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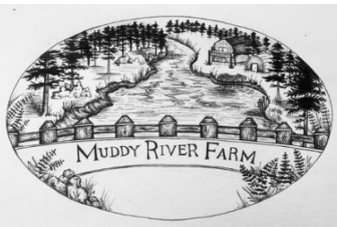
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SOCIAL NIGHT



104 Main Public House

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook Join us for a meal at 104 Main Public House located in Topsham! Please mark if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count. Our socials are held on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!



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Note

Hello Trailriders,

Hard to believe we are arriving to the end of the 2023 ATV season! We had great weather this season compared to last year. We were able to put on some miles whether it was while doing trail work or exploring this great state. We rode from Madawaska to New Hampshire and New Hampshire along with many towns in between.

We will be hosting our last in-town club ride on Sunday, October 27th provided that trails conditions allow it. This event is our annual food drive event for the local food pantry. Registration for this event will begin at 9:15 am with the ride leaving at 10 am. We will be hosting this event on our West Side and we will have an additional parking location for this event so I would advise checking the Facebook event or on our website for additional details as this event gets closer.

During our September monthly meeting, nominations were accepted for all officer and board positions. As a reminder, the club will be holding our Annual Meeting on Monday, October 28th where we will be conducting our elections of officers and board of directors. If you like what Topsham Trailriders has been doing or would like a say in the future of TTR please join us. The meeting will be held in the Exhibition Hall on Topsham Fairgrounds beginning at 6:30 pm. I hope to see many of you there!

Hope see you on the trails!

Jenny



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Ride Coordinator Write Up for September Newsletter

This could quite possibly be the last month of the 2024 ATV season. So we are going to go this month.

We will be heading to the Machias area beginning on Friday, October 4th and ending on Sunday, October 6th. We are planning to do a day trip on Saturday, October 5th so please bring a bagged lunch and extra fuel. On Sunday, October 6th we will be participating in the Ride for a Cure event in Ellsworth. We will be trailering from Machias to Ellsworth for those folks who want to meet up with us on that Sunday. It is my understanding that the Ride for a Cure event draws a huge crowd so I would recommend arriving well before 8 to register. There is a cost to participate in this event and lunch can also be purchased at this event. The ride on Sunday is around 80 miles and will be traveling at 25-30 mph.

Our next adventure for the month is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th when we head to Lisbon to ride with Riverside Trailriders in their 2nd Annual Rosie Gendron Ride. We will be meeting at the Left Hand clubhouse located at the end of Wagg Road in Lisbon. The ride will be leaving at 9 am so please arrive well before then to prepare yourself and to register.

We will then be heading to Kingfield on Saturday, October 19th. We will be leaving the Topsham McDonalds at 6:30 am and hope to arrive to the Kingfield park and ride by 8:30 am. For those folks who wish to head directly to the park and ride in Kingfield please know we are aiming to leave from there a few minutes before 9 am. At this time, I am not certain which direction we will be riding so please bring extra fuel and a bagged lunch. In full transparency, it has been a while since I've ridden in this area so it will be a true adventure and might be a long adventure.

A reminder that there is a TTR trail work party scheduled for Sunday, October 20th. This work party is designated to help clean up old rotting wood from our trail system. This work party will be hosted on our West side. We will be hauling out lumber using our machines and club trailers to a designated area hopes of loading it onto a trailer and hauling it to the dump. Please plan on meeting the trail crew before 7:45 am at our West Side Park and Ride.

Our final 2024 club ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th when we host our annual Food Drive Benefit Ride. The cost is \$10 per person and all proceeds for this event will be donated to the local food bank. I am excited to share that this event will be hosted on the West side of our trail system. We are working on acquiring a list from the food bank of the most needed items and will post it on the Facebook event as soon as we have it.

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

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.



Mike

EVENTS FOR ATVing/Snowmobiling

September 28th — **3rd Annual TTR BBQ Fundraiser**—Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fairgrounds—10 am

Sept 30 at 6:30 — **Monthly Club Meeting**—Exhibition Hall—Topsham Fairgrounds—Topsham

Oct 6th—TTR heading to the Machias area

Oct 9th at 6 pm — **TTR Monthly Social Night**—101 MAIN STREET, Topsham

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Oct 19th—We will then be heading to Kingfield

Oct 20th —**TTR Sunday Trail Work Party**—Check Facebook/Website for location

Oct 27th — we host our annual Food Drive Benefit Ride. The cost is \$10 per person and all proceeds for this event will be donated to the local food bank.

Oct 28 at 6:30 — **Monthly Club Meeting**—Exhibition Hall—Topsham Fairgrounds— Election Night—Topsham

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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The trails seem to be holding up reasonably well this year except for the Brigham trail with all the heavy rain we've had this summer and people not giving it time to dry out before riding. Please lay off the gas on the trails, wet areas will only get worse the more people try to power through them so use 4-wheel drive and slow and steady power. On September 28th we have our ride and BBQ happening. The construction on the west side trail 1C and 1D is complete, they put in over 200 yards of 5" stone to strengthen and fix areas of the trail that needed repair.

Well fall has arrived the leaves are falling and the weather is getting colder and it's warm again, ATV season is coming to a close and it's time to start prepping for snowmobile season so get you're riding in now before Mother Nature blankets us in white and its SNOWMOBILE season again.

Hunting season starts this month so remember to **stay alert and wear orange when in the woods.**

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 the Land Owners happy. Please ride safe out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride this summer and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

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 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. **IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN, TIME TO REGISTER YOUR MACHINES.**

The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. A registration is valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 30th of the following year. A person may not operate an ATV that is required to be registered under this section unless registration numbers are displayed in these spaces or as otherwise required by the department.

Permission 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

ATV trails or in areas open to ATVs by landowner policy. A landowner may limit the use of a designated state-approved ATV trail on that landowner's property through agreements with the State or an ATV club to address environmental, public safety or management concerns. Written permission of the landowner or lessee is required on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard. As used in this subsection, "cropland" means acreage in tillage rotation, land being cropped and land in bush fruits, and "pastureland" means acreage devoted to the production of forage plants used for animal production.

THINK AND DRIVE

1. Make sure your registration is up to date. Properly attach your Registration stickers.
2. Check your helmet. Invest in a new one if it's damaged by any dents or cracks.
3. Give your ATV a twice-over. Check that all equipment, including brakes, lights, engine, and tires are in good condition and functioning properly.
4. Familiarize yourself with local regulations and bylaws regarding ATV usage.
5. Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, waterproof matches, a whistle, insect repellent and sunblock, a flashlight, spare fuel, tea or coffee, water/water purification tablets, duct tape, signal mirror, tool kit, first aid supplies, rope, flares, spare keys, a sharp knife, and/or compass.
6. If your children want to ride, ensure they have completed the ATV safety course. If you haven't ridden before or could just use a re-fresher, do the same. Don't let your children use adult-sized ATVs.
7. Consider taking a first aid course. It doesn't hurt to be prepared.
8. Get yourself in the mindset for a great riding season. Have fun!

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.

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.

The Speed limit is 5 MPH on the Trail behind Nouria shell, 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 and noise to a minimum.

All 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.

TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LAND OWNER PERMISSION.

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.

While riding please wear proper protective equipment and keep speeds at a safe level. Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride Sober.

Again, if you're out on the trail please bring a pair of clippers or even a small saw to help back the new growth from the summer. Every snip helps.



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**The Board of Directors
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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