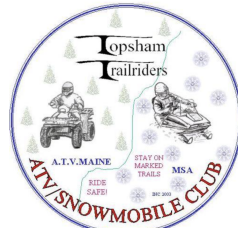


Topsham Trailriders April Meeting



Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Location: Exhibition Hall, Topsham Fairgrounds.

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little
Tim Williams (phone)
Tim Moody
Ashleigh Rolfson

Board of Directors Present: Michael Little
John Bursley
Sam Bulmer
Cindy Sheain
Stephanie Burnham
Rick Emmert

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon
Isaac Ruehl
Anika Emmert
James Belanger
Brad Hoskins

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:42 pm

Approximately 31 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report

Ashleigh Rolfson emailed a copy of the March 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 Heather Benson to approve the Secretary's report

Motion Accepted by Tim Williams

Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

ATV Maine

Proposed ATV Weight – LD 341

A reminder that there is a bill LD 341 being presented in Augusta, An Act to Amend the Definition of "Oversized ATV" to Increase the Minimum Weight Requirement. The current law currently defines an oversized ATV as: "An oversized ATV is defined as an ATV that is wider than 65 inches or that weighs more than 2,000 pounds according to the original manufacturer's specifications. Oversized ATVs cannot be registered in the State of Maine."

It has come to light that a little over 800 people were sold machines in Maine that should not have been sold because they weigh more than standard weight of 2,000. There was a public hearing on March 19th and since then I've not heard seen any updates on this bill.

Annual ATV Maine Banquet

The ATV Maine banquet has come and gone and unfortunately, I don't have much information to share with the group. However, I do applaud the current board for the changes they are trying to do for all of us. They have updated their website, a new logo, and trying to simplify the membership process. My only observation that I would share with the group is that it is evidently some hostility and I hopeful that the current board can reign it in because it will deter folks from attending their meetings.

Having said that there is a meeting on **Saturday, June 21st in Kingfield** and I do plan on attending because there are pieces from banquet agenda that are carrying over to this meeting. If anyone would like to join me, please let me know.

Merrymeeting Trail Update LD 29

For those members who are new to TTR there has been the Merrymeeting Trail would be a 25-mile regional trail that runs along the unused rail corridor from Brunswick to Gardiner. There was a group that officially kicked off an evaluation of the rail corridor in 2022 and in 2024 rendered a recommendation to some agencies that the advisories recommendation is to establish a trail for pedestrians and cyclists only.

Throughout the entire process Topsham Trailriders have continued to advocate for a TRUE multi-use which would allow MANY folks to use it rather than just two user groups including both ATV and snowmobile use. On April 15th the Transportation Committee in Augusta held a workshop to discuss LD 29 the Merrymeeting Trail. During this workshop the committee voted to combine LD 29 and LD 956 and voted that these bills "ought to pass". LD 956 is a bill written on another rail to trail project in Calais.

The next step now for LD 29 and LD 956 is to have the bills presented and pass both chambers and signed by the Governor to become law. Matt Nixon and I will continue to monitor this in more detail and we are going to try and get a meeting scheduled with the Town of Topsham's

House Representative. In the meantime, the next time the Merrymeeting trail goes before the selectboard I would like to fill the room with TTR members.

Maine ATV Coalition Update

John B., Mike and I attended the Maine ATV Coalition meeting held last night. They offered some guidance on the new Maine Trail Bond which we could be a good candidate for. My biggest take away from the meeting last night is that Maine ATV Coalition, MSA, ATV Maine and a couple of state officials held a conjoined meeting. I commend all of these organizations for putting differences aside and to be willing to go to the table. Thank you!

West Side Trail Update

Earlier this month, the club received a letter from a landowner asking us to close trail #1 effective immediately. The landowner is in the process of expanding their current business. We appreciate that they have allowed us the use of their land for this long.

In full disclosure, the club knew that this would be coming but just not as to when it exactly it would be. Trail #1 is the trail we use leaving our West side park and ride so at this moment we do not have a connection establishing our park and ride to the rest of the trail system. In your packet this evening you've been provided with an updated copy of our trail map along with a temporary reroute that we are working on for at least this year. As of our meeting, we do not have anything solidified on the temporary reroute. Our trail inspector is aware of this recent development and we have a call scheduled this week to bring him to speed. He is prepared to initiate discussions with CMP on our behalf.

Before our meeting a member submitted another possible trail reroute. I've included it in your packet but the member is still working on gathering detailed information on this route.

If any other member has a possible reroute, please send it to me in an email along with the names of the landowners we would need to reach out to. Projects like trail reroutes require all of us to work together rather than putting all of this on one person.

I will keep everyone posted on this as developments occur.

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 March meeting.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to approve the treasurer's report provided at the meeting

Motion accepted by Ron Carey

Was Passed with No Opposition

Tim Moody abstained from the vote

Trail Master

Tim Williams attended the meeting over the phone and was able to provide the following update:

East Side

All trails on the East side are closed.

However, Sam and Mike L did complete a brief trail inspection on the East side this past Sunday. During their ride they located a couple of areas that need to have culverts installed, they cleared a few trees, ditch work is needed around the solar panel project and signage repair. All in all the east side handled the elements decently.

West Side

All trails on the West side are closed.

Adding more organization and structure to TTR Trail Responsibilities

Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder that we are still trying to prepare a general list of projects which would help create a master trail project tracking sheet for the club. Tim and I with help of others are working on finalizing the project list and hope to have an update by our May meeting. In some way we will also try and create a master trail project sheet that will be available to all to offer some insight to our volunteers on projects that we have on our radar this year.

Tuesday night work parties

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Similar to last year we will be hosting Tuesday night work parties. It is our hope that these will be as successful this year as they were last year. The Tuesday work parties will officially kick off on Tuesday, June 3rd and continue until Tuesday, September 2nd.

Trail Party Work Sheets

Jenny Little provided the following update:

We've also kicked off creating a digital work party worksheet. Having this digital option will ensure everyone can remit their hours they work either at a work party or on their own along with making the grant process a tad easier. Rick and Ashleigh are busy working on this and I am optimistic that there will be an update sometime in May.

UPDATE: Rick shared that he has done a lot of work on the documents but just needs a little more time especially since we are heavy into membership renewal time.

Storage Unit

As of April 1st, TTR will have a 5x10 storage unit located at Topsham Self-Storage. More information to come on this. The storage unit has been reserved. The move in process has been slightly delayed given the trail change that occurred on our West side.

Upcoming Trail Work Parties:

Sunday, May 4th at 8 am (Arrive and be ready to work by 8)

West Side Work Party

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

This work party will be held on our West side and will include but not limited to riding the trails for inspection, cutting any fallen trees, ditch work and repairing bridges. Please bring shovels, rakes, chainsaw, machine, brush cutters and a positive attitude.

The Facebook event and website event will be updated with additional details as the date gets closer.

Saturday, May 10th at 8 am (Arrive and be ready to work by 8)

East Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Dirt parking lot located at the entrance of the Mt. Ararat High School located at 68 Eagles Way in Topsham

The work party will be on our East side. The work party will include repairing the trail near or around the solar panels, putting in a couple of culverts, inspecting the rest of the trail system, possibly hauling in rock to put over the culverts, installing sign posts, and adding in additional signage.

Please arrive well before 8 am to ensure you are ready to work at 8 am. We will be meeting at dirt parking lot located at the entrance of the Mt. Ararat High School located at 68 Eagles Way in Topsham. Please bring your machine, brush cutters, rakes, shovels, chainsaw, and a positive attitude!

The Facebook event and website event have been updated with these additional details.

UPDATE- Tim Williams will take care of getting the culvert for the work party. Ashleigh R. will check with her husband if he is free to come along with their excavator too.

Saturday, May 17th at 8 am (Arrive and be ready to work by 8)

East Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Dirt parking lot located at the entrance of the Mt. Ararat High School located at 68 Eagles Way in Topsham

The work party will be on our East side. This work party will be to complete any tasks that were not completed during the May 10th work party.

Please arrive well before 8 am to ensure you are ready to work at 8 am. We will be meeting at dirt parking lot located at the entrance of the Mt. Ararat High School located at 68 Eagles Way in Topsham. Please bring your machine, brush cutters, shovels, rakes, and a positive attitude!

The Facebook event and website event have been updated with these additional details.

Saturday, May 24th at 8 am (Arrive and be ready to work at 8)

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: TBD

The work party will be on our West side. Given the uncertainty of portions of the West side we are still working out the details for this work party but an email will be sent out once we have a plan.

The Facebook event and website event will be updated with additional details as the date gets closer.

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:

I ran out of time this month so I was not able to connect with Got Vinyl to initiate a couple of designs for the shirts that we discussed during our March meeting. The club is interested in possibly creating a couple of variations of volunteer shirts to help identify TTR volunteers during our events. Slogans that were tossed around were: TTR Crew / TTR Rider / Event Staff.

A reminder as the season approaches, 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:

There is nothing to report from this committee at this time.

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little provided the following update:

We've nearly made it to the finish line!

Only 40 days remain to our first out of town ride provided the conditions allow for it. The ride is Ken Snowdon's Memorial Ride which is scheduled for Saturday, June 7st when we ride from Pittsfield to Greenville. If you haven't heard there is a special event shirt available for this event. We would love to see a lot of the Ken Snowdon apparel during this event. The link to use to purchase this special event gear is: <https://www.gotvinyl207.com/we-atv-207>. To ensure that your item can be printed and shipped to you in time before the event you must order before Friday, May 30th. If you order any time after that you will need to coordinate a pick-up with Kim at Got Vinyl.

If you have not yet received a copy of our ride schedule, please see me.

If you are interested in helping during any of our events, please do not be shy and reach out to me. We are always looking for folks to help.

And finally, I always love hearing any suggestions that you would like us to consider please contact me (Michael Little), Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.

Update from the Membership Chair

Rick Emmert provided the following update about our current membership totals for TTR:

Here are the membership numbers as we stand today:

TTR Active Member Counts	
<i>Membership Type</i>	Number of Members
Associate	14
ATV	132
Honorary	10
Regular	108
Grand Total	132

Just a friendly reminder that your annual club memberships are due by the end of April.

Ride for a Cure

Jenny Little provided the following update:

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

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. It is with much excitement that we share with you that our special event sponsorship shirt design has been approved by the Ride for a Cure board of directors. In your packets this evening you have been provided with the almost final design for both the short sleeve and long sleeve. We will soon be finalizing the design with GotVinyl. Once we have the design locked in, we will begin the process of soliciting names for the shirts. The cost to have a name added to the back of the shirt is \$50.00. Additional details on the sponsorship process will be provided once we are ready to launch.

UPDATE: The colors of the shirts are lavender, black, heather pink, and Carolina blue. The deadline to order shirts to have in time for the Ride for a Cure event.

A reminder that the food for this event is generously being facilitated by the China Four Seasons ATV/Snowmobile club. This is a HUGE help and we can't thank them enough.

The committee is also in discussions with town officials trying to find a way to extend the length of our ride the day of the event.

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.

Clubhouse Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The board and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jessica Emmert for taking on the enormous challenge of kicking off the TTR Clubhouse search. We truly cannot thank her enough or fully express how much we appreciate all the work, energy, and thought she put into getting this important project off the ground.

While Jess has had to step back from her role as Chair of the Clubhouse Committee, her contributions have set a strong foundation for us moving forward. We are now looking for someone new to take on this role — though Jess certainly leaves big shoes to fill!

If that sounds like something you'd be interested in, I'd love to chat. I'll get you up to speed on where we are with the search and introduce you to the other committee members. It's a great chance to get involved in a meaningful way—and, as always, to have some fun while you're at it.

Old Business:

MOMS Topsham – Open House May 17th / TTR Membership Drive

Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder that Topsham Trailriders has been invited to participate in MOMS Topsham's Open House on May 17th. We are responsible to cook up some burgers and dogs all while recruiting members for the club. MOMS has generously offered to provide all of the food and supplies needed for the event. Ideally, we will be setup between 10 am to 12:30ish.

I would like to confirm with the following individuals who expressed an interest last month to help during this event:

Tim W

Stephanie B

Mike L

Rocky

Meryl

Kyle

Randy

John B

UPDATE: Dale Rowe is happy to make his famous chili and he will submit his receipts for reimbursement.

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

Kyle McComiskey
Charlie Parkinson
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.

Topsham Fair

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Topsham Trailriders has been officially registered as a 2025 Topsham Fair. It is scheduled to occur from Tuesday, August 5th to Sunday, August 10th. A reminder that TTR will more than likely have some type of involvement with the mud runs often held the first night of the Fair!

Stay tuned for updates!

New Business:

Memorial Day Parade

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Topsham Trailriders will be participating in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade for this year! It is scheduled for Monday, May 26th! A preliminary list has been created based on those who participated in the parade last year. If you do not see your name below and would like to participate in the parade, please shoot an email to topshamtrailriders@gmail.com to let me know if you are interested.

A list of possible participants

Michael & Jenny Little
Matt Nixon
Charlie Parkinson
Randy Bickford
Rocky League

Ron Dumont
John Bursley
Sam Bulmer
Isaac Ruehl
Neal Crocker
Rob Ormsby
Bob & Cici Eberle
Kyle McComiskey
Jessica, Rick & Anika
Stephanie Burnham
Tim Williams
Pauline & Meryl McKinney
Colby Ormsby
Marie & Ron Carey

Social Night

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The next social night for the club would have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 14th at 6 pm. We will be dining at El Rodeo located at 238 Bath Road in Brunswick. The restaurant appreciates receiving a headcount as to how many folks will be coming. Please let Jenny know if you will be coming by either updating your status to going within the Facebook event or by contacting me personally.

Open Member Comment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42__pm was made by Tim Williams
 Motion was accepted by Mike Little
 Was passed with no opposition

Upcoming Topsham Trailriders & We-ATV 207 events

Saturday, May 4th — **TTR Trail Work Party** – 8 am – West Side
 Saturday, May 10th – **TTR Trail Work Party** – 8 am – East Side
 Wednesday, May 14th – **TTR Monthly Social Night** – 6pm – El Rodeo – 238 Bath Road – Brunswick
 Saturday, May 17th – **TTR Membership Drive** — 10 am – MOMS Topsham
 Saturday, May 17th – **TTR Trail Work Party** – 8 am – East Side
 Saturday, May 24th — **TTR Trail Work Party** – 8 am – West Side
 Monday, May 26th – **Memorial Day Parade** – 7:30 am – Parking Location TBD
 Monday, May 26th at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting** – Exhibition Hall – Topsham Fairgrounds — Topsham

Submitted,
Ashleigh Rolfson
05.01.2025

The April 28th meeting minutes were approved with no edits during our June 30th meeting. JLL