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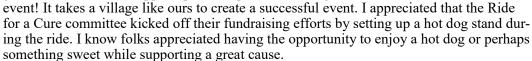
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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

We certainly ended January with a bang! The weather cooperated nicely allowing us to host our BonFire ride on Saturday, January 25th . To all of the folks who braved the elements and came out and rode with us – THANK YOU! We had a great time and hope you did as well.

I would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our great volunteers who stepped up and helped TTR during this



Topsham Trailriders is scheduled to host a Ride for a Cure cancer ride on our trail system on Saturday, October 18 th . Ride for a Cure is a non-profit that teams up with Maine ATV clubs to raise money to support those who are affected by cancer. We officially kicked off our planning for this event but we absolutely welcome any-

one who would like to join us! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested.

If you do venture outside, please be safe and I will see you on the trails!







Please come out and enjoy a night with us at the Sea Dog Brewing Co Restaurant in Topsham located at 1 Bowdoin Mill on Thursday, February 13th at 6 pm. Please mark if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!



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Photos from our January Social Night at Brickyard Hollow in Brunswick!





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ALL TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE CLOSED UNTIL WE ARRIVE TO Page 2 SUITABLE SNOWMOBILE CONDITIONS.

Notes from the Ride Coordinator:

Hope everyone is getting outside and enjoying this little bit of snow we received! To our snowmobile members I hope you are traveling to get some seat time on your sled! In the meantime, I am happy to see that our 2025 events are generating a lot of action on our Facebook page. As you can imagine it takes a lot to coordinate a successful event and one of the most critical items we consider when planning is how many people will be joining us. I understand that you may not know in January if you will be able to attend

an event later on this year hence why you mark your Face-

book event status as interested. However, it would be extremely helpful and appreciated if individuals updated their event statuses accordingly as the event approaches. The club does not have many tools to help gauge how many folks will be attending so we rely on Facebook probably more than we should. So please help the club out and update your statuses!

As a reminder, our ATV events and trail work parties are posted on our Facebook page so please check them out. Remember to also make your hotel reservations early if you plan on joining us during any of our overnight trips! 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

 $\begin{array}{l} February \ 5^{th} - \textbf{Prep for SkiJoring Event} - Topsham \\ Fair - 5 \ pm \end{array}$

February 6th - Prep for SkiJoring Event - Topsham

February 7th - Prep for SkiJoring Event - Topsham Fair - 5 pm

February 8th – **SkiJoring Event** – Topsham Fair –

February 13th - TTR Monthly Social Night - 6 pm Sea Dog Brewing Company – 1 Bowdoin Mill Island - Topsham

February 15th - American Legion Post 202 Softball Tournament – Post 202 American Legion 79 Foreside Road - Topsham – Time: 9 am to 12 pm

February 24th at 6:30 pm— Monthly Club Meeting Town of Topsham Municipal Building Don Russell Board Room — 100 Main St. — Topsham

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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Trailmaster Notes

All trails in Topsham are closed until we arrive to suitable snowmobile conditions.



Tim Williams

Assistant Trailmasters: Sam Bulmer (West Side) Isaac Ruehl (East Side) Brad Hoskins (East Side) James Belanger (Winter)

Tim the TTR trailmaster here! I am excited that we were able host our first ride of 2025 this past weekend! It is always a great time when you can get together with fellow enthusiasts who like to ride as much as I do. I appreciate all who came out and joined us!

I would also like to take moment to share with everyone that TTR has already completed close to 30 hours of trail work on our trail system! I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have come out and supported our efforts on the trails! There is always work to be done so remember to visit both our facebook page and website for additional opportunities to help!



A reminder that we are in snowmobile season it may not feel like it given the lack of snow this season. 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

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.

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