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Notes from our President Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

September has certainly been a busy month for Topsham Trailriders!

From wrapping up end-of-season trail projects to participating in community events and club activities, our members have stayed active right through the start of fall. Whether you volunteered on the trails, attended an event, helped with a fundraiser, or simply came out to support the club, thank you. Our organization continues to thrive because of the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, and I am grateful for each and every one of you who helps make TTR successful.

As we move into October, we're also beginning to look ahead to the future of the club. That means it's time to start our annual nomination and election process. Nominations for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors will begin during our September 28th club meeting. If you've ever considered becoming more involved with TTR, now is the perfect opportunity.

One of the strengths of any organization is the ability to welcome new ideas, fresh perspectives, and members who are willing to step up and contribute. Whether you're interested in serving on the board, helping with events, assisting with trail work, or participating on a committee, there are many ways to become involved. The first step is simple: attend meetings, meet fellow members, learn more about what we do, and discover where your interests and talents can make a difference.

Our Annual Meeting and Board Elections will take place on Monday, October 19th. We encourage all members to attend and participate in helping shape the future direction of the club.

Before we officially close the books on another riding season, however, we still have one major event ahead of us.

On Saturday, October 17th, we will host the Central Region Ride for a Cure, benefiting the Dean Snell Cancer Foundation. Last year's Ride for a Cure was an incredible success, and this year the event has grown into a regional effort involving multiple clubs and countless volunteers working together for a tremendous cause.

The Dean Snell Cancer Foundation provides support to local patients receiving care through the New England Cancer Specialists Cancer Care Centers, helping families right here in our communities when they need it most.

Whether you're an ATV rider or simply looking for a fun community event, everyone is welcome to attend.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the ride departs at 10:00 a.m. If you'd like to join us for lunch and enjoy the festivities, plan to arrive around 11:30 a.m.

The day will feature:

Live music from Crooked Cabin Band	Face painting
The return of Tilt Master	Blindfolded driving challenge
Food and refreshments	Family-friendly activities throughout the day

If you're looking for a great way to spend a fall Saturday, gather your friends and family and come celebrate with us while supporting an outstanding local organization. The event registration fee is just \$20, and every dollar raised helps make a difference in the lives of local cancer patients and their families. I am incredibly proud of the committee members, volunteers, sponsors, and partnering clubs who have worked so hard to make this event possible. Their dedication and countless hours of planning are what make events like this successful.

As we head into the final weeks of the ATV season, I hope you'll join us on October 17th for what promises to be a fantastic day of riding, community, and giving back.

See you on the trails!

Jenny



**Our Social Night is
be held on the second
Wednesday of each
month at 6:00pm.
This month (October
14th) it will be held
at the 104 Main Pub-
lic House! Come and
enjoy a night out
with family and
friends!**



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Notes from the Ride Coordinator

E What a September it's been, TTR crew! But we're not slowing down yet—October is ready to roar!

V Next Stop: Kingfield – Saturday, October 3rd

E We will be leaving the Strong Park and Ride located after RLH Enterprises (185 North Main St. Strong ME) no later than 8:45 am. Our plan is to make our way to Kingfield where we will dine at a local restaurant before making our way back. Please note that this is food drive for the local food bank located in Kingfield so please bring non-perishable. If you worry about fuel, feel free to bring extra gas.

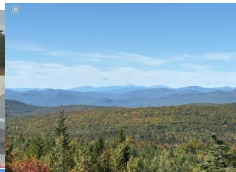
N Oquossoc Toy Run – Sunday, October 11th

T Topsham Trailriders and We ATV 207 will be joining the Oquossoc ATV Club for their annual Holiday Gift Drive, a long-standing tradition that combines great riding with giving back to the community. Riders will meet at the Depot Street parking lot in Rangeley, with departure planned for no earlier than 9:00 a.m. All participants are responsible for getting themselves to the departure location. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the gift drive and consider bringing extra fuel if needed. Food will be available for purchase, along with a 50/50 raffle. With plans to explore Quill Hill and beyond, beautiful fall foliage, and a great cause, let's show our appreciation to Oquossoc ATV Club for accommodating our schedule and make this one of their biggest kickoff events yet!

S Ride for a Cure Benefit – Saturday, October 17th

2 We'll roll out from the Pulling Ring at the Topsham Fairgrounds (32 Community Way) at 10 AM. This ride is so much more than just a trail day—come out and show your support for an incredible cause.

0 If you have any questions about these events please do not hesitate in reaching out to me.



TTR Photos from September



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Upcoming Events

Oct 3rd – Out of Town Ride- Strong to Kingfield – After RLH Enterprises (185 North Main St. Strong ME) 8:30 am

Oct 4th – Trail Work Party— 8:00 am — Location TBD

Oct 10th – ATV Maine Meeting – 8:30 am – 2 Town Landing Road Bath

Oct 11th – Out of Town Ride – Rangeley – Toy Drive – Leaving Topsham McDonalds at 6:45 am

Oct 14th – TTR Social Night – 104 Main Public House – Topsham at 6:00 pm

Oct 17th – Ride for a Cure – MAJOR ALL HANDS on DECK Topsham Event – Topsham Pulling Ring (Enter Via Community Way) beginning at 8:30 am

October 19th at 6:30 pm— Annual Club Meeting and Pot Luck – Exhibition Hall— Topsham Fairgrounds — Topsham

Nov 1st -- Trail Work Party— 8:00 am — Location TBD

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!



Tim Williams
Trailmaster

While we spent much of the season focused on trail maintenance and improvements, September gives us the opportunity to wrap up several projects that have been in the works throughout the year.

One of those projects is the development of a potential new ATV Park and Ride near White House Crossing. As part of that effort, posts have been installed on the property to help move the project forward. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to John Bursley and Ron Carey for stepping up on a Tuesday and taking the initiative to get those posts set. Your willingness to volunteer your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Bursey Enterprises and all of the volunteers who have helped haul materials, spread gravel, clear the property, and assist with the many tasks required to prepare the site.

I want to be very clear: the Park and Ride is not open at this time. As of the date this newsletter is written, the property is not available for public parking or trail access. Anyone using the site at this time is trespassing. Once the project is complete and the property is approved for use, that information will be communicated to all members. Until then, please do not park or access the area. Local law enforcement and the Maine Warden Service are aware that the site remains closed.

Earlier this season, we were made aware of a trail reroute that was needed on the east side of our trail system. After securing the necessary permissions, we were able to organize a major work party on September 20 to complete the work required to keep this section of trail open. Thank you to all of the members who came out to help. A special thank you goes to Ron Carey for bringing out his tractor and assisting with moving materials and equipment. The support of our volunteers is what keeps this club moving forward, and this work party was instrumental in preserving access to the east side of our trail system.

We still have one major event left on our calendar this season. Our Ride for a Cure benefit ride is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, and will take place on the east side of our trail system. We hope to draw a large crowd in support of the Dean Snell Cancer Foundation. As you look ahead to October, I hope you will find it in your heart to join us for this important event. I also encourage members to help us prepare the trails in the weeks leading up to the ride. The work we do now will help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone who attends. Finally, I'd like to address the elephant in the room. The club has been working for a long time with Town of Topsham officials to explore the possibility of regaining road access that could ultimately reconnect the east and west sides of our trail system.

Allow me to be abundantly clear: the process for obtaining road access has changed. The first step for any organization seeking road access is to go before its local officials and obtain their support to move forward with the process. I am pleased to report that the club has successfully completed that step.

The next phase of the process is submitting an application to Maine DOT. I am happy to report that we are now able to move into that phase. While this is certainly encouraging news, there are contingencies and conditions attached to the process, and the Board fully supports those requirements. Without the generosity of our landowners, neighbors, local businesses, and community members, Topsham Trailriders simply could not exist.

However, I cannot stress this enough: permission to move forward in the process is not permission for road access. No road access has been approved, and no connection has been established. The Town has simply granted the club permission to continue exploring the possibility through the appropriate channels and proceed to the next step. I believe every member of the Topsham Trailriders Board would agree when I say that we all share a responsibility to protect this opportunity. Please do not make assumptions, spread misinformation, or take actions that could jeopardize the progress that has been made. Many people have worked very hard to get us to this point, and there is still a considerable amount of work ahead.

We are committed to doing this the right way by respecting the process, respecting our community, and respecting our landowners. One poor decision or one unnecessary incident could jeopardize everything the club has worked so hard to accomplish. We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we continue moving through the process and will share updates when information becomes available.

As always, thank you to everyone who volunteers their time, equipment, and expertise throughout the year. Whether you attending work parties, helping with events, hauling materials, meeting with landowners, or serving behind the scenes, your efforts make a tremendous difference. Together, we continue to improve our trail system, strengthen our club, and ensure that Topsham Trailriders remains a strong voice for ATV recreation in our region.





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We will be meeting in the *at the Exhibition Hall located on the Topsham Fairgrounds 54 Elm St, Topsham Maine at 6:30pm!*