

# TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

It's officially Spring folks which only means one thing we are even closer to the riding season! Before you begin your season though, please be sure to renew your annual club membership with Topsham Trailriders as they expire at the end of April 2023. Our forms can easily be acquired on our website ([www.topshamtrailriders.com](http://www.topshamtrailriders.com)) by navigating to the More tab and clicking on the Club Documents. Or, if you prefer you are welcome to remit an email to [info@topshamtrailriders.com](mailto:info@topshamtrailriders.com) and we are happy to send a form to you. We appreciate all of the folks how have already renewed their dues and please know that your contribution goes a long way and helps us improve our trails.



In addition, Topsham Trailriders has created another full riding schedule for this year. We will be visiting areas from Madawaska, to Moosehead, to Machias and all areas in between. Please check out our Facebook page and navigate to the events section and you will see all the events along with the specific information about each. We've also begun adding the events onto our website so you can access some of the information from there as well. If you would like to have a ride schedule emailed to you, please do not hesitate in sending an email to [info@topshamtrailriders.com](mailto:info@topshamtrailriders.com) and we will get one sent to you.



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (April 12th we'll be at one of our business sponsors 104 Main Public House, 104 Main Street in Topsham, Maine **Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!**

As always be safe and we will soon see you on the trails!



March Social Night held at Bolos Kitchen and Burger Bar



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EVENTS

Atvng/Snowmobiling

March 27<sup>th</sup> – TTR Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm with the Board meeting at 6 pm. A reminder that this month the meeting is being held at China Rose in Brunswick.

March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> TTR will be at the Maine Sportsman Show being held at the Augusta Civic Center. Come and visit with us!

April 12<sup>th</sup> – TTR’s April Social Night will be held at one of our business sponsors the 104 Main Public House located at 104 Main Street in Topsham.

April 24<sup>th</sup> – TTR Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm with the Board meeting at 6 pm. A reminder that this month the meeting is being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall.

DRIVE SAFELY ON TRAILS



**Topsham Trailriders is looking to streamline some of our current processes** and one of which includes how we send out our fantastic newsletter. Effective immediately, if you are currently receiving our newsletter in the mail and would like to begin receiving it electronically instead please remit an email from the email address that you would like to have the newsletter sent to, to the following email: [info@topshamtrailriders.com](mailto:info@topshamtrailriders.com).

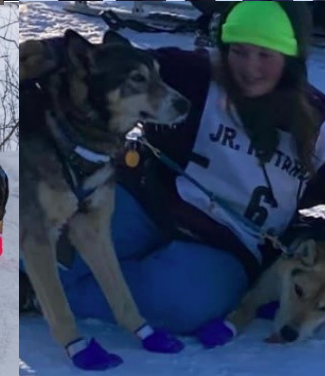
The riding season will soon be upon us but first we need to do some much needed work on our trails. I am happy to say that Topsham



Mike Little

Trailriders recently held a trail work party and it was a very productive one. I am hopeful that all of our future work parties will be as successful as our first one. As a reminder, our 2023 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out. 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.

**Brad and Andrea Hoskins' daughter Tara Crossman** completed the 150-mile Junior Iditarod sled dog race, accomplishing a childhood dream of hers to compete in Alaska. She won the Sportsmanship Award for helping two fellow mushers at the halfway checkpoint and four miles before the finish. The BIW Family is so proud of Tara at [Can Ya Catch Me Kennel](#). She truly represented the Maine spirit in Alaska!



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**THE TRAILS ARE EXPECTED TO REOPEN MID MAY - EARLY JUNE DEPENDING ON WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO SET DATE FOR THE TRAILS TO OPEN BECAUSE MANY FACTORS AFFECT THE TRAILS OPENING INCLUDING THE WEATHER, TRAIL DAMAGE, AND MOST IMPORTANT OUR LANDOWNERS.**

If you see anyone on the trails or they appear to be getting ready to head out on the trail system please kindly remind them the trails are closed. It is important to note that the use of ATV's on a closed trail during mud season is considered felony trespassing. Reminder that if the trails are posted as closed and the entry way for the trail is blocked then the trails are closed to all motorized vehicles. Going around or through the barriers and riding the trails in anyway is felony trespassing and jeopardizes the use of all trails, all individuals caught doing so will deal with the Game Wardens.

As in the past I anticipate that our trails are going need a lot of work in order to prepare them for this upcoming season. To help with this I have scheduled out many trail work parties so please navigate to both our Facebook page and our website where the dates and times are listed. I also may need to add additional work parties as we begin working the trails and come across unplanned projects. For the upcoming month we have tentatively scheduled a work party for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> please check Facebook for updates or call me with any questions. All are welcomed and encouraged to come and help work on the trails with me to prepare them for opening day.

Finally, during the last weekend of March TTR will be at the Maine Sportsman Show being held at the Augusta Civic Center. We will also be hosting an ATV safety course on Saturday, April 1st along with heading to the ATV Maine banquet in mid-April on April 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you at these events.

### 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!
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 spaces 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.**

**Dirt bikes are not allowed on CMP Property period. The following trails are on CMP property #1A, #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, #2, and #4 from RT.196 to RT.24. Any dirt bike caught on these trails will be charged with criminal trespass.**

**UTV's over 65" wide are not allowed on CMP property.**

To further simplify the width restriction regarding ATV trails which numerous people are misunderstanding:

- (1) Trail Width Restriction is NOT new.
- (2) Trail Width Restriction was NOT created by ATV Maine.
- (3) Trail Width Restriction was NOT created by ATV Clubs
- (4) Trail Width Restriction is NOT a law.
- (5) Trail Width Restriction is NOT statewide.
- (6) Landowners have requested that the EXISTING width restriction be enforced to gain control over what has been overlooked for MANY years.
- (7) Maine Warden Service will document any violations as Criminal Trespass, Title 17, Section 2806, a Class E crime.
- (8) ATV clubs are being contacted by the landowner(s) that this enforcement will affect.
- (9) ATV Maine has only shared this information to help educate those who will soon be on the trails! - This was NOT created by ATV Maine.
- (10) 65 inches is 65 inches



### 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:
 

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|------------------|-------------|
| 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.

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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!**

**\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\***

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

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*This month at the China Rose Restaurant, 42 Bath Road Brunswick at 6:30pm*