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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

Another month has flown right by! Hard to believe September is at our door step! I would like to take a moment to commend and thank all of Topsham Trailriders and all of the ATV clubs who put in countless hours maintaining their trail systems. Your drive and enthusiasm for the sport does not go unnoticed. I know at times it can feel like it endless but please know that it is very much appreciated!



If you like to ride and would like to know how you can help a club? Easy - you can help by either donating your time on the trails/events or by assisting the club fundraiser for additional trail funds to help preserve their trails. On Saturday, September 28th, Topsham Trailriders will be hosting our 3rd Annual Ride and BBQ Fundraiser. This event is one of the club's biggest fundraisers. The event will kick off with a ride beginning at 10 am and the BBQ will be at 12 pm. The cost for this event is \$20.00 per person or \$50.00 for a family bundle (2 adults & 2 children). Once again, a Facebook event has been created for this event where additional details are available! I hope you will consider joining us!

As always be safe and hope see you on the trails!

Jenny



SOCIAL NIGHT

Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. On September 11th we will be dining at BOLOS located on 7 Dunlap Street, Brunswick, ME 04011. Their phone number is (207) 725-5241.

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



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Photos from the Sept Topsham Fair!



Some of the Topsham Fair clean up crew!



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**Notes from the Ride Coordinator**

E Hard to believe that August has come and gone! Soon enough the temperatures will chill off just a little bit and we will need those sweatshirts when we head out riding! I for one am not complaining! I prefer having a chill in the air when heading out riding!

V Our last ride scheduled for August is planned for Saturday, August 31st. We will be riding from Dover Fox-croft to the Onawa Trestle and explore the surrounding areas if time permits! If anyone is interested in following me up to Dover Fox-croft I will be leaving from the Topsham McDonalds at 6:30 am! We are aiming to leaving from the Irving Gas Station in Dover Fox-croft at 8:30 am and everyone is asked to bring a bagged lunch for this adventure. This is always a great ride that covers all sorts of terrain!

N A reminder that there is a TTR trail work party scheduled for Sunday, September 8th. I suspect that this work party will be hosted on our West side of our trail system given that we've not been out on the West side recently. I would recommend bringing your machine, hedge trimmer, chain saw, shovel, hammer, and a positive attitude. Updates for this work party will be posted on our social media and website and I would recommend to check closer to the date.

T Our next adventure for the month is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th when we head to Waterford to ride their trails along with some of the trails in Norway. We will be parking at the P&K Gas Pumps but if overflow parking is needed, we can also park at the Pumpkin Patch. If anyone is interested to follow the convoy, I will be leaving from the Topsham McDonalds at 7 am. We are aiming to leave from the P&K Gas Pumps at 8:30am and again everyone is asked to bring a bagged lunch.

S Please be advised that we will hosting a road side clean-up work party on Sunday, September 15th at 9 am. We will be meeting at our West side park and ride where we will kick off the work party. This is a great way to give back to our community and we would appreciate seeing a great member showing.

R A reminder that there is a TTR trail work party scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. This work party is designated to help prepare the trails on our East side for our upcoming club fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, September 28th. In talking with Charlie this work party will need to accomplish a few BIG tasks which include hauling in crusher dust onto the mats hill brushing back the trails and completing a full inspection of the trails. I would recommend bringing your machine, hedge trimmer, chain saw, shovel, hammer, and a positive attitude. Updates for this work party will be posted on our social media and website and I would recommend to check closer to the date.

T A reminder that we will be hosting our 3rd annual BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, September 28th. The ride is scheduled to occur on the East side of our trail system. We will be departing from the Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fair Grounds at 10:00 am and will return for a BBQ around 12:00ish. The cost for this event is \$20.00 per person or \$50.00 for a family pack which includes 2 adults and 2 children. This is one of TTR's biggest fundraisers and we would love to see you all there!

C Our final event for September is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th when we head to Bridgton to participate in Lakes Region annual Apple Orchard Ride. We will be leaving from the Topsham McDonalds at 6:30 am and head to the end of 67 Bragg Way in Bridgton ME. There will be AB-SOLUTELY no trailer parking at Five Fields Farm this year. The cost to participate in this event is \$20 per machine. Also, Mows Munchies Food Truck will be there for anyone interested in getting lunch.

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

V As a reminder, all of our 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.

S

Mike

EVENTS FOR ATVing/Snowmobiling

- August 26th at 6:30 — **Monthly Club Meeting**—Exhibition Hall—Topsham Fairgrounds—Topsham
- August 27th—**TTR Tuesday Night Trail Work Party**—Check Facebook/Website for location
- August 31st—**Out of Town Ride to Onawa Trestle**—Check Facebook/Website for updates
- September 3rd—**TTR Tuesday Night Trail Work Party**—Check Facebook/Website for location
- September 8th—**TTR Trail Work Party**—West Side arrive before 9
- September 10th—**TTR Tuesday Night Trail Work Party**—Check Facebook/Website for location
- September 11th at 6 pm—**TTR Monthly Social Night**—Bolos Restaurant—7 Dunlap Street Brunswick
- September 14th — **Out of Town Ride to Waterford/Norway**—Check Facebook/Website for updates
- September 15th — **TTR Road Side Clean Up**—Meet at the West Side Park and Ride before 9 am
- September 17th — **TTR Tuesday Night Trail Work Party**—Check Facebook/Website for location
- September 21st—**TTR Major Trail Work Party**—East Side arrive before 9
- September 24th—**TTR Tuesday Night Trail Work Party**—Check Facebook/Website for location
- September 28th — **3rd Annual TTR BBQ Fundraiser**—Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fairgrounds—10 am
- September 29th — **Out of Town Ride to Bridgton**—Check Facebook/Website for updates
- September 30th at 6:30 — **Monthly Club Meeting**—Exhibition Hall—Topsham Fairgrounds—Topsham

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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The trails continue to hold up rather well except for the Brigham trail which doesn't seem to dry out right away after a rain storm. We continue to be busy working the trails during our Tuesday night work parties and we are also excited that Bursey Enterprises was able to get out on portions of trails 1C and 1D to enhance those trails. We would appreciate it greatly if you please used 4-wheel drive rather than pressing the gas. This action alone will help preserve the trails significantly.

A reminder that we have a couple of large work parties scheduled during the month of September. The first one is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th. This work party will be held on the West side of our trail system. Please arrive before 9 am and be ready to work by 9. Please bring your machine, chain saw, hedge trimmers, shovels, screw guns, and a positive attitude. The next major work party is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. This work party will be a MAJOR work party on our East side because we will be hauling material to different portions of our trails in preparations for our BBQ fundraiser. We will be using a tractor, machines and trailers to move material during this work party. A reminder that on Saturday, September 28th we will be hosting our 3rd annual BBQ and Ride on our East side. We will be departing from the Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fairgrounds at 10:30 am.

Also, a reminder to please stay off the trails during and the day after heavy rains. This cuts down on the damage that has cost our club a lot of time and money to keep our landowners happy. When you do venture out please ride safe on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the rest of summer and remember to always respect the land to you ride on and that the landowners allow us to use!

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 ATV/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.



IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS MEMBERS: If you are not a member of Topsham Trailriders but would like to become one please visit our website www.topshamtrailriders.com and navigate to the club documents section for our membership form. Or, if you would like one emailed please do not hesitate in remitting an email to the addresses shown above.

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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******

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Our regular meeting this month is scheduled for **Monday, September 30th** .

We will meet at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall at 6:30pm