

Topsham Trailriders July Meeting



Date: Monday, July 28th, 2025

Location: Exhibition Hall, Topsham Fairgrounds

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little
Tim Williams
Ashleigh Rolfson (by phone)

Board of Directors Present: Michael Little
John Bursley
Sam Bulmer
Stephanie Burnham
Brad Hoskins

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon
Isaac Ruehl
James Belanger
Cindy Sheain
Rick Emmert
Anika Emmert
Tim Moody

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:33 pm

Approximately 24 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report

Ashleigh Rolfson emailed a copy of the June minutes to all club members. No one in attendance requested any edits to be made to the minutes that were sent out.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to approve the Secretary's report

Motion Accepted by Kyle McComiskey
Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

Exploring the Possibility of Reconnecting our East and West Side

The club is in the very early stages of talking with the town about regaining our permission to use Rt. 201 to kick off our reconnecting our two independent trail systems. I imagine there will be many phases to this discussion but just knowing that the club is trying and it is very exciting. I'll keep everyone posted on the progression.

Treasurer Report

Tim was not able to attend the meeting but provided a printed treasurer report to Jenny Little who printed it out for the folks who attended the meeting but it will also be attached to the minutes when they are sent out.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to approve the treasurer's report for the July report provided at the meeting

Motion accepted by Ron Carey

Was Passed with No Opposition

~~Tim Moody abstained from the vote~~

Trail Master

Tim Williams provided the following update:

East Side

All of trails on the East side are open and are in fairly decent shape.

Jenny Little informed the group that a state inspection was recently completed on our East side and from the report Tim and I were received it went fairly well. There were a couple of recommendations on section of trails out behind the pit near lovers lane which will be looked at soon as tomorrow to create a plan of action.

It was mentioned during our meeting that there is a large rock near the pond area that has a ~~huge metal hook attached to it~~ that has an extension coming out on the side of the rock that has a shape of a hook. The trail crew advised that they will inspect things during the work party on July 29th.

West Side

All the trails that we have permission to use are currently open. Hopefully Bursey will be able to get out there sometime this month.

Tuesday night work parties

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The Tuesday night work parties will continue until Tuesday, September 2nd. Remember to check out either the Facebook event or information on our website with additional details for each work party.

Upcoming Trail Work Parties:

Tuesday, July 29th at 5 pm

East side work party

Meeting Location: Meet at our East Side Park and Ride located at the entrance of the Mt. Ararat High School (68 Eagles Way, Topsham)

Tasks: We will be brushing back the trail system, cutting small stubs in the trail system, and completing a general inspection

Tools: Brush cutters, chain saws, machines, and plenty of water!

Tuesday, August 12th at 5 pm

(If you do head out, please let Jenny know which trail you worked on and for how long you were working.)

Meet Up Location: Volunteers Choice

Tasks: More than likely cutting brushback

Tools: brush cutters and machine

Tuesday, August 19th at 5 pm

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: Meet at the end of 68 Branch Road Topsham ME

Tasks: Cutting brush back, adding additional signage, and completing a general inspection

Tools: Brush cutters, staple gun, staples, water, and machine

Tuesday, August 26th at 5 pm

West Side Work Party

Meeting Location: West Side Park and Ride

Tasks: Clean up the access trail leaving the park and ride

Tools: brush cutters, weedwhacker and water.

Committee Section:

BBQ Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

Our annual clubhouse cookout ride and BBQ event is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th. I will not be around that weekend so therefore I am seeking a club member who would like to help coordinate this event. I am happy to help but will not be available the day of. If we are not able to secure a volunteer by Friday, August 15th the Board and I will have discussion on how to move forward with that event.

UPDATE: After the meeting Jenny heard from a member who would be interested in assisting to plan this event. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Jenny.

Apparel Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder that I had reached out to Kim at Got Vinyl 207 in hopes she could draft up three designs for us. One of the designs was a combination of We-ATV 207 and TTR, the second was a TTR Crew shirt and the third was a TTR Event Staff shirt. Circulating this evening are two updated designs I received from her. I am seeking your thoughts so we can get the combination shirt added to our store hopefully soon.

UPDATE: The joint We-ATV 207 & TTR tshirt options were received well by the group. Shout out to Jessica E. for designing those for us. However, the top choice of the two logos was the logo shown below:



There was one suggestion to inquire if the X that is located in between Topsham Trailriders and We ATV 207 be updated to a & symbol instead. An email will be remitted to Got Vinyl to inquire about that change as well as verifying that the logo is printed in black. If everything works out, we should have this item added to our digital store in the near future.

Also, please don't forget that TTR has an active digital store with plenty of options to choose from. The link for our digital store will be included in the minutes so please check it out and order yourself something new! Here is the link:

<https://www.gotvinyl207.com/topsham-trailriders>.

Maine Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

Mark your calendar with the dates for next year's show:

Friday, March 27th

Saturday, March 28th

Sunday, March 29th

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little provided the following update:

Ride Coordinator Notes – August Ride Calendar

We're rolling into August with a full calendar of rides!

Before I jump into each of the events for the month, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that during our rides we use the Polaris Ride command app. We either it running on our machine or on our phones. If you don't know the ride command app has a feature called a group ride which allows fellow participants to join the group. The group ride allows us to keep track of who is where and at what time. It would only be in your benefit if you joined in the group ride during these events.

However, occasionally, when we participate in another club's event, we may not necessarily kick off a group ride. We certainly can if folks would like us to.

Now to the fun stuff: Take notes....

17 Saturday, August 2nd – Upton Exploration Ride (Rough and tight in spots)

Destination: Upton

Meet-Up Options:

Across the street from 22 Barnes Road, Upton ME is a small field. We will be parking in the field. Please park tight to ensure we all will fit!

What to Bring:

Bag lunch / Extra fuel

Sense of adventure

Notes: Full day ride with mixed terrain

17 Saturday, August 9th – Annual Autism Ride with Pulpit Rock Trail Blazahs

Purpose: Support the Autism Ride hosted by the Pulpit Trailblazers

Meet-Up Location: Topsham McDonald's – Depart at **7:00 AM sharp**

Options:

Ride with the group from Topsham

Meet directly at the event site

17th July **August 14th–17th – Moosehead Lake Overnight Ride**

Thursday, August 14th: Arrival day (no organized ride)

Friday, August 15th: Ride destination TBD

Saturday, August 16th: Ken Snowdon Memorial Raffle Ride (hosted by Moosehead ATV Riders)

Daily Meet-Up: Ken Snowdon Park-and-Ride, Depot St., Greenville Junction – **8:30 AM**

17th July **Saturday, August 23rd– Hailey’s Wind Tower Ride**

Purpose: Benefit ride for Team Hailey Hugs

Group Departure: Topsham – **7:00 AM**

Ride Start: 10:00 AM at **1162 Roxbury Notch Rd., Roxbury, ME**

Notes:

Lunch available for purchase (bring cash)

Scenic ride with a meaningful cause

Heather B. inquired if we were aware of a collection occurring for this event because last year, they collected Legos and the club donated \$100 dollars worth of Legos.

Motion was made by Heather Benson for the club to purchase up to \$150 of the item they are collecting (if any) for this year’s event, and if they are not the club would then make a \$150 donation to the event.

Motion accepted by Kyle McComiskey

Was Passed with 1 person opposing it

17th July **Saturday, August 30th – West Paris Exploration Ride**

Destination: West Paris (muddy, rough trails – be prepared!)

Meet-Up Options:

Topsham McDonald’s – Depart at **7:00 AM**

Park-and-Ride - Rusty Lantern Market (175 Bethel Road West Paris ME) – Depart at **8:30 AM**

What to Bring:

Bag lunch / Extra fuel

Notes: Limited parking; exploring lesser-traveled trails

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

And as always if anyone would like to receive a copy of the riding schedule, please see me.

Update from the Membership Chair

Rick Emmert was not able to attend the meeting so therefore we are not able to provide an update at this time.

Ride for a Cure

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Date for our Ride for a Cure ride is: October 18th, 2025

Event Location: Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fairgrounds (32 Community Way, Topsham ME)

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Drivers meeting at 9:35 am

Departure time 10 am

Cost: \$20 a machine

The Ride for a Cure Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

Ride for a Cure Special Event Shirts

It is with much excitement that we share with you that our special event sponsorship shirt design is live and has been shared over and over with the ATV community. We currently have 34 sponsors committed on tracking sheet but a few of those still need to remit their payments. There are just a couple more days to get either your club name or a name added to the shirt but please keep in mind that the final deadline to become a sponsor on the shirt is August 1st which is the end of this week.

The cost to have a name added to the shirt is \$50.00. A name will only be added to the list of sponsorships once both a completed sponsorship form and payment have been received. Here are the payment options available:

1. Cash
2. Check – Please make the check payable to Ride for a Cure and in the memo indicate TTR event shirt
3. Debit or Credit Card (Online) – navigate to the www.rideforacure.net website to facilitate your payment.

I have event sponsorship forms available this evening so please take one or two and get those sponsorships rolling in.

I am pleased to share that thus far TTR have 28 completed t-shirt sponsors which has generated a total of \$1,400.00.

Ride for a Cure Digital Store

The Ride for a Cure Digital store is still active and accepting orders. Colleen heard from Kim that she's received 28 shirt orders thus far. Remember that we will NOT have the special event shirts available for purchase the day of the event. I encourage everyone to navigate to the store to place an order ASAP. Here is the link for the store:

<https://www.gotvinyl207.com/ride-for-a-cure>

The items listed on the store are all that we will have available and Kim will only begin printing the shirts early next week once we conclude our shirt sponsorships. If you have any questions, please contact me (Jenny Little) for further assistance.

Ride for a Cure Flyer

We have an event flyer unique to our event and we need your help to spread the flyers out in both our local community along with your local community. I've printed a few this evening and would like to ask you to take one with you to hang on a local community board.

Day of Event

There will be a variety of activities scheduled for that day. At this time China Four Seasons has generously paid for renting the Tilt Master (aka Hilltop Rocker) for the event. We will also have Face Painting, cornhole, giant jenga games, and hopefully a DJ.

Let us not forget that there will also be a pie contest. Folks will have the opportunity to purchase a chance at possibly throwing a pie in either my face, Tom Rumpf's face and Brandy's face.

Road Crossings for day of event

The event is being hosted on the East side of our trail system and there are a couple of road crossings we will need to contend with during the event. The first road crossing will occur when we leave the Topsham Fairgrounds but there is a traffic light to help facilitate crossing Rt. 196.

However, the other crossings occur on both residential roads and major town roads which present both traffic and safety concerns. During the July 9th Ride for a Cure board meeting, I approached the Board to share with them our concerns and inquire if they would agree to hire a police officer for the event to ensure road crossings occur efficiently and safely. At the time of their meeting, I was not aware of what the cost would be but didn't think it would exceed

\$500.00 and perhaps both Ride for a Cure and Topsham Trailriders could split the cost. Since then, I have approached the Chief of Police for the Town of Topsham and received a little more information.

Questions that were remitted to the Chief:

1. Is there a minimum time frame? **The officers receive a minimum of 4 hours for a detail.**
2. Do we dictate the hours? **You can pick the hours yes. But it would have to be in one 4-hour block. You can't break it up for example as 07:00 to 09:00am and then 1:00pm to 3:00pm. That would be two separate details.**
3. How much will it cost? **\$87.04 per hour per officer.**
4. How far in advance can this be setup? **You can set it up as far ahead in advance as you want. If you choose to go with an officer I will post it here in the patrol room with description of where you would want to meet officer and it is open to be filled by whoever signs up. I will then advise you of whoever signs up.**

I would like to seek the club's input this evening on how we should proceed with the police escort. Do we wish to absorb the cost of hiring the officer which would be around \$350.00? Or, do we wish to split the cost with Ride for a Cure?

Motion was made by Ron Carey to hire a Police Officer for our Ride for a Cure special event. We will be splitting the cost of \$350.00 with Ride for a Cure (Topsham) so we should spend up to \$150.00.

Motion accepted by Phil Rand

Was Passed with No Opposition

Corporate Sponsorships / Silent Auction

And finally, I know that I sound like a bit of a broken record but one of the most important pieces of this event is the corporate sponsorship! The committee is hopeful that each TTR member is able to ask one or two businesses. Having your generous support would help to make this event exceptionally successful. Similar to previous month's we will include the updated corporate sponsorship letter for your convenience.

Account Balance in the Topsham Trailriders Ride for a Cure Account:

As of 07.28.2025 - \$2,490.02

Clubhouse Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update:

TTR is still actively seeking a Clubhouse Committee Chair! This person will work alongside yours truly, Jenny, to help coordinate meetings and begin creating some items we need to have in place to ensure we can begin seeking out funding. It's not an overwhelming task—I promise, we're a fun group to work with! But to find a future clubhouse, we need someone willing to help take the lead. If that sounds like you or someone you know, please reach out to me. And as always, we're still collecting bottles through our CLYNK program—let me know if you need any green bags!

Old Business:

Moxie Day Parade

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Despite there being a thunderstorm at the beginning of the parade, the event was still fun to participate in and see the faces of the folks who chose to ride out the storm.

July Night Ride

Jenny Little provided the following update:

I'm thrilled to report that our July 19th Pizza party night ride event went well — especially considering the number of changes we had to make! From adjusting food options to shifting the departure ride location and a few other behind-the-scenes tweaks, it was truly a team effort.

Despite these changes, we were able to pull off a fantastic event that brought 30 machines together in a big way. Whether you rode, volunteered, or just came out to show support, THANK YOU! Your participation and positive energy made all the difference.

Below is a breakdown of our event expenses and the total amount raised for the club.

July 2025 Breakdown:

Event Breakdown:	Expenses Breakdown:
Gift Card/Raffle: n/a	Water: \$11.92
Misc Donations: \$8.00	Pizza: \$231.17
Pizza Table: \$225.00	Ice: \$6.10
Apparel Table: \$60.00	Paper Products: \$20.59
Registrations: \$495.00	
50/50: \$70.00	

GRAND TOTAL IS: \$588.22

Here is a breakdown of our 25th Anniversary July 2024 event:

Event Breakdown:	Expenses Breakdown:
Gift Card/Raffle: \$390.00	Soda: \$58.00 +/-
Misc Donations: \$15.29	Balloons: \$21.00 +/-
Pizza Table: \$268.00	Pizza: \$314.23
Apparel Table: \$292.00	Ice: \$21.00 +/-
Registrations: \$750.00	
50/50: \$80.00	

During the July 2024 event we raised \$1,795.29 but we were able to ride our entire West side for this event.

Everyone should be proud of how well it went. We couldn't have done it without you!

Topsham Fair – Volunteer Sign Up Sheet

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Topsham Trailriders has access to the Exhibition Hall and other facilities on the Topsham Fairgrounds because of an agreement that we have with the Topsham Fair. The agreement is that during the Topsham Fair we (TTR) cleans the grand stands, pulling ring, and the Exhibition Hall in exchange for using this hall for our monthly meetings. As a reminder the 2025 Topsham Fair is Tuesday, August 5th to Sunday, August 10th.

Thank you to the members who have already signed up to assist with fair clean ups. Your prompt reply is very much appreciated!

The reality is though even with a few early volunteers signing up we still have MANY MANY slots to fill. We are hoping to fill a couple more slots before the Fair kicks off next week. If you are interested in helping and need help with completing the sign-up process, please let me know and I will be more than happy to assist you. Otherwise, the link to the sign-up sheet will be included in the minutes. **Folks, we need the help!**

Topsham Fair Volunteer Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A822A0F4C34-57298914-topsham#/>

A more detailed email will be sent out to the volunteers later on this week providing you with more insight as to which gate we should be entering in from etc. Please check your inboxes.

Topsham Fair – Mud Runs

Jenny Little provided the following update:

For a handful of years now the first evening of the Fair has often included mud runs! At the end of last year's event Peter Gordon, General Manager of the MOMS Topsham and I chatted about the idea of MOMS and TTR partnering up for next year's mud runs. He was in 100% support of it! Since our last meeting Peter and I have chatted and he doesn't seem to think volunteers are needed because typically the Fair handles the event. I have an email out to the Fair to confirm this so I will be in touch later on this week with an update.

List of Interested Club members:

Michael & Jenny Little
John Bursley
Sam Bulmer
Tim Moody
Ron Carey

TTR Tent Set-Up for the Topsham Fair

During the Topsham Fair each year we put our tent and trailer to serve as our meeting point for nightly clean ups. Tim Moody chatted with Kathi Yurgin from Topsham Fair and they have agreed to allow us the same location as last year.

The plan is to set up the TTR tent on Sunday, August 3th at 10 am or 11 am or maybe later.

UPDATE: Tim Moody and possibly Randy Bickford have offered to assist with the tent setup.

Landowner Appreciation

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Similar to last year the club will be purchasing gift cards for our landowners. Part of the process includes signing the “thank you” flyer that will be included as part of our mailing. Before you leave this evening, please be sure to sign it.

New Business:

ATVing Santa

Last year, Mr. & Mrs. Claus reached out to Topsham Trailriders for their assistance to help spread Christmas cheer in downtown Bath as well as the local Senior homes. All who participated brought their wheelers which were decorated in holiday gear and some members even dressed up as reindeer and elves. This year Main Street Bath maybe looking at doing the same type of event with a few small changes and would like to inquire if Topsham Trailriders would be interested in helping once again. Is the club in favor of participating in this event again?

The date of the event is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th

- A motion was made by Cici Eberle for Topsham Trailriders to once again assist with the ATVing event in Bath.
- Motion accepted by Kyle McComiskey
- Was passed with no opposition

Social Night

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The next social night for the club is technically scheduled for August 6th. However, we do not have a restaurant booked for this because we will be working at the Topsham Fair that week. This month all are invited to come to the Topsham Fair to support them for the evening.

Open Member Comment

Phil Rand mentioned that he was recently introduced to United Bikers of Maine who do a lot of charity work for Veterans and perhaps TTR would consider partnering up with them.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm was made by Heather Benson

Motion was accepted by Kyle McComiskey

Was passed with no opposition

Upcoming TTR Events

NOTE: No social night this month - Come join us at the Topsham Fair!

Saturday, August 2nd - Day Ride in Upton ME - 9am - Check facebook event for details

August 5th-10th - TTR Helps @ Topsham Fair! - Reach out if you would like to volunteer to help with this event *(we are in need of more volunteers!)*

Saturday, August 9th - Autism Benefit Ride in East Stoneham - Various Lodging Options - Check Facebook Event for details

August 14th-17th - Greenville Weekend Trip - Check Facebook Event for details

Saturday, August 23rd - Hailey's Windtower Ride - Roxbury ME - Check Facebook Event for details

Saturday, August 30th - Day Ride in West Paris ME - Check Facebook Event for details

Work Parties - Every Tuesday Night - 5pm - Check Facebook for that day's specific details

Submitted,
Ashleigh Rolfson
07.30.2025

The July 2025 meeting minutes were approved during the August 25th, 2025 meeting with the following edits requested by the members:

1. In the treasurer's report section remove that Tim Moody abstained from the vote connected to the treasurer report because he was not in attendance for the meeting.
2. In the trail master portion, the "rock" had a metal hook extended from it. The rock had an extension from it that mirrored a rock.