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FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IMPORTANT Lots of Volunteers Are Still Needed for the Upcoming Topsham Fair

Once again this year TTR will be responsible for cleaning the Pulling Ring, Grand Stands, and the Exhibition Hall each night of the Topsham Fair. The Topsham Fair is scheduled to begin Tuesday, August 5th and ending on Sunday, August 10th. We have the equipment needed to complete the clean-up. Thank you to all of the folks who have already signed up to help with the fair clean-up. Having said that though we do still need quite a few more volunteers. We only have 3 (THREE) volunteers currently signed up for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I know that there are some folks out there who would be willing to donate a few hours of their time to help us out. It would be an enormous help to both the club and the fair.

If you appreciate all of what Topsham Trailriders is doing and would like to continue doing we kindly ask that you sign-up to help Topsham Trailriders honor their agreement with the fair. We would appreciate it if you would consider signing up for one night or possibly multiple nights! Many hands make light work and speed the process along.



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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders!

Can you believe how fast the season is flying by? We've been hard at work on trail maintenance and had a blast (despite the rain!) at the Moxie Day Parade. Now, we're looking forward to doing a little more riding and exploring as summer rolls on.

Mark Your Calendars!

The 171st Topsham Fair is just around the corner, running from Tuesday, August 5th to Sunday, August 10th. We're especially excited for opening night, when MOMS Topsham sponsors the always-thrilling Mud Runs! Everyone is welcome to register and participate—we'll be there cheering you on! The Fair is also looking for volunteers. If you're interested, check out their Facebook page or visit www.topshamfair.net to learn more.

TTR Gear Update

Don't forget—our digital store is open for all your TTR clothing needs! We'll be adding new items soon, so keep checking back. You can access the store via our website or by scanning the QR code below with your phone's camera.

Stay safe and see you on the trails! Or if you prefer, you may scan this QR code using the camera on your phone:



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



Photos from July's Social Night at Randy and Marcia Bickford's home in Lisbon!



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Notes from the Ride Coordinator

E We're rolling into August with a full calendar of rides and adventure — so mark those calendars, gas up, and let's ride!

Saturday, August 2 – Upton & Grafton Notch Exploration Ride

V Our first ride of the month kicks off with a trip to the scenic and rugged Upton/Grafton Notch area. It's been a while since we've ridden this region, so come prepared — we've heard it could be rough and rugged, but also absolutely beautiful. **Meet-up Option 1:** Topsham McDonald's, departing promptly at 6:29 AM / **Meet-up Option 2:** Barnes Road Park-and-Ride (near Bethel), departing no later than 9:00 AM / **Notes:** Bring a bag lunch, extra fuel, and your sense of adventure. This will be a full day of riding with a mix of terrain.

Saturday, August 9 – Annual Autism Ride with Pulpit Rock Trail Blazers

E We'll be heading to support a cause close to our hearts — the Autism Ride hosted by the Puppet Trailblazers. / **Meet-Up Location:** Topsham McDonald's at 7:00 AM sharp / You're welcome to ride with us from Topsham or meet us directly at the event site. Let's show our support and ride for a great cause.

August 14–17 – Moosehead Lake Overnight Ride

Get ready for our second overnight trip of the season!

2 **Thursday, August 14th: Arrival day** (no organized ride) / **Friday, August 15th:** Destination Not Yet Determined / **Saturday, August 16th:** Join us for the Ken Snowdon Memorial Raffle Ride hosted by Moosehead ATV Riders — this is a highlight event with riding across the system / **Notes:** Want to ride Friday or Saturday? Meet us at Ken Snowdon Park-and-Ride on Depot St., Greenville Junction at 8:30 AM each day.

Saturday, August 23 – Hailey's Wind Tower Ride

2 We're proud to ride in support of Team Hailey Hugs with this benefit event. / **Follow-up group departure:** Leaving Topsham at 7:00 AM / **Ride begins:** 10:00 AM / **Departure Location:** 1162 Roxbury Notch Rd., Roxbury ME / Lunch will be available for purchase. Join us for a meaningful day with great views and great people. Bring cash please!

Saturday, August 30 – West Paris Exploration Ride

5 Closing out the month with a ride to West Paris — it's been a while, and the trails here can be muddy and rough, so please come prepared! / **Meet-up Option 1:** Topsham McDonald's, leaving at 7:00 AM / **Meet-up Option 2:** Park-and-Ride at 62 Morse Hill Rd, West Paris, departing at 8:30 AM / Pack a bag lunch and extra fuel, and let's explore some forgotten trail gems! Also, parking is limited.

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

T As a reminder, all of our 2025 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out for additional details. And finally, it would help the club out tremendously if everyone updated their Facebook status as going to not going to allow us to plan for these events. 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.

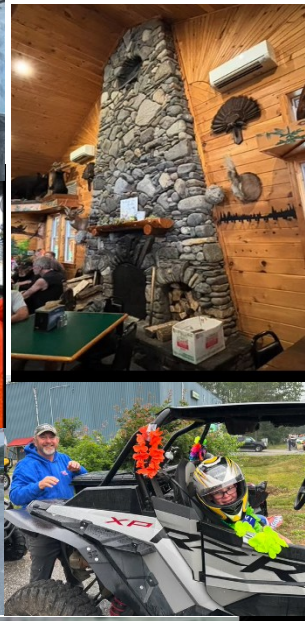


Mike Little

Upcoming Events

- July 29th — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — East Side
- August 2nd — **Out of Town Ride to Upton** — Leaving from Topsham McDonald's at 6:30 am
- August 5th — **Topsham Fair Mud Runs** — 7:00pm — Topsham
- August 9th — **Out of Town Ride to Waterford** — Leaving from Topsham McDonald's at 7 am
- August 12th — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — Location TBD
- August 14th – 17th — **Out of Town Weekend Trip to Greenville** — Check Facebook event for details.
- August 19th — **Tuesday Night Trail Work Party** — 5:00pm — Location TBD
- August 23rd — **Out of Town Ride to Roxbury** — Leaving from Topsham McDonald's at 7 am
- August 25th at 6:30 pm — **Monthly Club Meeting** — Exhibition Hall on the Topsham Fairgrounds
- August 30th — **Out of Town Ride to West Paris** — Leaving from Topsham McDonald's at 7 am

A reminder that Topsham Trailriders is still collecting bottles for our future clubhouse! If you are interested in donating your bottles and are unsure how to, please contact us at info@topshamtrailriders.com and we will get you all the information you need!



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I continue to be impressed by our incredible trail crew and volunteers. Whether it's new faces joining us or familiar ones returning, the dedication and passion of this team brings to the table is unmatched.

One of our biggest undertakings this season was the repair and restoration of the Brigham Trail (Section 1D). It was no small task, but as always, the TTR crew showed up and rose to the occasion. In just one week alone, over 90 hours of trail work were logged. That's a huge accomplishment, and I am beyond thankful for everyone who had a hand in making it happen.

Jenny gave a well-deserved shoutout to the crew during our July Night Ride, but I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your time, effort, and commitment to our trail system.

We're going to keep rolling with our Tuesday Night Work Parties through the month of August— but we're also carving out a little time to explore and recharge. Don't forget, we've got the Topsham Fair this month too, and we hope to see many of you there!

As always, there's still plenty of work to be done. If you notice something on the trails that needs attention, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Jenny so we can coordinate a repair. Thank you for helping keep our trails safe, fun, and thriving! Below contains pertinent information that everyone should be aware of when our trails do open.

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 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 your own risk!





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Our next regular meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 28th.**

At the Topsham Fairground in the Exhibition Hall 54 Elm St, Topsham Maine at 6:30pm