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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

The season is off to a great start! Compared to last June this June has knocked it out of the park with the great weather we are receiving! Thank you to everyone who has attended the events that we participated in during the month of June. I would advise that you continue to check our events located on either our Facebook page or on our website for the latest! We have quite a few opportunities for folks to come out and ride with us.



However, there is one special event we are hosting in July that holds a soft spot for each TTR member and that is our 25th Anniversary Night ride! Topsham Trailriders has been an established club for 25 years and we want to celebrate this accomplishment by hosting a ride! The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th and we will be exploring the trails on our West Side. To join us it only costs \$10.00 per person! We will also have food pizza and drinks available prior to the ride so please update your status as going or not going so we have enough for everybody! This event will be one for the books so mark your calendar folks so you don't miss it!

To help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary we've created special anniversary t-shirts. You may navigate to our website (www.topshamtrailriders.com) and click on the link located at the top of the site. The link will bring you to TTR's first ever digital store located on the gotvinyl207.com website. To ensure your anniversary shirt can be delivered to you by Got Vinyl Ink & Printing before the night ride please place your order no later than Friday, July 5th.

I can't wait to see all of the TTR anniversary shirts!

As always be safe and hope to you see you on the trails!



JULY SOCIAL NIGHT!

Join us for a pot luck social night at the home of our long time members Randy and Marcia Bickford 96 Summer Street Lisbon Falls.

They have kindly opened up their backyard and have offered to host TTR's July social night. It is important to note to everyone who is planning on attending that you will need to bring a dish ready to serve and share. Suggested food items include but not limited to: pizza, wings, kielbasa, salads, buffalo chicken dip, finger sandwiches, chili, and meatballs. We would like to provide our host with a headcount of how many that will be joining us so please mark if you are coming and what dish you will be bringing in an effort to prevent duplicates.

This event is weather dependent so as the event gets closer please check back for updates. We do our socials on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal and good conversation!

Photos from the June social held at Fairground Café' in Topsham. We had over 30 people attend! Fun Times!



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EVENTS

ATVing/Snowmobiling

- June 29th** — Out of Town Ride—China - Check website and Facebook for updates!
 - July 6th** — Out of Town Ride—Rumford to Knotty Moose in Roxbury - Check website and Facebook for updates!
 - July 10th** — TTR Social Night — Randy and Marcia Bickford's Home – Lisbon (Contact Jenny for address)— 6 pm
 - July 13th** —Moxie Day Parade—Lisbon Falls
 - July 14th** — TTR Trail Work Party– Meet at the West Side Park and Ride - Arrive well before 9 so you can be ready to work for 9am
 - July 20th** Topsham Trailriders Anniversary Celebration—West Side –Night Ride—Ride leaves parking lot at 6 pm
 - July 26th - July 29th**—Out of Town Overnight Trip to Madawaska—Check website and Facebook for updates!
 - July 29th** — Monthly Club Meeting being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall located at 54 Elm Street, Topsham at 6:30 pm.
- Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

DRIVE SAFELY ON TRAILS

The trail crew working together on building a bridge on our west side! Nicely done by all! Bridge was completed in one weekend!



Ride Coordinator Write Up for July Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who attended events that we held in June. We appreciate your support and your participation means a lot to the club. We are gearing up for busy month of July.



Our first ride in July is scheduled for Saturday, July 6th. We will be riding from Rumford to the Knotty Moose in Roxbury. We will be departing from the park and ride located at 986 Prospect Ave Rumford ME at 8:45 am. Please bring extra fuel if you are concerned about your fuel consumption.

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary we will be participating in the Moxie Day parade on Saturday, July 13th. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 am but I anticipate we will need to be there much earlier than that. At this time, we are planning parking and departing from the Left Hand Club house located on Wagg Road. When I know what time, we need to be lined up for we will add it to the event. A reminder to participate in this event you must be a member of Topsham Trailriders for insurance purposes.

Following the Moxie Day parade, we will continue with anniversary celebrations by hosting TTR's 25th Anniversary West Side Night Ride on Saturday, July 20th. Registration for this event begins at 5:00 pm and the ride will depart at 6:00 pm. The cost to join us for this event is \$10.00 per person and we will have pizza, door prizes, and oodles of raffles.

We end the month when head north for another grand adventure in Madawaska. We will head north on Friday, July 26th and return on Monday, July 29th. We do not have any official plans to ride the Friday when we arrive but never say never! I do know that during our other two days we are planning on heading to Eagle Lake area and Presque Isle area.

If you have any questions these events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either myself or the club.

As a reminder, all of our 2024 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out for additional details. 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.

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I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have come out for the past couple of months helping us prepare the trails. We have been able to accomplish so much work in a short amount of time and it also helps to set us up for a great season. We will soon be hosting a night ride on the west side of town. We will be starting from the Nouria Park & Ride on Saturday July 20th with pizza before the ride starting at 5pm. We would love to see many of your there to celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

Operating an ATV in wetlands, marshes, rivers, and streams is illegal in Maine.

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 ride this summer and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

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.



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.

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

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!
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed. Permission required. A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the permission of the landowner or lessee.

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.

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.

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.

MEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH FROM Dan Parlin. OBEY THE RULES - Obey posted signs and stay on the trails. WATCH YOUR SPEED - Always ride at a safe and responsible speed.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS MEMBERS: If you have not sent in your annual club dues you are in danger of not receiving another newsletter! Also, if you have not received an email from us than we do not have your email address correct in our system.

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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 FACE-BOOK PAGE FOR THE LOCATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!

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Our regular meeting this month is scheduled for **Monday, July 29th** .
We will meet at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall at 6:30pm