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Hello Trailriders,

We have had a great start to the season so far with 2 out of town rides and a benefit ride in town. The benefit ride raised over \$600 that will help Tara, a local teenager, accomplish her goal of traveling to Alaska for the junior Iditarod. We wish her the best of luck! Coming up in mid-July we have a multi-day out of town ride in The County – check out our website or Facebook page for all of the details. We also will be doing our evening ride on the west side in July so we'd love to see you there. You'll start seeing a lot more about our pig roast and ride event on October 1st here shortly. Our very own Bob Sweeney has volunteered to do a whole hog pig roast to fundraise for the club. All of the details are on our Facebook event but if you have any questions about it or if you want to help out please reach out to one of the club officers. The tickets for the event are cheaper if you purchase them ahead of time so make sure to get yours early.

If you want more information than this newsletter, please check out our Facebook page, website, or come to our monthly meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone on the trails!



Matt Abbott



July 27th We had another great meeting with approximately 30 people in attendance. We had a surprise guest from the state - with positive feedback on our work so far!



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month Wednesday (July) 13th it will be held at Randy & Marcia's home at 96 Summer Street in Lisbon Falls. Come and enjoy a night with family and friends! This will be a BBQ and Pot Luck bring your favorite recipe! Randy says any time after 5pm! BYOB



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If you didn't get a Newsletter this month you didn't **PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE**. Our membership year expires **April 30th** so please fill out the renewal form, it 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. We hope this will make it easier for our members.

<https://topshamtrailriders.com/club-documents>

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We are trying hard to cut our Snail Mail cost so if you would like the newsletters by E-mail please e-mail at info@topshamtrailriders.com

Thanks All!

EVENTS

ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR

July 6th - Over the Hill Meeting at Mid-Coast Pizza, Bath at 6:30pm

July 13th- Social Night - Randy & Marcia Home at 96 Summer Street, Lisbon Falls—Pot Luck—BBQ—BOB

July 25th - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall.

Mike Little our Trail Ride coordinator is posting on our Facebook page our next rides Drive safely when the trails open.



JUL 15 - JUL 18

TTR Heads North to Presque Isle

SureStay Hotel by Best Western...



SAT, JUL 23 - 4 PM

TTR July Night Ride

Shell Station Rt. 196 Topsham Ma...



MON, JUL 25 - 6:30 PM

Regular Membership Meeting

Topsham Fair



SAT, JUL 30 - 7:30 AM

TTR Heads to Thorndike / Unity

Spanky's on Route 139



We had a great ride to support Tara's goal to go to Alaska and race in the Junior Iditarod. We were able to raise over \$600 for her through donations and raffles. The raffle prizes were donated by members and some of our business sponsors. Thank you to John Hibbard, Jenny Ouellet, Michael Little, 104 Main Public House, Urban Element, MOM's, Coastal Auto Parts - NAPA, and Central Maine Powersports!



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Trailmaster's Notes **All ATV trails in Topsham are open. - July 2022**



**Trailmaster
Charlie Parkinson
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We have a night ride on the west side of town starting from the shell park & ride on Saturday July 23rd with pizza before the ride starting at 4pm.

The trails seem to be holding up reasonably well this year except for the Brigham trail with all the heavy rain we've had this spring and people not giving it time to dry out before riding. Please lay off the gas on the trails, wet areas will only get worse the more people try to power through them so use 4-wheel drive and slow and steady power.

Please stay off the trails during and the day after heavy rains. This cuts down on the damage that has cost our club a lot of time and money to keep the Landowners happy. Please ride safe out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride this summer 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.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN, TIME TO REGISTER YOUR MACHINES.

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. 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.

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.



Dirt bikes and UTV's over 65" wide are not allowed on CMP Property period. This is a CMP rule that the club has no control over. The following trails are on CMP property #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, and #4 from RT.196 to RT.24. Any dirt bike or UTV over 65" caught on these trails will be charged with criminal trespass. Landowners 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 land owners 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. The Speed limit is 15 MPH in the power line behind the shop 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.

All ATV trails are operated on privately owned land, individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all ATV trails for everyone.

TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LANDOWNER PERMISSION.

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.

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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The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Topsham Fair Grounds

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This month at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition hall, Elm Street Topsham at 6:30pm