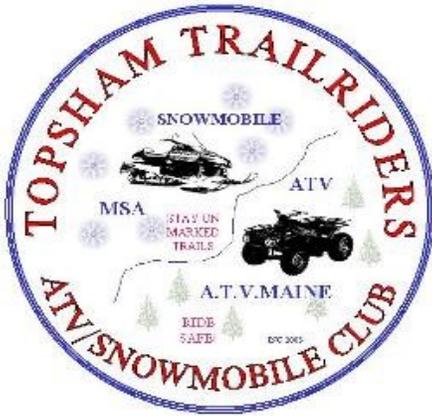


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## Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

I hope everyone is enjoying our rather mild winter thus far! Despite our best efforts with creating a solid base on our snowmobile trails mother nature was not as cooperative with providing additional snow. We are in hopes that there maybe a couple of decent early March snowstorms that could produce some decent snow! Stay tuned!



Even though we are still thinking snow we are busy preparing for the upcoming Maine Sportsman Show held at the Augusta Civic Center. The show this year will kick off on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue until Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. TTR will once again have a booth during the show. It is a great opportunity for folks to renew their annual club membership, pick up a 2023 trail work and ride schedule, or better yet come and meet TTR! If you do head to the Sportsman Show please stop by and visit with us!

Let's continue to wish for snow but as always be safe!

See you on the trails!



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at

6:00pm. This Month March 8th we'll be at Pat's Pizza at 112 Pleasant Street, Brunswick

Join us for a meal at Pat's Pizza! Please mark our Facebook page if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

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



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EVENTS

Atv/Snowmobiling

Feb 27th - TTR Monthly Meeting at 6:30 pm with the Board meeting at 6 pm. A reminder that this month the meeting is being held in the St. John's Church basement (Located on Pleasant St) in Brunswick

Mar 8th - Our Social Night is being held in March 8th at 6pm at Pat's Pizza, Brunswick

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The Maine sportsman show is Friday March 31, 2023 through Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the Augusta Civic Center come see us there.

Mike Little our Ride Coordinator is posting on our Facebook page our next rides.

DRIVE SAFETLY ON TRAILS

**Shout out to ATV Maine** for facilitating multiple Municipal Grant training sessions all around the State! Topsham was able to attend the session held the Feb 19th in the afternoon in Lisbon and we thought the class and discussion contained useful content! Appreciate the Riverside Trailriders for hosting the event!



**Topsham Trailriders is looking to streamline some of our current processes** and one of which includes how we send out our fantastic newsletter. Effective immediately, if you are currently receiving our newsletter in the mail and would like to begin receiving it electronically instead please remit an email from the email address that you would like to have the newsletter sent to, to the following email:  
  
info@topshamtrailriders.com.

As a reminder, our 2023 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out. Please 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.



Mike Little



TTR PARTICIPATES IN THE SKI JORING RACES

Topsham Trailriders assisted during the 2nd Annual Ski Joring event put on by the Topsham Fair! We had a grand time and enjoyed watching the competitors who were participating in today's event! Thank you for inviting us to be part of this grand event!



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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.



Trailmaster  
Charlie Parkinson  
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The Maine Sportsman Show is Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Augusta Civic Center and Topsham will have a booth set-up. Please come by and visit with us.

Remember that it is still snowmobile season. The trails will be open to snowmobiles once all cattle fences and gates been opened along with all trail obstructions have also been removed and when the trails are properly signed. Hopefully mother nature decides to give us snow. There are some changes this season beginning with trail #1A on the west side of town is CLOSED because the properties have been sold to new owners. So to get around this there is a new trail that connects trail #1C in the powerline to trail #2A before Bradley Pond. Please pay attention to the signs that notate these changes. Please remember that snowmobiles are not allowed on trail #1B this is an ATV trail only. If you have not looked at the trail map I would recommend that you do

so that you will ride on the correct trails this season. We have many water crossings and we do our best to keep an eye on them for your safety. If you see a sign that says thin ice, or trail closed, please stay off that water crossing or trail. *ALL WATER CROSSINGS ARE NOT CURRENTLY SAFE TO CROSS DUE TO LACK OF ICE.* If you see something that you think is not safe, please let myself or any member of the board now as soon as possible

**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 SNOWMOBILES.**

**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. Landowner's 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 landowner's 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.**

**Access to and from Lisbon falls on trail #1C is not possible anymore due to a closed gate on the ward rd.**

While riding please wear proper protective equipment and keep speeds at a safe level. Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride Sober.



Charlie grooming for SKIJORING RACES!



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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\*\*\*\***

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