TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER



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JUNE SOCIAL NIGHT!

Join us for a meal at Fairground Café located in the Topsham Fair Mall in Topsham on Wednesday, June 12th at 6 pm.

We like to provide an accurate head count to the restaurant so please let us know by either updating your status within the Facebook event or email us.

A reminder that our socials are held on the second Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good meal with good conversation!



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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

For the past couple of months, we've been busy preparing our trails for the upcoming season with the help of some AMAZING volunteers. Our volunteers have put in hundreds of hours since January to ensure our trails would be ready. The dedication and commitment from these volunteers is truly next level. We are kicking off the 2024 ATV season with a bang and it is because of all of their hard work. The entire board and I can't thank them enough!



Our Ride Coordinator has put together another full ride schedule this year which include both day trips and overnight weekend trips covering from Madawaska to New Hampshire. Please navigate to our events page on either the website (www.topshamtrailriders.com) or on our Facebook page to see details about these events. You do not need to be a member of Topsham Trailriders to ride with us.

Topsham Trailriders will once again be hosting a benefit ride for House in the Woods and we've joined efforts with Oxford Trail Ryders. Since we still have a little bit of trail work that still needs to be complete on our West side, Oxford Trail Ryders has offered to host this year's event. The ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th and will begin at 2:00 pm. House in the Woods, is a Lee, Maine-based organization that brings veterans, active duty, military and their families together to experience outdoor adventures like hunting, fishing, canoeing and hiking. With many who served their country dealing with grief, loss and stress, House in The Woods helps those who serve share stories, tears, and laughter, all while fostering new friendships and bonds. The ride will be leaving from the dirt parking lot located on the Number Six Road

in Oxford at 3 pm. The cost for this event is 10.00 per person and everyone is welcome to ride with us. All proceeds from the 50/50 and registration costs will be donated to House in the Woods.

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



Photos from the May Social 2024 at El Rodeo in Brunswick!



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TRAILS ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON. THE west side of town will hopefully be open for memorial day. Page 2

E	→	•:	Ride Coordinator Write Up for June Newsletter	
V	EVENTS	÷	It's been a long time coming but	
E	ATVing/Snowmobiling June 1st — Ken Snowdon's Memorial Ride — Pittsfield to	÷	here it is - the event you've been waiting for—Topsham Trailrid-	
N	Greenville — Pittsfield — 8:30 am June 2nd — TTR East Side Trail Work Party- East Side —	÷	ers first ride of the season. The first event is an out-of-town ride	
Т	Topsham — Ready to work for 9 am June 8th — TTR & Oxford Trail Ryder's House in the Woods	:	and it is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 st and we are riding from	
S	Benefit Ride — Location of Ride: Oxford — Meet at the Park and Ride located on Number 6 Road in Oxford — Ride leaves at 3 pm — Bring a picnic!		Pittsfield to Greenville. This event is expected to have a large	
	June 12th — TTR Social Night — Fairground Café –Topsham — 6 pm		turnout so please know that ahead Pittsfield very early on June 1 st so	
2	June 15th — **IMPORTANT** TTR West Side Trail Work Party – West Side — Topsham — Ready to work for 9 am	÷	at the Topsham McDonalds at 7 a everyone at the Park and Ride on	
0	June 16th — **IMPORTANT** TTR West Side Trail Work Party – West Side — Topsham — Ready to work for 9 am	÷	minder that we will be departing late. Please remember that this e	
2	June 21st to June 24 th - Out of Town Ride in Lincoln, ME — Check the Facebook event or website for details.	÷	Snowdon and lunch is being prep Riders and Moosehead Motorspo	
4	June 24th — Monthly Club Meeting being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall located at 54 Elm Street, Topsham at 6:30 pm. All are welcomed to join us!	÷	for Moosehead ATV Riders to he and for their so I hope you would for their club	
т	 Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details! 	÷	Later in the month, on Saturday,	
T T	DRIVE SAFETLY ON TRAILS	÷	benefit ride for House in the Woo We will be heading to Oxford for	
R	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	.:	meeting at the park-and-Ride loc	
	Trail Crew working together on our recent wes side trail work party! Nicely done!	st	Oxford. Registration for this ever will be departing for the ride at 3 picnic to enjoy during the ride.	
C		1/	The fun continues when we head	
L			June 21 st to Monday, June 24 th .	
U			urday and Sunday. At this time, Autism Benefit Ride that Cold St	
B			June 22 nd . And Sunday, June 23 ¹ which has yet to be determined.	
			that you plan on packing lunch for If you have any questions these e	
			reaching out to either myself or the	
A			As a reminder, all of our 2024 A' have been posted on our Faceboo	
С			for additional details. As always any of these events, please contac	
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mow that ahead of time. I will be heading to y on June 1st so I will not be able meet the group cDonalds at 7 am. I will be anxiously awaiting rk and Ride on Crosby St. in Pittsfield. A re-Il be departing as close to 8:30 am so don't be nber that this event is a memorial ride for Ken h is being prepared by the Moosehead ATV head Motorsports! Donations will be collected V Riders to honor all that Ken did for the sport ope you would consider making a cash donation

on Saturday, June 8th, we will be co-hosting a use in the Woods with Oxford Trail Ryders. g to Oxford for this event where we will be -and-Ride located on the Number Six Road in on for this event will kick off at 2:00pm and we or the ride at 3:00 pm. Please pack yourself a ring the ride.

when we head to the Lincoln area from Friday, ay, June 24th. We are planning on riding on Sat-At this time, we've made plans to join in the de that Cold Stream Cruzers is facilitating on nday, June 23rd will be an adventure somewhere e determined. At this time, I would recommend cking lunch for both days.

estions these events, please do not hesitate in her myself or the club.

of our 2024 ATV events and trail work parties on our Facebook page so please check them out ils. As always if you would like to help during s, please contact me, Michael Little, Ride Coorm Trailriders at 207-522-3780.



Trailmasters Notes

Trailmaster Charlie Parkinson 207-319-5142

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

Trails on the East side of town are open for the season. The west side of town will hopefully be open for Memorial Day.

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 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.



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.

The Trails are going to need a lot of work in order to prepare them for the opening of the season this year. We will start doing trail work on the weekends weather permitting. All are welcome and encouraged to help the trail maintenance crew prep for opening day. We will have some working weekends over the next 2 months so if you can spare some time please give me a call.

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.

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4. Familiarize yourself with local regulations and bylaws regarding ATV usage.

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age/size guidelines are:

5. Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, waterproof matches, a whistle, insect repellant 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.

Golden Rules for Safe ATV Operation

1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.

2. Never ride on public roads - another vehicle could

3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other

4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.

5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age. The CPSC

Age 12 and older 70cc - 90cc

Age 16 and older Over 90cc

6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not

7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.

8. Take an ATV Rider Course: to enroll call toll

Age 6 and older

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!

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.

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.

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 al-

lowed on CMP property.







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 <u>do not</u> 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: info@topshamtrailriders.com and topshamtrailriders@gmail.com. <u>؋ڹؚۜڂ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ؋ڹڿ</u>

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 FACE-BOOK PAGE FOR THE LO-CATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!

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> Our regular meeting this month is scheduled for Monday, May 27th . We will meet at the Topsham Fairground Exhibition Hall at 6:30pm