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## MONTHLY TTR SOCIAL NIGHT INFORMATION



The club is hosting its Social Night at 6:00 pm on Jan 14th at Margaritas located in the Merrymeeting Plaza in Brunswick. All are invited, we simply ask that you RSVP to this event so we can give the restaurant a heads up. Please feel free and arrive early!

Everyone is responsible for their own meal costs!

## Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders,

As much as we all enjoy the holiday season, I'm thrilled about kicking off a new year—and what a fantastic start to winter with the surprise snowfall we recently received! I'm sure our snowmobile members, along with skijor enthusiasts and dog mushers, are appreciating it most. We hope this trend continues so we can begin consistent grooming for all user groups who love our trail system. Please note: As of December 26, trails remain closed, but grooming preparations are underway. For updates, check our Facebook page and website regularly.

One thing that stands out year after year is the incredible support from our members—both local and from afar. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and willingness to help. We couldn't do this without you!

This winter will be anything but quiet! We're planning exciting events, including:

- Sportsman's Show
- Skijoring at Topsham Fair
- Volunteer support for China Four Seasons
- Beneficiary rides like *Operation Hope* and *Ride for a Cure*

We've also teamed up once again with We-ATV 207 to enhance our out-of-town events. That combined schedule will soon be available on our Facebook page and website, so stay tuned throughout the year!

It's shaping up to be another stellar season for both snowmobile and ATV enthusiasts. Thank you for being part of the Topsham Trailriders family!

See you on the trails!

Don't forget, folks — TTR has a Clynk account! With all the holiday parties happening, we'd be more than happy to take those returnable bottles and cans off your hands and let them contribute directly to our future clubhouse account!



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## Notes from our Ride Coordinator

I'm thrilled for all our snowmobile members—what a great start to winter with the snow we've received! I hope you're out there putting miles (and smiles) on those machines. If I had one, I'd be riding right alongside you! Looking ahead, we have a very tentative Bonfire Ride planned for Sunday, February 1st on the west side, weather and trail conditions permitting. The final decision will be made the week of our January meeting, as we'll also be preparing for skijoring around that time. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates, and enjoy every inch of snow while it lasts—it can disappear as quickly as it came!

Additionally, the combined ride schedule with We-ATV 207 will soon be available. We can't release it until after their schedule launches at the end of January, so expect to see it posted shortly after that on our Facebook page and website.



Mike Little



TTR Christmas Party



## Upcoming Events

- January 14<sup>th</sup> – TTR Social Night – 6 pm Margaritas Mexican Restaurant – 147 Bath Road Brunswick ME
- January 24<sup>th</sup> – **Skijoring Prep Track (?)** – 9 am – Topsham Fairgrounds
- January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting** – Don Russell Board Room in the Municipal Building— 100 Main St. — Topsham
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – **Skijoring Prep Track (?)** – 9 am – Topsham Fairgrounds
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – **Possible Bon Fire Ride** – West Side – This will not be confirmed until the last week of January!
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – **Skijoring Prep Track (?)** – 5 pm – Topsham Fairgrounds
- February 5<sup>th</sup> – **Skijoring Prep Track (?)** – 5 pm – Topsham Fairgrounds
- February 6<sup>th</sup> – **Skijoring Prep Track (?)** – 5 pm – Topsham Fairgrounds
- February 7<sup>th</sup> – **Skijoring Event**– 8:30 am – Topsham Fairgrounds

Please read the Ride Coordinator article for more details!

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Hello TTR trail enthusiasts!

My name is Tim Williams. During our November meeting, I was honored to be reappointed as Trail Master for Topsham Trailriders. I truly appreciate the board's confidence in me and look forward to continuing this role. My passion is keeping our trails open and maintained to the standards set by the state—and to a level that all of you can enjoy. This season, I'm fortunate to have two new trail assistants joining me: Ron Carey, our Vice President who dedicated countless hours last season, and Mike Little, who brings extensive experience and knowledge of trail systems and equipment. I'm excited to work closely with both of these gentlemen as we tackle the months ahead.

### Tim Williams

#### Assistant Trailmasters:

Mike Little  
Ron Carey  
Brad Hoskins (East Side)  
James Belanger (Winter)

As of December 26th, our trails remain close. While the recent snowstorm was a great start to winter, it was accompanied by strong winds, which means we need time to inspect and clear the trails before grooming begins. Please bear with us as we work to ensure everything is safe and ready for riding. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page and website, so stay tuned—and thank you for your patience!

**Keep in mind:** Below are some general pointers for snowmobile season. Please take a moment to review them in their entirety. As always, if you have any questions or encounter any issues, do not hesitate to contact me directly or send a message through our Facebook page—we'll address it promptly.

We are in the early part of our snowmobile season. 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.

Please note that our trails will ONLY open to snowmobiles once we have fulfilled the following criteria:

- ⇒ Received sufficient snow coverage
- ⇒ Placed all appropriate cattle fences
- ⇒ Opened the gates
- ⇒ Cleared all of the trail obstructions
- ⇒ Ensure that trails are properly signed

\* A reminder that there were some changes last season on trail #1A on the west side of town. That trail has been relocated to the trail that connects trail #1C in the power line to trail #2A before Bradley Pond. Please pay attention to signs for the changes.

\* A reminder that snowmobiles are not allowed on Trail #1B this is an ATV only trail.

\* Please note that at this time ALL trails are closed to ATV's and UTV's. The only exception is ATV's/UTV's outfitted with snow tracks and registered as a snowmobile.

#### Miscellaneous Snowmobile Trail Information

Before heading out I would recommend that you review our trail map to ensure you are riding on the correct trails. It is worth mentioning that we do have many water crossings and we try to keep an eye on them for your safety. All ice and water crossings are ride at your own risk. If you do notice any thin ice, or come across signs indicating trail closed, please stay off. If you notice something that you think is not safe, please let myself or any of our assistant trailmasters know.



Sheldon helping out with a little grooming!

A reminder that the athletic fields, parking lots, and school grounds of Mt. Ararat High School are off limits to snowmobiles. Also, please take note that the tower area and the tower road are also off limits to snowmobiles.

We ask that you respect our landowners by staying on marked trails and obeying all posted signs. These folks are kind enough to allow us the use of their land. They are not required to and we can't thank them enough.

All snowmobile trails are operated on privately owned land. 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 snowmobile club will lose the use of that land owners property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all snowmobile trails for everyone.

Please stay on our established trails if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. A reminder to use the marked bridges to cross wet stream and/or marshy areas on the trails. Failure to do so will result in sections of the trail being CLOSED permanently by landowners.

And finally, It goes without saying but trucks and cars are not allowed on ATV/Snowmobile trails anywhere in the State of Maine without landowner permission.

#### Park and Ride Locations:

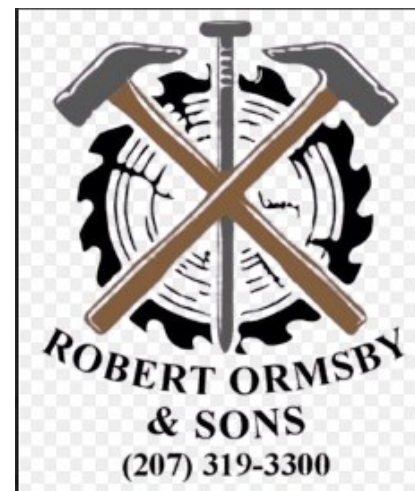
##### East Side

Our park and ride on the east side of our trail system is located at the entrance of Mt. Ararat High School across from the bus garage. Please only use the small lot located there for loading and unloading.

##### West Side

We still do not have a parking option available on our West side. We are working on trying to locate one.

And remember folks when you do head out riding whether here in Topsham or around the state ride right and ride safe! If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate in contacting me on my cell phone which is 207-890-8479





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Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 26th!** \*\*Note the location change\*\*

*We will be meeting in the Don Russell Conference located in the Town of Topsham Town  
Hall located at 100 Main St. Topsham beginning at 6:30pm!!*