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Notes from our President Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

As another busy month comes to a close, I continue to be amazed by the dedication, enthusiasm, and volunteer spirit of the Topsham Trailriders membership. August provided opportunities both on and off the trails. Members volunteered their time to support the Topsham Fair, helping one of our valued community partners while demonstrating the strong commitment our club has to giving back. We also enjoyed several out-of-town riding adventures, creating new memories, strengthening friendships, and showcasing the camaraderie that makes our club so special.

Behind the scenes, progress continues on several important initiatives. Discussions with local officials remain ongoing as we work toward the long-term goal of reconnecting the east and west sides of our trail system. These efforts take time, patience, and collaboration, but we remain committed to finding opportunities that will benefit both our members and the community for years to come.

While the summer heat may still be hanging on for a little while longer, some of the best riding of the year is right around the corner. September has always been one of my favorite months to ride, and our club will continue exploring the great riding opportunities available both locally and throughout Maine. This month, members will be heading out to ride the River Valley Loop, and we remain hopeful that we may be able to reschedule our planned event with the Exeter area. Whether it's discovering new trails or revisiting old favorites, there is no shortage of adventures ahead.

We are also looking forward to completing work on our new ATV Park and Ride on the west side of town. While the area is not yet open, we are hopeful that a work party can be scheduled soon to help bring this exciting project across the finish line. Once completed, it will provide another valuable resource for riders utilizing the west of our trail system for ATV season only!

As we begin looking toward next year, September also marks the start of our Board of Directors nomination process, with elections taking place in October. All board positions are open, and anyone interested in becoming more involved with the future of Topsham Trailriders is encouraged to speak with a current board member or attend one of our monthly meetings. New ideas, fresh perspectives, and volunteer involvement are essential to keeping our club strong and moving forward.

There is still plenty of work to do, but there is also much to celebrate. Thanks to our volunteers, landowners, sponsors, community partners, and members, Topsham Trailriders continues to grow and make a positive impact. It's hard to believe how quickly the riding season passes, but with some of the best riding still ahead of us, let's make the most of every mile and enjoy all that this season has to offer.



Join us for a meal at Buffalo Wild Wings at 105 Topsham Fair Mall Road, Topsham, ME 04086! Please let us know if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Our socials held on the second Wednesday of the month but in Sept we will be meeting on Sept 9th. At 6pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!

Weekend Trip to Machias



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Notes from our Ride Coordinator

E August was another enjoyable month for Topsham Trailriders, with members taking advantage of opportunities to get out and explore trails across the state. We were also pleased to once again participate in the 10th Annual Hailey's Wind Tower Ride in Roxbury at the end of the month. It was great to see so many riders come together in support of an outstanding cause while enjoying a day on some fantastic trails.

V Members also had the opportunity to enjoy several rides throughout the month, including a trip to Machias and other adventures around the state. Whether exploring new trail systems or revisiting old favorites, it's always great to spend time on the trails and enjoy all that Maine has to offer.

N September is shaping up to be another busy month, and there are plenty of opportunities to get out and ride. Please review the upcoming events below and join us whenever possible.

Saturday, September 5th - River Valley Loop Ride

- Find your way to the park and ride location in Rumford. We will NOT be meeting at the Topsham McDonalds.
- The park and ride is the tater section of Cumberland St and Rumford Ave near the Eagles Club Rumford ME 8:30 am
- This ride includes technical terrain and is **not recommended for novice riders**.
- Some sections of this ride will challenge even experienced riders. If you're new to riding or uncomfortable with technical terrain, this may not be the ride for you, and that's perfectly okay.
- Please bring a bag lunch.
- Please bring extra fuel.
- Expect a very full day of riding.

Saturday, September 19th Temple and Surrounding Areas Ride

- Departure from 6 Commercial Way Jay ME at 8:30 AM.
- Riders are responsible for making their own way to the meet up location.
- At this time, the ride is planned for Temple and the surrounding areas.

Sunday, September 20th Annual Roadside Cleanup

- Start time: 8:00 AM
- Additional information will be sent out by Jenny as the date approaches.

T As always, if you have questions regarding any upcoming ride or event, please don't hesitate to reach out. With cooler temperatures and some of the best riding of the year just around the corner, I look forward to seeing everyone on the trails throughout September.



Mike Little

Upcoming Events

- Sept 1st — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — East Side — Meeting at the dirt parking lot located across the bus lot at the entrance of Eagles Way
 - Sept 3rd — **Select Board Meeting** — Topsham Town Hall at 6:30 pm — Don Russell Meeting Room
 - Sept 5th — **Out of Town Ride- River Valley Loop Trail** — The park and ride is the tater section of Cumberland St and Rumford Ave near the Eagles Club Rumford ME 8:30 am
 - Sept 9th — **TTR Social Night** — Buffalo Wild Wings — Topsham at 6:00 pm
 - Sept 12th — **MOMS Topsham Open House** — Topsham Fair Mall — Topsham (?)
 - Sept 19th — **Out of Town Ride- Temple & Surrounding Areas** — 6 Commercial Way Jay ME at 8:30 am
 - Sept 20th — **Road Side Clean-Up** — 8:00 am — East Side Park and Ride (?)
 - Sept 26th — **Trail Work Party** — 8:00 am — Location TBD
 - Sept 28th 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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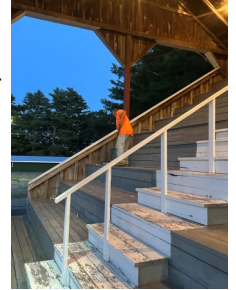
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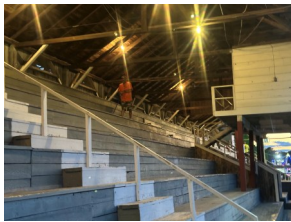
Tim Williams
Trailmaster

First and foremost, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers who continue to dedicate their time and energy to maintaining our trail system. While August did not provide many opportunities for organized trail work, that is a testament to the tremendous effort put in by our volunteers earlier this season. Thanks to countless hours spent clearing brush, improving drainage, reinforcing trail surfaces, and addressing maintenance needs, our trail system has remained in excellent condition throughout the summer. Those efforts have allowed members to spend more time doing what we all enjoy most: riding, exploring new areas, and enjoying the trails.



As we move into September, our focus begins to shift toward preparations on the East Side trail system for the second annual Ride for a Cure Cancer Benefit Ride scheduled for October 17. Any upcoming work parties will likely focus on ensuring the trails are ready for the event as we continue maintaining and improving the system for all riders of all skill sets.

As always, if you are out riding and encounter any obstacles, trail damage, or other issues that need attention, please let us know as soon as possible. You can reach out through our Facebook page or contact myself, Tim, Jenny, or any of the Assistant Trail Masters so we can address the issue promptly.

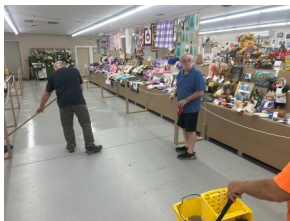


We also remain hopeful that we can finalize the new ATV Park and Ride on the west side of our trail system. While it is not yet open, progress continues, and we are tentatively planning a work party in September to help complete the remaining work. Additional details will be shared as plans are finalized. Please continue to monitor the club Facebook page and watch for email communications from Jenny regarding upcoming work parties and volunteer opportunities.



Finally, as we prepare to submit our grant reimbursement paperwork, it is important that all volunteer hours are reported. If you have completed trail work this season and have not yet submitted your hours, please contact Jenny as soon as possible. We are ready to move forward with our reimbursement request and want to ensure that every eligible volunteer contribution is properly documented. Volunteer hours play an important role in supporting the club and future trail projects, and we cannot report hours that we have not received. Rather than trying to track everyone down individually, we ask that volunteers take a few minutes to let us know about any trail work or volunteer time completed on behalf of the club.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to Topsham Trailriders. Although much of our seasonal preparation is behind us, there is still important work ahead. With your help, we'll continue maintaining our trail system, preparing for upcoming events, and making progress on projects that will benefit our members and riding community for years to come.





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Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 31st !**

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