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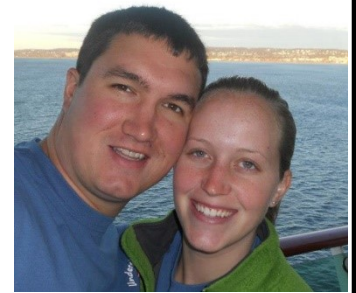
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Notes from our President - Matt Abbott

Hello Trailriders,

First, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Next, big news folks! The club has been involved in preliminary discussions with other local groups that have the same goal as us...MORE TRAILS.



Matt and his wife Angela

Thursday December 2nd the Town of Topsham Select board has an agenda item to support the creation of a Merrymeeting Trail Advisory Council that would start the official process to turn the railway from Topsham to Gardiner into a multi-use trail! You can see the agenda here (<https://www.topshammaine.com/bosmeetings>)

If you are a Topsham resident and support the trail creation, please consider attending the meeting at town hall to voice your support. This trail could open a ton of possibilities! How great would it be to hop on your machine and head out to the 3 Robbers Pub for dinner or cruise up the side of the Kennebec taking in the view.

This isn't a quick process but getting it started is the first step, thank you in advance for coming to support the new trail!



GINNY BICKFORD AND ROSE DUMONT



JEANIE BRIGHAM



IMAGES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (Dec) 8th is our Annual Christmas Yankee Swap Party (Please Limit Gifts to \$20 in value) it will be held at the Topsham Fair Ground Cafe Inc. at 49 Topsham Fair Mall Road Topsham. Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!



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EDITOR - DAN PARLIN
TTR NEWSLETTER CORNER

Welcome to this months Edition ! December is our Christmas party at the Topsham Fairground Café' on Dec 8th at 6pm.

Then our Last ATV ride of the year on Dec 12 at 10am. The clubs has several items coming up in the New Year. Including several trail issues. Please help when requested. I've added several old image of past gatherings during the Holidays this month!

My wife and I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday!

HERE ARE SOME IMAGES OF OLD CHRISTMAS EVENTS THESE ARE FROM 2009 TOYS FOR TOTS RIDE AND OUR CHRISTMAS SUPPER WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN OVER THE YEARS!



EVENTS
ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR
Nov29th -TTR Regular Meeting at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall at 6:30pm
Dec 1st Over the Hill Meeting at MidCoast Pizza, Bath at 6:30pm
Dec 8th- Social Night -Christmas Swap -Topsham Fairground Café'
Dec 13th- TTR Board Meeting 6:30pm Location to be announced on Facebook
Dec 12th-Topsham Trailriders last ATV ride of the year - 10am-Shell station rte. 196 Park and Ride
Dec 28th - (Tuesday) TTR Regular meeting 6:30pm-TOPSHAM at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall
ALL TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE OPEN



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December 2021

The trails are very wet and soft so exercise caution while riding. The weather has been flip flopping between warm, cold and rain. The water levels on the trails are very high, frozen water holes might seem safe but the ice is less than an inch thick it might support the weight of a person but will not support the weight of an ATV or UTV. Some of these water holes are over 3 feet deep and can cause your machine to get stuck in the ice or flipped sideways. ATV season is fast coming to a close, and the trails will be closing to ATV's/UTV's and snowmobile season will begin after the first large snow fall. The trails will be closed to all ATV's/UTV's with the exception of tracked ATV's/UTV's registered as snowmobiles for snowmobile season. I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season. We will be looking for people to help with trail setup and grooming this snowmobile season. There are still other rides taking place this month around the state.

Snowmobiles are not allowed on Trail #1B as this is an ATV only trail. The Snow is coming so get you're riding in now before Mother Nature blankets us in white and its SNOWMOBILE season again. Do your part to keep the trails in good shape by taking it easy on the brakes and throttle. If you find a spot that needs work let us know. I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season



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The trail routing between Middlesex rd. and Bay Park dr has changed due to landowner requests so please pay attention to signs and stay on marked trail. Hunting season is in full swing so remember to **stay alert and wear orange when in the woods**. Please leave all hunting setups along as they are on private property and may belong to the landowner. **Access between the East and West sides of town is not possible due to the trail being closed by the landowner several years ago.**

Access to and from Lisbon falls on trail #1C is not possible anymore due to a closed gate on the ward rd. Please stay off the trails during and just after heavy rains. This cuts down on the damage that has cost our club a lot of time and money to keep the Landowner's happy. Please ride safe out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the riding and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

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 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.

Permission required. A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the written 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.

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 landowner's property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all trails for everyone.

The Speed limit is 5 MPH on the Trail behind Nouria Shell, this is to help the trail stabilize due to soft soil and to help keep dust and noise to a minimum. The Speed limit is 15 MPH in the power line behind the rehab complex on rte. 196, if this speed limit is not followed the trail will be closed permanently. The Speed limit in residential areas like Bay Park and Topsham Crossing is 15MPH to help keep dust and noise to a minimum.

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.



WE ARE ON THE WEB
WWW.TOPSHAMTRAILRIDERS.COM

Dirt bikes are not allowed on Topsham trails this is permanent because landowners want the long-standing rule enforced.

That is no dirt bikes allowed on their property.

UTV's over 60" wide are not allowed on CMP property. RESPECT LANDOWNER'S - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND ONLY MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

While riding please wear proper protective equipment and keep speeds at a safe level. Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride Sober. Again, if you're out on the trail please bring a pair of clippers or even a small saw to help cut back the new growth from the summer. Every snip helps.



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