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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season! This past December we held our 16th annual Christmas social at the Fairground Café. We would like to thank them for hosting our event and a grand time was had by all of the folks who attended.

As we approach the beginning of 2024, I am happy to share that we will be entering into our 25th year of Topsham Trailriders. I am certain that we will drum up a few extra fun things this year to celebrate this milestone. As always, we will continue to work on improving our current trail systems along with offering many opportunities to ride with us around the great state of Maine.

To our snowmobile enthusiasts – keep doing your snow dance because this rain is doing no good to any trail system in the state.

See you on the trails!



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month on January 10th we'll be at Hacienda Pancho Villa 169 Pleasant St, Brunswick. We will need to provide the restaurant with a headcount of how many that will be joining us so please mark our Facebook Page if you are coming.

Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!

December 2023 Christmas Party at Topsham Fairground Café



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EVENTS

ATVing/Snowmobiling

January 10th — TTR's Social Night at Hacienda Pancho Villa in Brunswick 6 pm.

January 13th — TTR Track Installation Work Party to prepare the club's machine used for grooming 9 am at TTR Trailmaster's home. Contact us for address!

JANUARY 30TH— TTR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE TOPSHAM LIBRARY AT 25 FORESIDE ROAD

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

DRIVE SAFELY ON TRAILS

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! I can't imagine that I am the only person who is wishing for a deep freeze along with some snow for our snowmobile members. Being a fellow snowmobile enthusiast, I like many others in the great state of Maine can't wait to see ice and snow so we can get out and put some miles on those machines! I know we are all itching to ride but please be patient!

Please note that 2024 riding schedule is complete and Facebook events are being created as we speak and should be complete soon. Topsham Trailriders will once again be partnering up with We-ATV 207 to enhance next year's riding opportunities. We are certain to have another jammed pack riding season! As always if you would like to help during any of these events please feel free and contact myself, Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.



Mike

Christmas Party (cont) We would like to especially thank Sarah Caron and her crew for doing such a great job feeding us! Also a special shout out to Lena Pinette for her donation!



Topsham Trailriders would like to thank Main Street Bath for the invitation to participate in both Santa's ATV parade along with the visits to the Senior homes. We had such a great time riding around town spreading Christmas joy with all the local merchants. However, it always warms our hearts when we visit the Senior Homes and sing a couple of Christmas carols with them.



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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.

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

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

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 trail #1A on the west side of town has been relocated to the 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 one of the other trailmasters know ASAP.

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 SNOWMOBILES.

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

RESPECT LANDOWNERS - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. RIDE AT OWN RISK.

The only authorized parking lot to use on the east side is across from the bus garage for loading and unloading. Without property owners' consent there would be no trails for people to ride. 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.

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.

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.

Access between the East and West side of town is not possible anymore due to the trail being closed by the landowner several years ago.

TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LAND OWNER PERMISSION. RIDE AT OWN RISK.

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.



Notes from the Membership Chair

If you haven't gotten a package from us with your membership item please contact us ASAP. Also, if you have updated your email address please send us a email with your name so I can correct our records. The President sends out emails to members concerning the club so I want to make sure you receive her emails. The best email to reach me at is: info@topshamtrailriders.com

TTR Member Tip of the Month

Tip for January 2024 from : Denise Blanchette

Always clean your radiator after each use! This will help prevent over heating!

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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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Our regular meeting will resume on **Tuesday January 30th.**
We will meet at the Topsham Library at 25 Foreside Road at 6:30pm