

# TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Notes from our President - Matt Abbott

Hello Trailriders,

The snow has come and gone but that just means we're closer to warm weather and ATV season. Charlie and I scouted some of the trails this week to help get a jump on the work we'll need to do to open the trails this year. You can expect some work parties to be announced shortly on our Facebook and website, so we hope to see you there.



Matt Abbott

We have a lot of exciting things coming up this year and we hope to see you at all of them – the first one coming up is that we'll be at the Sportsman's Show in Augusta April 1<sup>st</sup> -3rd come by for a chance to win a raffle! We have started discussions with the Town of Topsham to connect our two separate sections of trail with an access road so hopefully positive results come from that. And we have rides scheduled across the state and parts of New Hampshire so please come join us at a ride! If you want more

Information on the rides, you can find it on the events section of our Facebook page.

Ride safe!

### DUES NOTICE!

**It would be real nice this year to have your Dues paid before the Due Date APRIL 30!!**



#### Meeting Location Change

**Next Monday March 28th, 2022 we are having our regular membership meeting at the Sea Dogs Restaurant In Topsham at 6:30pm. This location is until April - then we begin our regular meetings at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall!**

**We meet on the last Monday of the month to discuss upcoming rides, events, and other club business.**



**Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (April) 13th we'll be at Pancho Villa on 164 Pleasant St, Brunswick Maine at 6pm! Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!**



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**EDITOR - DAN PARLIN**

Our membership year expires April 30th so please have your annual membership dues paid by then. You can find our new forms (regular and business) on our website under the "Club Documents" section.

The form is fillable and we have a paypal donation link on our website so you can fill out your form, make your donation, and email the form directly to [info@topshamtrailriders.com](mailto:info@topshamtrailriders.com). We hope this will make it easier for our members.

<https://topshamtrailriders.com/club-documents>  
#Topshamtrailriders #Topsham #atv #Snowmobile



Thanks to Mike and Jenny Little (6) members of the Riverside ATV Club joined our club as associate members! Welcome to the club!



Some old image of the club, Dan Parlin holding down the load on a project, 2018 Bath Memorial Parade Former Pres Roger Bickford and our VP Dale Rowe leading our group!



**EVENTS**

**ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR**

- March 28<sup>th</sup> - TTR Regular Meeting at Sea Dogs Restaurant at 6:30pm
  - April 6<sup>nd</sup> Over the Hill Meeting at MidCoast Pizza, Bath at 6:30pm
  - April 13<sup>th</sup> - Social Night - Pancho Villa in Brunswick at 6:00pm
  - April 25<sup>th</sup> - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Sea Dogs Restaurant
- Mike Little our Trail Ride coordinator is working on giving us a list of up coming ATV rides this year. Drive safely when the trails open.

**ALL TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE CLOSED**

**WE'RE BACK!** **LIVE & IN-PERSON!**

The 40th Annual **State of Maine Sportsman's Show**

**Mark Your Calendars for Maine's Premier Outdoor Show!**

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1PM-8PM • April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9AM-7PM • April 3<sup>rd</sup> 9AM-4PM  
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TICKETS AT THE DOOR: Adults \*8, Kids Ages 5-12, Veterans & Seniors \*6, **3-DAY BRACELET ONLY \*15**  
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Are you a returning or new exhibitor with questions?  
Contact Carol at [Carol@MaineSportsman.com](mailto:Carol@MaineSportsman.com) or 207 622-4242, or Becky at [Becky@SportsmansAlliance01Maine.org](mailto:Becky@SportsmansAlliance01Maine.org) or (207) 623-4583.

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THE TRAILS ARE EXPECTED TO REOPEN MID MAY - JUNE WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS PERMITTING. THERE IS NO SET DATE FOR THE TRAILS TO OPEN. MANY FACTORS AFFECT THE TRAILS OPENING DATE WEATHER, TRAIL DAMAGE, AND MOST IMPORTANT THE LANDOWNER.

**THE USE OF ATVS ON A CLOSED TRAIL DURING MUD SEASON IS CONSIDERED FELONY TRESPASSING.**

If you see any-one on the trails or getting ready to head out on the trails, please inform them the trails are closed till they dry up. I will remove all the signs and chains as soon as they are ready for use. We will have some working weekends over the next month so if you can spare some time, please give me a call. The trails are drying up slowly, the frost heave is settling down and the snow is all gone.

**If the trails are posted as closed and the entry way is blocked, then the trails are closed to all motorized vehicles period. Going around or through the barriers and riding the trails anyway is felony trespassing and jeopardizes the use of all trails, all individuals caught doing so can deal with the Game Wardens.**



Asst. Trailmaster  
Dan Corey  
207-751-6106

The Trails are going to need a lot of work in order to prepare them for the opening of the season this year. We will start doing trail work on the weekends weather permitting. All are welcome and encouraged to help the trail maintenance crew prep for opening day. We will have some working weekends over the next 2 months so if you can spare some time, please give us a call.

**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!

**Golden Rules for Safe ATV Operation**

1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.
2. Never ride on public roads – another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age. The CPSC age/size guidelines are:
 

Age 6 and older	Under 70cc
Age 12 and older	70cc – 90cc
Age 16 and older	Over 90cc
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
8. Take an ATV Rider Course; to enroll call toll free (800) 887-2887.



**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.

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 ces or as otherwise required by the department. **Dirt bikes are no longer allowed on Topsham trails this is permanent because landowners want the long-standing rule enforced. That is no dirt bikes allowed on their property.**

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**The Board of Directors meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Topsham Fair Grounds**

**\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\***  
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**THE MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR A FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL IS \$35.00 A YEAR. THAT INCLUDES A MEMBERSHIP TO A.T.V. MAINE, AND FOR \$5 MORE YOU CAN ALSO BELONG TO MSA(MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION).**  
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*This month it's at Sea Dogs Restaurant, Main Street Topsham at 6:30pm*