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# **Notes from our President - Jenny Little**

Hello Trailriders!

We're optimistic that our ATV season will soon be officially underway! Over the past month, our trails have been getting some serious work done thanks to the incredible dedication of our AMAZING volunteers. Their hard work and many hours of trail prep to help prepare our trails, and we couldn't be more grateful. On behalf of the entire board, a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of them!

That said, we've had an extremely soggy spring, and the wet conditions are inevitably impacting when we can safely open our trails. We know everyone is eager to get out and

ride, and we're just as excited! We're optimistic that we'll be able to open the trails soon, but please remember that trail openings are at the discretion of the club. This helps us protect the trails and maintain the trust of our generous landowners.

For the most up-to-date information on trail openings and conditions, please check our Facebook page and website regularly.

# MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT INFORMATION



Our Ride Coordinator has once again put together an exciting and diverse ride schedule for the year. From scenic day trips to adventurous overnight weekends, we'll be covering ground from Houlton all the way to New Hampshire. And remember—you don't have to be a member to ride with us. Everyone is welcome!

As we gear up for the season, here are a few important reminders:

- Make sure your ATV/UTV is registered for the current Ride safely and responsibly.
- Follow all ATV laws as outlined by the State of Maine along with the State of New Hampshire.
- Respect your fellow riders and bring a positive attitude.
- We leave no rider behind—ever!
- Most importantly, have fun!

Let's make this season one to remember. Stay safe, ride smart, and we'll see you out on the trails!

Jenny







Join us for a meal at 104 Main Public House located at 104 Main Street Topsham! Please mark if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Our socials are typically held on the second Wednesday of the month but this month we will be gathering on the second Thursday. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!



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# Photos from May's Social Night at El Rodeo in Brunswick!





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# ALL ATV TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE STILL CLOSED FOR MUD Page SEASON.

#### Notes from our Ride Coordinator

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It's been a long time coming but here it is - the event you've been waiting for—Topsham Trailriders first ride of the season. The first event is an out-of-town ride and it is scheduled for Saturday. June

event is an out-of-town ride and it is scheduled for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and we are riding from Pittsfield to Greenville. This event is excepted to have a large turnout so please know that ahead of time.

I will be heading to Pittsfield very early on June 7th so I will not be able to lead a group from the Topsham McDonalds at 7 am. I will be anxiously awaiting everyone at the Park and Ride on Crosby St. in Pittsfield. A reminder that we will be departing as close to 8:30

am so don't be late. Please remember that this event is a memorial

ride for Ken Snowdon and lunch is being prepared by the Moosehead ATV Riders and Moosehead Motorsports! Donations will be collected for Moosehead ATV Riders to honor all that Ken did for the sport and for their so I hope you would consider making a cash donation for their club

The fun continues when we head to China to ride with the China Four Seasons club on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. For this event I am

happy to meet anyone at the Topsham McDonald's but please note that I am leaving promptly at 7:29 am. We will be meeting at the

China Four Seasons club house located at 570 Lakeview Drive in China ME. The ride will be departing at 9 am so please arrive well before then to prepare. China Four Seasons will also be hosting a

before then to prepare. China Four Seasons will also be hosting a cookout for us when we return to the clubhouse. There will be a donation jug and we would recommend adding at least \$10.00.

Mike

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#### Events for ATV / Snowmobiling

June  $1^{\rm st}$  – **TTR Trail Work Party** – 8 am – West Side - Meet at 168 Branch Road in Topsham

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Out of Town Ride- Ken Snowdon Memorial Ride – Leaving Pittsfield Park and Ride at 8:30 am

June  $8^{th}$  – TTR Trail Work Party – 8 am – LOCATION TBD

June 10th — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — East Side

June 11<sup>th</sup> — **TTR Monthly Social Night** – 6 pm 104 Main Public House– 104 Main Street – Topsham

June 14<sup>th</sup> – **In-Town Diaper Drive Benefit Ride** – 11:15 am – Check Facebook for updates

June 17th — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — East Side

June 24th — Tuesday Night Trail Work Party — 5:00pm — West Side

June 28<sup>th</sup> – **Out of Town China Ride** – Leaving from Topsham McDonald's at 7 am

June 30th at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting** - Exhibition Hall on the Topsham Fairgrounds

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

As a reminder, all of our 2025 ATV 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.





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# **Trailmaster Notes**

# All ATV trails in Topsham are still closed for Mud Season.



tem thriving—and we're proud to share that we've already logged over 75 hours of trail work this season! From clearing debris to repairing damage and improving trail conditions, your efforts have made a huge impact. We truly

couldn't do it without you.

Tim Williams

**Assistant Trailmasters:** Sam Bulmer (West Side) Isaac Ruehl (East Side) Brad Hoskins (East Side) James Belanger (Winter) That said, as many of you know, this spring has been an especially wet one. The excessive moisture has left our trails in a condition that, if opened too soon, could lead to significant and unnecessary damage. While we're just as eager as you are to hit

As we gear up for another exciting ATV season, I want to take a moment to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the incredible volunteers who have come out to help us prepare the trails. Your time, energy, and dedication are what keep our trail sys-

the trails, we've made the difficult decision to hold off on opening for a little while longer to ensure we protect the land and maintain good relations with our landowners.

We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we encourage everyone to stay informed by checking our Facebook page and website for the latest updates on trail conditions and opening dates.

In other news, since our last newsletter, we've been informed of a construction project that will affect a significant portion of the trail we use to access the west side of our system (Formally known has trail #1). We are actively working on identifying a temporary park-and-ride location hopefully for this season, as well as planning a reroute for the closed section of trail. I am not anticipating the reroute to be completed in its entirety this season given how large of a reroute it is going to be. We'll share more details as soon as they're finalized.

Thank you again to all our volunteers and supporters. Your commitment keeps our community strong and our trails ready for adventure. We look forward to seeing you out there soon—mudfree;) and smiling!

Below contains pertinent information that everyone should be aware of when our trails do open.



# Miscellaneous Information from the Trail Master

All of our 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. 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. And remember that trucks and cars are not allowed on any ATV/Snowmobile trails in the State of Maine without landowner permission.

And remember if a Landowner wishes to limit the use of their property either for a short window of time or for an extended of time, they have the right to do so. Any club in the state cannot do what they do without the support of their landowners. So please help us help you by respecting our landown-



**Permission is 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.

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 all 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.

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.

The Speed limit in residential areas like Bay Park and Topsham

Crossing is 15MPH to help keep dust down and the noise to a minimum.

RESPECT LANDOWNER'S - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND ONLY MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.





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The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM See our Facebook Page for Location!



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This Newsletter is the official publication of the Topsham Trailriders ATV/Snowmobile Club Inc. 2003. WE MEET AT 6:30 PM OF EACH MONTH SEE OUR FACE-BOOK PAGE FOR THE LOCATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!

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