

TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Notes from our President - Matt Abbott

Hello Trailriders,

The dog days of summer are passing us by and another great fall riding season is in front of us. The heat didn't slow the club down. We had several big rides in August including our out of state ride to NH as well as our annual participation in the Topsham Fair. The fair is a great time to get the family out and enjoy some good fun, I was lucky enough this year to take in the annual ATV/UTV mud run that was put on by MOMs of Topsham this year. September will bring some great riding weather and the club plans to take advantage when we head to Rangeley on the 17th and to Bridgeton on the 25th. This is also a good chance to remind everyone to get their pig roast tickets before September 16th because after that prices go up! Get your ticket early to help us plan for the right amount of food and to save money for yourself. September is also the month we nominate new people for officer's positions and board positions. If you have any interest in one of these roles, please let us know, we're always looking for new volunteers. Even if an official position isn't something you're interested in let us know if you want to help and what talents and skills you have and I'm sure we can find a project. As always our apparel can be purchased at any club event or meeting – the money raised through apparel goes directly to supporting the trail system!



Matt Abbott and Angela

Ride safe!

Matt



MR. & Mrs. Hoskins Cleaning the Grandstands at the Topsham Fair! Thanks Much you two!



Linda Parlin ripping Losing Tickets at the Topsham Trailriders Booth at the Fair



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (September) 14th we'll be at Pat's Pizza, Pleasant Street Brunswick!

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



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EVENTS

**ATV'ING/SNOWMOBILING
ADVENTURES THIS YEAR**

July 30th—TTR is heading to Thorndike / Unity area. We will be exploring the trails in that area. We will be leaving promptly at 7:30 am from the Topsham McDonald's.

August 29th - TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fair-ground Exhibition Hall.

Sept 7th - Over the Hill Meeting at MidCoast Piza, Bath at 6:30pm

Sept 14th— at 6pm our Social Night – 104 Main Public House,

SEPT. 25th AT 7:30 AM TTR is Heading to 720 S Bridgton Rd, Bridgton, please see FB for Details!

Sept. 26th TTR Regular meeting at 6:30pm and Board meeting at 6pm —at the Topsham Fair-ground Exhibition Hall.

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

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

**Topsham Trailriders ATV /
Snowmobile Club
Ride & Pig Roast Fundraiser**

October 1st

Ride: 2 pm Meal: 4 pm

54 Elm St Topsham Fairgrounds

Pre-Order Tickets before 9/16

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 AT 2 PM

Ride & Pig Roast Barbecue Club Fundraiser

Details

We have created multiple ways to purchase tickets for this event. Your options are:

1. Purchase them at any TTR club event.
2. Purchase them at any monthly club meeting.
3. Purchase them by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/wTHT7AmH3aof1cM8>

The menu will include some of our classics from our bean suppers such as beans, American chop suey, variety of pasta salads, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, desert and much more!

If you have any questions about the event please either message the TTR Facebook page.

Tickets will be collected at meal time.

All are welcomed to join us.

TTR NEWSLETTER

CORNER

**EDITOR & MEMBERSHIP CHAIR -
DAN PARLIN**

**LOTS IN THIS MONTH'S NEWS-
LETTER**

**WE HAD OUR NH RIDE WHICH
WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL!**

**LOTS GOING ON IN SEPT PLEASE
CHECK OUR FB PAGE. DON'T FOR
GET THE PIG ROAST TO BENEFIT
THE CLUB! PLEASE TAKE TIME
TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT!**

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BY E-MAIL PLEASE SEND US AN
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**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT
SEPTEMBER**

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We had a good time at the Topsham Fair and hope you all had the time to enjoy it as I did. Hunting season starts this month so remember to **stay alert and wear orange when in the woods.**

We have put a lot of work in the trails this year too from moving boulders and filling in mud holes and stream approaches to bridge repair, and the trails seem to be holding up well this year

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.

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.

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

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 landowners 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 Noria 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.

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.



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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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Our regular meetings will be the **LAST** Monday of each month.

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