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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season! This past December we held our 17th annual Christmas social at the Fairground Café. We would like to thank them again for hosting our event and a grand time was had by all of the folks who attended.



As we enter into the beginning of 2025, I am happy to share with everyone that we have a few special things scheduled for this year. We are kicking off our year off by helping during the upcoming Ski-Joring event being held at the Topsham Fair on Saturday, January 25th! If you have not already purchased your tickets, please visit the www.topshamfair.net to get them. We will be there to help during the event but most importantly cheering on the participants!

To our snowmobile enthusiasts

Let's continue to wish for snow but as always be safe!

See you on the trails!
Jenny



149 Main St., Brunswick, ME

Join us for a meal at Brickyard Hollow located at 149 Main St., Brunswick ME. Please mark if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count. Please note that this is the same night that they host trivia so it will be a little louder than our other social nights. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!



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Photos from the Christmas Party at the Topsham Fairground Cafe





Notes from the Ride Coordinator:

E I hope everyone had a great holiday season! I can't
V imagine that I am the only person who is wishing for a
E deep freeze to continue along with some snow for our
N snowmobile members. Being a fellow snowmobile
T enthusiast, I like many others in the great state of
S Maine can't wait to see ice and snow so we can get out
and put some miles on those machines! I know we are
all itching to ride but please be patient!

2 Please note that 2025 riding schedule is complete and
0 Facebook events are being created as we speak and
2 should be complete soon. If trail conditions allow, we might have an opportunity for
5 our ATV enthusiasts to ride in very early February so please continue to check back
T for updates. Topsham Trailriders will once again be partnering up with We-ATV
T 207 to enhance this year's riding opportunities. We are certain to have another
R jammed pack riding season! As always if you would like to help during any of
C these events, please feel free and contact me, Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for
L Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.



Mike

EVENTS FOR

ATVing/Snowmobiling

Jan 8th— **TTR Monthly Social**— 6 pm at Brickyard Hollow in Brunswick!

Jan 18th — **Prepping for Ski Jor- ing**— 8 am—Topsham Fair— Topsham

Jan 25th—**TTR Helps with the Ski Joring Race** —Topsham Fair— Topsham

Jan 27th — **Monthly Meeting**— Town of Topsham Municipal Building Don Russell Board Room—6:30pm

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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More holiday photos!!



TTR & We-ATV 207 spread Christmas cheer in downtown Bath



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Hello TTR trail enthusiasts! My name is Tim Williams and I was recently appointed as the trail master for Topsham Trailriders. I would like to first and foremost thank my predecessor Charlie Parkinson for all that he has done for Topsham Trailriders. We can't thank you enough and I look forward to working with you this year as I familiarize myself with the area. For those who may not know me I am from the Oxford area and I have been their trailmaster for numerous years! My passion is riding but also working with clubs to ensure we can keep doing what we are doing!

We are in the early part of our snowmobile season. Take the extra time now to look over your sleds and make sure they are ready for some fun in the snow without the headache of being stuck out in the winter wonderland walking when you should be riding.

Please note that our trails will ONLY open to snowmobiles once we have fulfilled the following criteria:

- ◆ Received sufficient snow coverage
- ◆ Placed all appropriate cattle fences
- ◆ Opened the gates
- ◆ Cleared all of the trail obstructions
- ◆ Ensure that trails are properly signed



* A reminder that there were some changes last season on trail #1A on the west side of town. That trail has been relocated to the trail that connects trail #1C in the powerline to trail #2A before Bradley Pond. Please pay attention to signs for the changes.

* A reminder that snowmobiles are not allowed on Trail #1B this is an ATV only trail.

Please note that at this time ALL trails are closed to ATV's and UTV's. The only exception is ATV's/UTV's outfitted with snow tracks and registered as a snowmobile.

Miscellaneous Snowmobile Trail Information

Before heading out I would recommend that you review our trail map to ensure you are riding on the correct trails. It is worth mentioning that we do have many water crossings and we try to keep an eye on them for your safety. All ice and water crossings are ride at your own risk. If you do notice any thin ice, or come across signs indicating trail closed, please stay off. If you notice something that you think is not safe, please let myself or any of our assistant trailmasters know.

A reminder that the athletic fields, parking lots, and school grounds of Mt. Ararat High School are off limits to snowmobiles. Also, please take note that the tower area and the tower road are also off limits to snowmobiles.

We ask that you respect our landowners by staying on marked trails and obeying all posted signs. These folks are kind enough to allow us the use of their land. They are not required to and we can't thank them enough.

All snowmobile trails are operated on privately owned land. Landowners 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 snowmobile club will lose the use of that land owners property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all snowmobile trails for everyone.

Please stay on our established trails if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. A reminder to use the marked bridges to cross wet stream and/or marshy areas on the trails. Failure to do so will result in sections of the trail being CLOSED permanently by landowners.

And finally, It goes without saying but trucks and cars are not allowed on ATV/Snowmobile trails anywhere in the State of Maine without landowner permission.

Park and Ride Locations:

East Side

Our park and ride on the east side of our trail system is located at the entrance of Mt. Ararat High School across from the bus garage. Please only use the small located there for loading and unloading.

West Side

Our park and ride on the west side of our trail system is the dirt parking lot located next to the Nouria Gas Station on Rt. 196 in Topsham. If you enter in the address 211 Lewiston Road into your GPS it will bring you to the dirt lot.

And remember folks when you do head out riding whether here in Topsham or around the state ride right and ride safe! If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate in contacting me on my cell phone which is 207-890-8479.

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 snowmobile a check-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 snowmobile usage.
5. Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, water-proof matches, a whistle, insect repellent and sun-block, 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 snowmobile safety course. If you haven't ridden before or could just use a re-fresher, do the same.
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!



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Name: _____

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Our next regular meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 27th** .

We will be meeting in the Don Russell Room located in the Town of Topsham Municipal Buidling located at 100 Main St. Topsham at 6:30pm