## TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER



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Due to our Social Nightfalling on on Valentine's Day this month we have elected to move it to Thursday, Feb 15th, at 6pm at Sea Dogs Restaurant in Topsham

Please come and enjoy a night with our friends. Make sure to update your status on our Facebook event so we can have a accurate count for the hostess!!



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

Hello Trailriders,

Is it safe to say that winter might have arrived in the Topsham area? Sadly, the answer is not quite yet! I have to believe that February will turn winter around for us! I am certain that there are a lot of outdoor enthusiast that would be very excited to see ice and snow just as we would be. When the snow does arrive and it will rest



assured TTR is ready to go! Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for trail updates.

However, despite the minimal snow that we've received we are certainly making the best of the winter season. We are looking forward to the upcoming Ski-Joring event being held at the Topsham Fair on Saturday, February 10th. If you have not already purchased your tickets please visit the www.topshamfair.net to get them. We will be there to help during the event but most importantly cheering on the participants!

Let's continue to wish for snow but as always be safe! See you on the trails! Jenny

# January Social 2024 at China Rose in Brunswick!



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# ALL TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE CLOSED TO ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES DUE TO LACK OF MINIMUM SNOW COVER.

#### **EVENTS**

### ATVing/Snowmobiling

February 10th — Topsham Fair—Ski Joring at Topsham Fair in Topsham 9 am.

February 15th — TTR Monthly Social Night at Sea Dogs in Topsham.

February 17th—American Legion Post 202 Softball Tournament for Local Veterans. Check the Facebook event for more info!

FEB 27TH TUESDAY REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT TTHE TOPSHAM LIBRARY AT 25 FORESIDE ROAD

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

DRIVE SAFETLY ON TRAILS

Ride Coordinator Write Up for February 2024 Newsletter

I think everyone would agree that winter in the southern part of the state is hard to predict! It is either wicked winter or hardly winter at all! To our snowmobile members I hope you are traveling to get some seat time on your sled! I personally sold my sled this year



to open a door on purchasing a side by side!

I like most of Topsham Trailriders members are counting the days till Spring. Let me feed the excitement with the following: As of 01/20/2024 there is only:

 $56\ days$  remain till Topsham Trailriders possible first trail work party scheduled for 3/16/24

133 days remain till Topsham Trailriders possible first out of town ride in Pittsfield on 6/01/24

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

January Social Night Photos (continued)
—We had 33 people show up! Impressive!

Thank you to Mike, Charlie, and Tim members of Topsham Trailriders for getting together in January to prepare the club's machine for winter. They removed the tires and installed our tracks in preparation for snow and our winter activities! Bring on the snow!!













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Trailmaster Charlie Parkinson 207-319-5142

All Trails are closed to ATV's/UTV's for snowmobile season. The only exception is ATV's/UTV's outfitted with snow tracks and registered as a snowmobile.

The trail entrance to the west side trails is closed until further notice, this means no access to the trails on the west side from or to the gas station due to landowner construction

Assistant Trail Master(s) James Belanger (Winter) Sam Bulmer (West Side) **Brad Hoskins (East Side)** 

Its SNOWMOBILE season again. The Trails will be open to snowmobiles once all cattle fences and gates have been opened, all trail obstructions have been removed, and the trails properly signed. There will Be some changes this season old trail #1A on the west side of town is CLOSED as properties have sold to new owners, the new trail that connects trail #1C in the powerline to trail #2A before Bradley pond. Please pay attention to signs for the changes. Snowmobiles are not allowed on Trail #1B this is an ATV only trail. If you have not looked at the trail map you need to so that you ride on the correct trails this season. We have many water crossing and we try to

keep an eye on them for your safety. If you see a sign that says thin ice, or trail closed, please stay off. If you see something that you think is not safe please let myself or Dan know ASAP.

I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season. We will be looking for people to help with trail setup and grooming this snowmobile season.

ALL RIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY 25 FEET AWAY FROM ALL POWER POLES AND GUIDE WIRES.

THE ATHLETIC FIELDS, PARKING LOTS, AND SCHOOL GROUNDS OF MT ARARAT HIGH SCHOOL ARE OFF LIMITS TO SNOWMOBILES. THE TOWER AREA AND TOWER ROAD ARE ALSO OFF LIMITS TO SNOWMO-BILES.

#### ALL ICE/WATER CROSSINGS ARE RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

All snowmobile trails are operated on privately owned land. Land Owners 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.

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

RIDE AT OWN RISK.

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TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LAND OWNER PERMIS-SION.

Take the extra time now to look over your sleds and make sure they are ready for some fun in the snow without the headache of being stuck out in the winter wonderland walking when you should be riding.

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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## TTR Member Tip of the Month Tip for February 2024 from: Rick Emmert

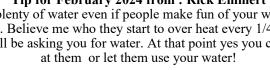
Bring plenty of water even if people make fun of your water bottle size. Believe me who they start to over heat every 1/4 of mile  $\Rightarrow$ they will be asking you for water. At that point yes you can laugh 🖈 at them or let them use your water!

# TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS MEMBERS:

If you are current member of Topsham Trailriders take note that sporadically throughout the month the club does remit emails to club members. We are either reminding our members of events or providing them with updates about events. If you have not received an email from us then we do not have your email address correct in our system. To check with us if we have your email correct in our system please send an email to both of the following email addresses: in-

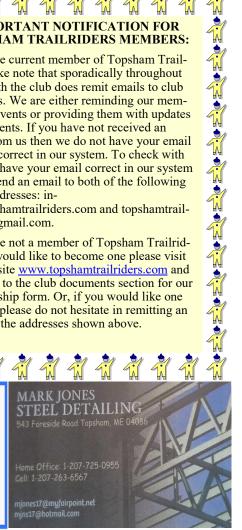
fo@topshamtrailriders.com and topshamtrailriders@gmail.com.

If you are not a member of Topsham Trailriders but would like to become one please visit our website www.topshamtrailriders.com and navigate to the club documents section for our membership form. Or, if you would like one emailed please do not hesitate in remitting an email to the addresses shown above.









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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 OF EACH MONTH SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LOCATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!

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Our regular meeting this month is on **Tuesday February 27th**. We will meet at the Topsham Library at 25 Foreside Road at 6:30pm