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## Notes from our President - Matt Abbott

Hello Trailriders,

The weather is warming up and the club is ramping up its activities again. Our ATV riding season will start as soon as we are able to get you on the trails in a responsible manner so, please stay off of them until then out of respect for the landowners and your fellow riders. If you're really itching to break the machine out feel free to join us at one of our trail parties – you may not get a ton of miles in but you'll get on the trails and a free lunch! In May we have trail parties, an ATV safety course, the Topsham/ Brunswick Memorial Day parade, and our regular meeting. The ATV Safety course is full at this time but the club is looking into doing the course more regularly; and we'll be including snowmobile too! If you want to ride your machine in the parade let the club know so we can get you all the details. As the details for the trail parties get finalized they'll be posted on the website and Facebook page so keep an eye out. We're always looking for volunteers for on and off trail activities so if you've got a skill you'd like to use for the clubs benefit we'd love to hear from you. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this ATV riding season.



Matt Abbott



Work done on the West side of town on April 9th! thanks go out to Vertical Excavation for their help and all the volunteers!



Ride safe!

## LAST DUES NOTICE!

**It would be real nice this year to have your Dues paid before the Due Date APRIL 30!!**

**Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (May) 11th we'll be at Urban Element, 235 Lewiston Rd., Maine at 6pm.! Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!**



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Our membership year expires April 30th so please have your annual membership dues paid by then. You can find our new forms (regular and business) on our website under the "Club Documents" section.

The form 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](mailto:info@topshamtrailriders.com). We hope this will make it easier for our members.

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

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This Month I've included several images of the Trail crews working to fix many hot spots on our trails!

Thanks All!

EVENTS

ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR

April 30th - East Side Trail Party Part 2

May 4th Over the Hill Meeting at MidCoast Pizza, Bath at 6:30pm

May 11th- Social Night – Urban Element

May 31st - Memorial Parade

May 31<sup>th</sup> - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fair-ground Exhibition Hall.

Mike Little our Trail Ride coordinator is working on giving us a list of up coming ATV rides this year. Drive safely when the trails open.

**ALL TRAILS IN TOPSHAM ARE CLOSED**



The Crew working on the East Side trail system last Saturday! Thanks to all these Volunteers and the Machine operators especially!

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**THE TRAILS ARE EXPECTED TO REOPEN MID MAY - JUNE WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS PERMITTING. THERE IS NO SET DATE FOR THE TRAILS TO OPEN. MANY FACTORS AFFECT THE TRAILS OPENING DATE WEATHER, TRAIL DAMAGE, AND MOST IMPORTANT THE LANDOWNER.**

**THE USE OF ATV'S ON A CLOSED TRAIL DURING MUD SEASON IS CONSIDERED FELONY TRESPASSING.**

If you see any-one on the trails or getting ready to head out on the trails please inform them the trails are closed till they dry up. I will remove all the signs and chains as soon as they are ready for use. We will have some working weekends over the next month so if you can spare some time, please give me a call. The trails are drying up slowly, the frost heave is settling down and the snow is all gone.

**If the trails are posted as closed and the entry way is blocked, then the trails are closed to all motorized vehicles period. Going around or through the barriers and riding the trails anyway is felony trespassing and jeopardizes the use of all trails, all individuals caught doing so can deal with the Game Wardens.**

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 month so if you can spare some time, please give us 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.
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.

**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 no longer allowed on Topsham trails this is permanent because landowners want the long-standing rule enforced. That is no dirt bikes allowed on their property.**



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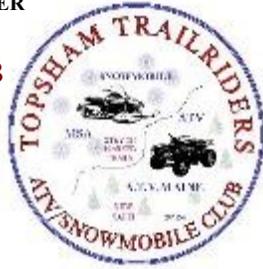
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**The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Topsham Fair Grounds**

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*This month we will again be at the Topsham Fairgrounds Exhibition hall, Elm Street Topsham at 6:30pm*