride prudently on them. There are trails that are still very wet such as the Brigham Trail and we would appreciate it if you utilized 4-wheel drive to preserve the condition of the trail. Please take note that there are deep water holes on the West side of our trail system. If you are riding alone please use caution.

As the leaves continue to fall and the temperatures get colder, it reminds us that snowmobile season will soon be upon us. It is time to start prepping for snowmobile season so get you're riding in now before Mother Nature blankets us in snow!

Please ride safely out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride the remainder of the season 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 AT- V/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.**

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.**

**RIDE AT OWN RISK.**


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 repellent 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!




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IT'S TIME FOR BOARD ELECTIONS!

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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 LOCATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!**

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Our regular meeting this month is scheduled for **Monday, November 25th** .

**\*\*Please note the location change—We will meet at Public Safety Building located at 100 Main St. Topsham at 6:30pm**