

Topsham Trailriders June Meeting



Date: Monday, June 30th, 2025

Location: Exhibition Hall, Topsham Fairgrounds

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Tim Williams

Tim Moody

Ashleigh Rolfson

Board of Directors Present: Michael Little

John Bursley

Sam Bulmer

Cindy Sheain

Stephanie Burnham

Rick Emmert

Anika Emmert

Brad Hoskins

Charlie Parkinson

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

Isaac Ruehl

James Belanger

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm

Approximately 35 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report

Ashleigh Rolfson emailed a copy of the April minutes to all club members. No one in attendance requested any edits to be made to the minutes that were sent out.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to approve the Secretary's report

Motion Accepted by Ron Carey

Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

West Side Trail Update

A reminder that the trail that connected to our west side park and ride is still closed at this time. The club received a letter in April from the landowner asking us to close trail #1 effective immediately. The landowner is in the process of expanding their current business. We have been busy working on a possible reroute. We reached out to Bureau Parks & Recreation who were able to acquire the CMP pole numbers so we can proceed with applying for permission to establish our reroute on their land. We are still in need of exploring the reroute to gain some perspective on what things would look like along with confirming the pole numbers we were provided.

We are also hoping that this reroute will also help us to also reconnect our West and East side. Matt Nixon and I have reached out to the Town to solidify what the steps would be to reestablish permission for Rt. 201 road access, which would hopefully be the first step in connecting our East and West side.

Unfortunately, we've tried to solidify a temporary park and ride for our west side, and we've had no luck! We have one business who is willing to work with us ONLY for club events.

CMPS ATV Club Volunteer Appreciation

Central Maine Powersports in Lewiston is extremely generous to both the ATV and snowmobile communities. Year after year, they continue to support programs like this Volunteer Appreciation Program.

ATV club volunteers from Central or Western Maine are eligible to be entered into a drawing to win one of seven **\$500 CMPS Gift Certificates**. To participate, ATV club officers must submit timesheets for volunteers who have contributed **40 hours or more**. This program is open to **all ATV clubs across Maine**—we encourage everyone to get involved and recognize the hard work of your volunteers!

I am happy to report that we are actively tracking the hours and will be reporting any names that arrive to 40 hours or more!

Municipal Grant Update

On June 3rd, the club received an email from the Town of Topsham, to congratulate TTR on having been awarded a \$40,500.00 municipal grant with reimbursement available for expenses incurred up to \$36,450.00. The amount listed on our application we submitted was in the amount of \$45,039.60. As you can see, we received a decent amount of what we requested.

Treasurer Report

Tim provided a printed treasurer report which will be attached to the minutes when they are sent out which is an update since our April meeting.

Motion was made by Tim Willaims to approve the treasurer's report for both May and June provided at the meeting

Motion accepted by Ron Carey

Was Passed with No Opposition

Tim Moody abstained from the vote

Trail Master

Tim Williams and Michael Little provided the following update:

East Side

All of trails on the East side are open and are in really good shape. They have received quite a bit of work during for the past couple of months by both our volunteers and our Assistant Trailmaster, Brad Hoskins. Brad has been putting in many hours hauling in stone and gravel on the trails near his property.

West Side

All the trails that we have permission to use are currently open.

Tuesday night work parties

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The Tuesday night work parties have been a HUGE success once again this year. It is a great opportunity to go out for a little stroll during the middle part of the week while doing a little work at the same time. These work parties are great opportunities to contribute towards your 40 hours! The Tuesday night work parties will continue until Tuesday, September 2nd. We will begin to shift the momentum to the west side now though.

Upcoming Trail Work Parties:

Tuesday, July 1st at 5 pm

West side and East side work party

Meeting Location: Please plan on meeting at the West side park and ride at 5 pm. The park and ride is the dirt parking lot located next to the Nouria Gas Station on Rt. 196. The physical address is 211 Lewiston Road.

Tasks: Need to move the club trailers from Rick's house to Dave Anderson's lot (address will be provided the day of the work party) and weed whacking the access trail leaving the west side park and ride.

Tools: weedwhackers, truck with a trailer to move trailers, this work party does not really need machines unless you feel you need it to move the trailers.

Tuesday, July 8th at 5 pm

West side Work party

Meeting Location: Parking Lot behind the Reform Physical Therapy building (439 Lewiston Rd. Topsham)

Tasks: We will be brushing back the trail system in preparation for our Saturday, July 19th night ride

Tools: Brush cutters, machines, and plenty of water!

IMPORTANT TTR Trail Work Party

Sunday, July 13th at 8 am (Arrive and be ready to work by 8)

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Meet at the end of 168 Branch Road Topsham ME

Tasks: Working our portion of the Brigham Trail – hauling in stone!

Tools: Shovels, heavy duty rakes, trailers, and machine.

This work party has been designated to complete major repairs to our portion of the Brigham trail hopefully before our scheduled Night ride. We will need all hands-on deck to help haul and spread 32 yards of stone. We can't stress the importance of this work party!

Tuesday, July 15th at 5 pm

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Meet at the end of 168 Branch Road Topsham ME

Tasks: Currently, we are anticipating finishing up the Brigham trail project.

Tools: Shovels, heavy duty rakes, trailers, and machine.

Tuesday, July 22nd at 5 pm

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Parking Lot behind the Reform Physical Therapy Buidling (439 Lewiston Rd., Topsham) must be there at 5 since we will be entering a section of closed trail.

Tasks: There is a section of trail we are not able to access this year but would still like to complete some maintenance to which will prevent major overgrowth. If you have ridden on the West side of trail system perhaps you've heard us mention our race track. It is a fun little section of trail that needs to be cut back along with the trail leading up to the first road crossing.

Tools: Machine, brush cutters, and water.

Tuesday, July 29nd at 5 pm

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Parking Lot behind the Reform Physical Therapy Buidling (439 Lewiston Rd., Topsham) must be there at 5 since we will be entering a section of closed trail.

Tasks: If were not able to complete the brush cutting during the 7/22 work party we will work on cutting brush back on the race track heading to the first road crossing.

Tools: Machine, brush cutters, and water.

Committee Section:

BBQ Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

There is nothing new to report at this time. More information to come at a later date.

Apparel Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder that I had reached out to Kim at Got Vinyl 207 in hopes she could draft up three designs for us. One of the designs was a combination of We-ATV 207 and TTR, the second was a TTR Crew shirt and the third was a TTR Event Staff shirt. In your packets this evening you have the samples that I received from her. I am seeking your thoughts so we can get the combination shirt added to our store hopefully soon.

UPDATE: An email has been sent to Got Vinyl. The club vests have been delivered to her and we will work on solidifying the design in hopes of getting them back before our night ride on the 19th of July.

Also, please don't forget that TTR has an active digital store with plenty of options to choose from. The link for our digital store will be included in the minutes so please check it out and order yourself something new! Here is the link:

<https://www.gotvinyl207.com/topsham-trailriders>.

Maine Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

Mark your calendar with the dates for next year's show:

Friday, March 27th

Saturday, March 28th

Sunday, March 29th

And

Late last week I submitted an email to MOMS Topsham to inquire if they would be interested in once again sponsoring our Sportsman Show booth. They have been extremely generous sponsoring our booth for the past couple of years! I am happy to report that they have once again agreed to partner up with us for the 2026 Sportsman Show.

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little provided the following update:

Thank you to everyone who attended the events that we held in June. Tomorrow the calendar flips to July and we are jammed pack this month.

Our first ride scheduled for July is planned for this coming Saturday, July 5th. Our original plan was to head to the Onawa Trestle, but the access trail is still closed and unsure if it will open this year. So, we will still ride out of Dover Foxcroft and head to Wildwoods Trailside Restaurant located in Brownville.

If anyone is interested in following me up to Dover Foxcroft I will be leaving Topsham McDonalds at 6:29 am! We are aiming to leave from the Irving Gas Station in Dover Foxcroft as close to 8:30 am. Please either email topshamtrailriders@gmail.com or if you are planning on attending, please let either Jenny or I know before heading out tonight. As you can imagine it will be a busy weekend on the trails, so we are going to try and give the restaurant a heads up.

We will once again be participating in the Moxie Day parade on Saturday, July 12th. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 am but I anticipate we will need to be there much earlier than that. Final details about this event will be emailed out so be sure to check your inbox. A reminder to participate in this event you must be a member of Topsham Trailriders for insurance purposes.

Following the Moxie Day parade, we are still very optimistic that we will be able to host a night ride on the West side of our trail system. Given the portion of trail, we no longer have access to we are going to get a little creative for this event. The date of the event is Saturday, July 19th.

And our final adventure for the month is scheduled for Friday, July 25th till Sunday, July 27th when we head to New Hampshire. We do not currently have any official plans to ride the Friday when we arrive but never say never! Please do not forget that this adventure does require a New Hampshire registration and motel if you plan on staying overnight. If you have not started this and need help with how you can get this completed in time, please contact Jenny Little.

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

And as always if anyone would like to receive a copy of the riding schedule, please see me.

Update from the Membership Chair

Rick Emmert provided the following update:

Here are the membership numbers as we stand today:

TTR Active Member Counts	
<i>Membership Type</i>	Number of Members
Grand Total	96

Ride for a Cure

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Date for our Ride for a Cure ride is: October 18th, 2025

Event Location: Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fairgrounds (32 Community Way, Topsham ME)

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Drivers meeting at 9:35 am

Departure time 10 am

Cost: \$20 a machine

The Ride for a Cure Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

Ride for a Cure Special Event Shirts

It is with much excitement that we share with you that our special event sponsorship shirt design is live and has been shared over and over with the ATV community. There is a photo be circulated this evening to illustrate the colors we have selected for the short and long sleeve shirts. As promised during the last meeting we want to provide an update of the process we've established to solicit sponsorships for the shirts. On June 1st we officially launched the t-shirt sponsorship component of our special event shirt.

There is still plenty of time to have a club name or name added to the shirt but please keep in mind that the final deadline to become a sponsor on the shirt is August 1st.

The cost to have a name added to the shirt is \$50.00. A name will only be added to the list of sponsorships once both a completed sponsorship form and payment have been received. Here are the payment options available:

1. Cash
2. Check – Please make the check payable to Ride for a Cure and in the memo indicate TTR event shirt
3. Debit or Credit Card (Online) – navigate to the www.rideforcure.net website to facilitate your payment.

If a check or a credit card payment is submitted to Topsham Trailriders, we will contact the maker requesting for a new form of payment to be made.

I have event sponsorship forms available this evening so please take one or two and get those sponsorships rolling in.

I am pleased to share that thus far TTR has 8 t-shirt sponsors which has generated a total of \$400.

I would like to inquire if Topsham Trailriders would be interested in paying to have their name added to the shirt.

Motion was made by Ashleigh Rolfson to have TTR's name added to the Ride for a Cure special event shirt at the cost of \$50.00.

Motion accepted by Tim Williams

Was Passed with No Opposition

Ride for a Cure Digital Store

Great news! Kim from Got Vinyl 207 has already launched our Ride for a Cure Digital store. Remember that we will NOT have the special event shirts available for purchase the day of the event. I encourage everyone to navigate to the store to place an order ASAP. I would also encourage you to visit in the near future because there is currently a small discount available and will only be available until July 20th. Here is the link for the store: <https://www.gotvinyl207.com/ride-for-a-cure>

The items listed on the store is all that we will have available. If you have any questions please contact me (Jenny Little) for further assistance.

Ride for a Cure Flyer

Paula Kay a member of the committee designed an event flyer unique to our event. I've printed a few this evening and would like to ask you to take one with you to hang on a local community board.

Day of Event

The committee is considering options to possibly add a few other fair like events. At this time we are looking at renting the Tilt Master (aka Hilltop Rocker) for the event along with Face Painting, cornhole, and giant jenga games.

There is one event the committee unanimously voted on doing and that is a pie contest. Folks will have the opportunity to purchase their chance at possibly throwing a pie in either my face, Tom Rumpf's face and Brandy's face.

Corporate Sponsorships / Silent Auction

And finally, I know that I sound like a bit of a broken record but one of the most important pieces of this event is the corporate sponsorship! The committee is hopeful that each TTR member is able to ask one or two businesses. Having your generous support would help to make this event exceptionally successful. Similar to previous month's we will include the updated corporate sponsorship letter for your convenience.

Account Balance in the Topsham Trailriders Ride for a Cure Account:
As of 06.19.2025 - \$1,280.01

Clubhouse Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update:

TTR is still actively seeking a Clubhouse Committee Chair! This person will work alongside yours truly, Jenny, to help coordinate meetings and begin creating some items we need to have in place to ensure we can begin seeking out funding. It's not an overwhelming task—I promise, we're a fun group to work with! But to find a future clubhouse, we need someone willing to help take the lead. If that sounds like you or someone you know, please reach out to me. And as always, we're still collecting bottles through our CLYNK program—let me know if you need any green bags!

Old Business:

Diaper Drive

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Earlier in June we held our first in town event and it was our diaper drive benefit ride. Despite moving the location of the event from the West side to the East side we had 20 machines in attendance. We are able to collect \$437 dollars and 1,060 diapers that were recently donated to the Midcoast Maine Community Action group. They were very pleased to receive our donation since they facilitate the distribution of over 250,000 diapers and were extremely appreciative of our efforts. While completing the diaper drop off, I inquired if there were diaper sizes they seek more. The director immediately replied that size 4 and up is what they find themselves buying the most of. I've advised him that should we do this again we will take his advice under consideration.

Moxie Day Parade

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Topsham Trailriders has been officially registered for this year's Moxie Day Parade! It is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th and the theme is Hang Loose Drink Moxie! Similar to last year because of insurance purposes for Moxie Days you must be a member of Topsham Trailriders to participate.

List of Interested Club members:

Michael & Jenny Little
John Bursley
Rick & Jessica Emmert
Emilia Pinette
Cici & Bob Eberle
Randy Bickford
David and Cindy Shein
Pauline & Merle McKinney
Stephanie Burnham
Tim Williams
Ron & Marie Carey
Sam Bulmer
Ron Dumont
Dale Rowe
Rocky League
Tim Moody

If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like to participate in the parade, please shoot an email to topshamtrailriders@gmail.com to let me know if you are interested.

A reminder that the theme for this year's parade is Hawaiian / luau out theme. In an effort to support their theme I was hoping we might be able to wear bright colors with some sunglasses. I will take care of ordering some leis for us to wear during the parade. If you joined us last year our depart location will more than likely be the same as it was last year but final details will be sent out a week before the event so please remember to check your emails.

Topsham Fair – Volunteer Sign Up Sheet

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Topsham Trailriders has access to the Exhibition Hall and other facilities on the Topsham Fairgrounds because of an agreement that we have with the Topsham Fair. The agreement is during the Topsham Fair we (TTR) cleans the grand stands, pulling ring, and the Exhibition Hall in exchange for using this hall for our monthly meetings. As a reminder the 2025 Topsham Fair is Tuesday, August 5th to Sunday, August 10th.

Thank you to the members who have already signed up to assist with fair clean ups your prompt reply is very much appreciated!

The reality is though even with a few early volunteers signing up we still have MANY MANY slots to fill. To help with this process we have set up an electronic sign-up sheet to help coordinate the scheduling for the Topsham Fair clean up because it allows us to reach ALL members. It is

an added bonus that it also handles reminders too. If you are interested in helping and need help with completing the sign-up process, please let me know and I will be more than happy to assist you. Otherwise, the link to the sign-up sheet will be included in the minutes. Folks, we really need the help!

Topsham Fair Volunteer Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A822A0F4C34-57298914-topsham#/>

Topsham Fair – Mud Runs

Jenny Little provided the following update:

For a handful of years now the first evening of the Fair has often included mud runs! At the end of last year's event Peter Gordon, General Manager of the MOMS Topsham and I chatted about the idea of MOMS and TTR partnering up for next year's mud runs. He was in 100% support of it! Peter and I have only had a short discussion about this but I am sure that the discussion will soon be getting a little more serious. I am not quite sure of all of the details at this moment but is there anyone in attendance here this evening who would be interested in helping during this event at the Fair? Keep in mind they will also be looking for folks to participate in this event too.

List of Interested Club members:

Michael & Jenny Little
John Bursley
Sam Bulmer
Tim Moody
Ron Carey

As I acquire information about this event, I will be sure to share to those folks who expressed an interest. Otherwise, if you were not able to attend the meeting and would like to participate please get in contact with me.

New Business:

Landowner Appreciation

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Last year TTR purchased approximately 70 gift cards for our landowners. I wanted to inquire whether the club would like to do the same thing this year. A reminder that we are allocated to spend up to \$500 dollars by the Bureau Parks and Recreation.

UPDATE: There was some discussion about possibly doing a meal for the landowners but quite a few members brought up that despite our best efforts with a meal we often did not receive a great turn out. To ensure we connect with each of our landowners the club has once again elected to purchase gift cards for them.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to spend up to \$750.00 to order the appropriate number of \$10 gift cards for all of TTR's landowners.

Motion accepted by Dan Pellegrini

Was Passed with No Opposition

July Night Ride

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Date of the Event: Saturday, July 19th

Location: West Side of TTR's trails

Registration Time: Begins at 4:45ish

Ride Leaves at: 6 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Another event that is drawing near is our July night ride. The official date of the event is Saturday, July 19th which is scheduled to occur on our West side along with Mr. & Mrs. Sausage on tap to offer some fine dining for this event. Given the trail situation the Board and I had a discussion on how to proceed with this event. The option that we agreed on was to follow up with Mr. & Mrs. Sausage allowing them the opportunity to decide if they wish to still participate in our event. Given the change in venue Mr. & Mrs. Sausage have declined our invitation to join us this year but asked that we consider them on another occasion.

Given that we do not have Mr. & Mrs. Sausage attending the event I would like to inquire what the club would like to do for food. I've penciled in pizza for this event, but we can easily change that.

UPDATE: The club members discussed reaching out to a couple of other food trucks to inquire if they would be available for this event.

In the event that the food trucks would not be available a motion was made by Ron Carey to spend up to \$400 to order pizza for the July 19th event.

Motion was accepted by Tim Williams

Was passed with no opposition

Since our meeting the club has received word that the food trucks that were contacted are not available so we will be doing pizza as a meal option.

The ride will remain as planned, which was on our West side, but we will need to get a little creative with parking, but I think we can still pull this together. To help with the uniqueness of this event there is a volunteer sign-up sheet circulating around to help coordinate this event. The areas we need help with include trail preparations, working the registration table, working the apparel table, parking assistants, working the pizza table, and ride assistants. I think one of

the most critical roles for this event will be our parking attendants. It will require clear and concise communication!

This event will be a great opportunity to raise funds for TTR to help complete some of our trail maintenance projects. Please help us spread the word of this event by sharing it with all of your friends on either Facebook or by word of mouth.

Social Night

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Join us for a potluck social night at the home of our long-time members, Randy and Marcia Bickford. They have once again opened their backyard up and have offered to host TTR's July social night on Wednesday, July 9th at 6 pm. The address is 96 Summer St Lisbon Falls ME. It is important to note to everyone who is planning on attending that you will need to bring a dish ready to serve and share.

The host does have a grill ready to use too. Suggested food items include but not limited to: pizza, wings, kielbasa, salads, buffalo chicken dip, finger sandwiches, chili, and meatballs. Please make a post within the Facebook event sharing what dish you will be bringing to the event. This event is outdoors so it is weather dependent. Check the website or Facebook for updates.

Open Member Comment

Tim Moody informed the club that MOMS Topsham is no longer a Polaris dealership. With the change they are bringing in CF Moto and Arctic Cat.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50__pm was made by Michael Little
Motion was accepted by Ashleigh Rolfson
Was passed with no opposition

Upcoming TTR Events

Tuesday, July 8th — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — West Side — Meet at 439 Lewiston Road — Park behind the building

Wednesday, July 9th — TTR Monthly Social Night – 6 pm – Randy and Marcia Bickfords' Home – 96 Summer St in Lisbon – It is a Pot Lock Meal!

Saturday, July 12th – TTR Rides in the Moxie Day Parade – Lisbon – Additional Information will be emailed!

Sunday, July 13th – HUGE TTR Trail Work Party – Brigham Trail – All hands on deck for this work party! Meet at the end of 168 Branch Road in Topsham – 8 am

Tuesday, July 15th – Tuesday Night Trail Work Party – 5:00pm – West Side – Meet at the end of 168 Branch Road in Topsham

Saturday, July 19th – In-Town TTR West Side Night Ride – 5:00 pm – Check Facebook for updates / details about this event will be emailed out.

Tuesday, July 22nd – Tuesday Night Trail Work Party – 5:00pm – Meet at 439 Lewiston Road – Park behind the building

Friday, July 25th – 27th – Out of Town Weekend Trip to New Hampshire – Check Facebook event for details.

Monday, July 28th at 6:30 pm— Monthly Club Meeting – Exhibition Hall on the Topsham Fairgrounds

Submitted,
Ashleigh Rolfson (JLL)
07.06.2025

Minutes were approved without any edits during the July 28, 2025 meeting. JLL