Topsham Trailriders September Meeting

Date: Monday, September 28th, 2026
Location: Exhibition Hall on the Topsham Fairgrounds — Topsham

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little
Ron Carey
Ashleigh Rolfson
Tim Moody

Board of Directors Present: John Bursley
Mike Little
Marie Carey
Randy Bickford
Tim Williams
Stephanie Burnham

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon
Rick Emmert
James Belanger
David Sheain
Brad Hoskins

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm
Meeting Adjourned at: 7:57 pm

Approximately 21 people attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report
Jenny Little emailed a copy of the August minutes to all club members. There was one edit requested and it was to amend the language pertaining to the Pot Luck motion that Ron Carey made. The minutes reflected it was to approve the Secretary's report.

Motion was made by Heather Benson to approve the Secretary's report
Motion Accepted by Tim Willilams
Was passed with no opposition

Election Committee
As a reminder, our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th. It is during this meeting that we will hold our annual elections for club officers and Board positions. All positions, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the five Board seats, are elected annually. To keep the process fair and impartial, we are using this form to complete the nomination process. Once the Election Committee has completed its tabulations, nominees will be contacted and given the opportunity to accept or decline their nomination. Official voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in October.

Members are reminded that participation in both the nomination and election process is limited to active Topsham Trailriders members in good standing. We appreciate and welcome guests and prospective members at our meetings, but only current members are eligible to submit nominations or vote in club elections. While this process operates largely on the honor system, the club maintains membership records and I am aware of who is and is not a current member. If you are not currently a Topsham Trailriders member, you are not eligible to participate in the nomination process or vote in the October election unless you become a member prior to the October 19th Annual Meeting. Thank you for respecting the integrity of the process and helping ensure a fair election for all members.

Beneficiary Consideration Section & Annual Club Affiliations
Similar to last year, we have included several potential charitable beneficiaries that have been suggested by members and supporters. Traditionally, the club hosts three fundraising events each year. As we begin planning for 2027, we would like to dedicate two events to organizations that serve our local and surrounding communities, while reserving one event as a fundraiser for Topsham Trailriders. Please select two beneficiaries you would like the club to consider for next year's fundraising efforts.

In accordance with our updated bylaws, members should be reminded that during the Annual Meeting they will be voting on whether Topsham Trailriders continues its affiliation with the Maine Snowmobile Association (MSA) or ATV Maine. This question will appear on the election ballot in October. We wanted to make members aware of this vote in advance so everyone has an opportunity to consider the options before the Annual Meeting.

Nomination Results:
Cici and Bob Eberle reviewed the names received for each position. Once the analysis was completed, they presented their nominee summary sheet to Jenny so that the nominees could be asked if they would accept their nominations. At the end of the meeting the nominees for each position were as follows:

Executive Board
President: Jenny Little – Accepted / Ron Carey - Declined **Vice President:** Ron Carey – Accepted / Randy Bickford - Declined **Secretary**: Ashleigh Rolfson - Accepted **Treasurer:** Tim Moody - Accepted

Board of Directors – 5 Positions
1. Tim Williams - Accepted

2. John Bursley - Accepted
3. Randy Bickford - Accepted
4. Marie Carey - Accepted
5. Stephanie Burnham - Accepted
6. Sam Bulmer - Accepted
7. Dan Pellegrini - Accepted
8. Colleen Bursley – Declined
9. Robyn Swallow – Accepted (Follow up discussion with Jenny after the meeting)
10. Heather Benson – Accepted

As you begin to think about who you may vote for in October, please consider the following: who is best suited for the position, who advocates for TTR both within both the ATV and local community whether in person or from afar, and who consistently actively participates with TTR. It is exciting to see new folks wanting to join the board.

President's Remarks
During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

East / West Side Reconnection
Members were reminded that the Topsham Trailriders trail system remains divided into separate East Side and West Side trail networks. Access to the former West Side staging area was lost following property ownership changes, creating the need for a long-term solution to reconnect the trail system.

For the past year and a half, club representatives have worked with landowners, Town officials, state agencies, and other stakeholders to develop a proposal that would allow ATV access along a portion of Route 201 to reconnect the two trail networks. A public hearing was held on August 6, followed by a workshop that resulted in productive discussions and the development of a proposed compromise addressing concerns raised during the review process.
Key components of the proposal include limiting ATV access along the Route 201 corridor to the hours of 8:00 a.m. until sunset and reducing the speed limit approaching the overpass from 50 mph to 35 mph to improve safety.

On September 3, the Topsham Select Board voted to support moving the proposal forward subject to several conditions, including completion of a speed study and installation of required signage at the club's expense. This vote does **not** grant permission for ATV access on Route 201. It simply allows the project to move into the next phase of review. Ron and I, with Brett's assistance, are actively completing the MaineDOT application and supporting documentation. Final approval remains subject to MaineDOT review and approval.

West Side ATV Park & Ride Update
Since our last meeting, I'm happy to report that significant progress has been made on the West Side ATV Park & Ride located near White House Crossing. The club contracted Bursey Enterprises, and I would like to thank Alex Bursey for coordinating the delivery, placement, and grading of the material. I would also like to recognize John Bursley and Ron Carey for their help installing posts and helping define the parking area.

At this point, work on the project is temporarily paused while we finalize a few remaining details with the landowner and the Town of Topsham. While we do have landowner permission, a recent development has prompted us to take a step back and ensure everyone is on the same page and that all expectations are clearly documented before moving forward. We are taking a careful, one-step-at-a-time approach to ensure the project is completed properly and without confusion.

It is important to note that the West Side ATV Park & Ride is not yet open for public use. While some members may have noticed vehicles parked there from time to time, the site has not officially opened.

As a representative of Topsham Trailriders, I ask that everyone please stay off the West Side ATV Park & Ride on White House Crossing Road until further notice. We are working through the remaining details and will notify members when the site is officially open and ready for use.

Once the remaining items are resolved and everything is in place, the club will announce the official opening and provide additional information to members and the public.

Winter Meeting Location
A reminder that last year we relocated our meetings beginning in November and continued until March because the Exhibition Hall is used as a storage unit during the winter months. Earlier this year, we contacted the town and they have offered us the use of the Don Russell Board room located in the Municipal Building once again. I am merely mentioning this to get the location change on our radars!

Pot Luck Meeting – During our Annual Meeting
A reminder that our Annual Meeting is not far off and will be held on Monday, October 19th. Please note the date change. We kicked off the season with a pizza party, and we'd like to wrap up the season by sharing a potluck meal before our final meeting at the Exhibition Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the meeting.

👉 To help coordinate food items and avoid everyone bringing the same dish, we've created a signup sheet. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. The signup link will be included in these minutes and is also available in the Facebook event.

Pot Luck Sign Up-Link
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A822A0F4C34-65480235-october

Treasurer Report
Tim provided a printed treasurer report which will be attached to the minutes when they are sent out which is an update since our August meeting.

Motion was made by Heather Benson to approve the treasurer’s report as provided at the meeting
Motion accepted by Sam Bulmer
Was Passed with 1 member opposing and Tim Moody abstaining from the vote

Trail Master
Ron Carey provided the following update:

East and West Side Update
Crisp mornings and pleasant days are the harbingers of fall and that typically means the last few rides of the Atv season and a small project or two for winter prep to top it all off. The Trailriders however; are a dual season club so things are a bit different around here when fall hits. We don't slow down, we ramp up! Finishing up summer projects only to start winter prep.

This past month has been a productive one as we shift gears with the season. The temperature has finally found a sweet spot, and that allowed us to nearly complete a large project on the east side. On Sunday the 20th, 7 men came together and moved 27 yds of gravel mix to build a 25' ramp and construct and fill a new trail base for the east side reroute. Moving rocks and logs to support the trail underlayment, gravel was then loaded into trailers for transport to the site. A few hands did a lot of work and much thanks goes out to Mr Little, Brad, Charlie, James, John, & Tim. With me on the tractor and them running trailers, shovels and rakes we logged an impressive 35 hours. Great job guys, the trail looks awesome! Some work was also completed on the west side park and ride this month but that is still incomplete and is NOT open.

These were two very ambitious projects for our little club to tackle this year and we've done well to come to the point we are at with them. We should be proud of the time we've spent on the trails this year. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed.

During our most recent work party I had the opportunity to speak with several members of the community, some only a few words in passing and some at length. The passing comments went like this:

"Great job on the trails.", "You guys are doing great work." And "Thanks for keeping the trails so nice." The in-depth discussions were even better: "Thanks for helping the community like this.", "It's a great thing you're doing.", "Everyone enjoys the trails." I found this to be encouraging and wanted to let you all know how much support our 295 trail hours have actually generated with the community at large. Well done to all involved.

As the cold starts to creep in and we all look for ways to extend our riding season, night rides are all the rage. I would like to remind you all that soft sides for the doors, warm soup for a meal and hot coffee to sip are all good ways to fight the chill of a cool fall ride. Alcohol however; is NOT! Please remember to ride sober and return to ride another day. So ride sober and we will see you on the trails.

Upcoming Trail Work Parties:
Jenny Little provided the following update:

Tuesday, October 4th at 7:45 am

- Meet Up Location: East Side of our Trail System (Dirt Parking Lot across from the bus parking lot at the entrance of Mt. Ararat High School)
- Tasks: cut brush back and general inspection
- Tools: Trimmers or clippers, Machine, and a positive attitude

Storage
As shared during our last meeting, we recently learned that the property owner who has generously allowed Topsham Trailriders to store equipment, the club trailer, the club machine, and various club materials for many years will be placing the property on the market. We are extremely grateful for the support and generosity that has been extended to the club over the years. As a result, the club has begun evaluating both short-term and long-term storage solutions to ensure our equipment and assets remain secure and accessible moving forward.

Since our last meeting, progress has been made toward consolidating club property and establishing an interim storage solution. While we continue to explore permanent options, it was important to find a solution before winter arrives. A larger 10' x 20' storage unit was secured at Topsham Self Storage, allowing the club to consolidate materials that had previously been spread across multiple locations. The club has vacated its former 5' x 10' unit and moved those contents into the larger space. The new unit is currently being rented at a discounted rate of $150 per month for the first six months, after which the monthly cost will increase to $162 (which is the non-profit rate). While the larger unit provides significantly more space, it has become clear that the club is storing several items that may no longer be practical to retain.

As part of this effort, members were asked to consider several recommendations regarding surplus equipment and materials:

- **Qwikrete Concrete:** Approximately 22 bags of Qwikrete remain in storage. Due to the unknown age and condition of the bags, concerns were raised that they may no longer be usable. Authorization was requested to either offer the material free of charge to anyone willing to remove it or dispose of it if no interest is shown.
- **Large Event Canopy:** The club owns a large canopy tent that requires significant manpower and time to transport and assemble. The canopy has not been used in several years, and storage space is limited. A recommendation was made to offer the canopy for sale and potentially use any proceeds toward the purchase of lighter, more portable pop-up canopies that are easier for volunteers to transport and set up at events.
- **ShelterLogic Storage Tent:** Discussion also focused on the club's ShelterLogic storage tent. While the structure remains functional, finding a secure and practical long-term location for it has proven challenging. Members were reminded that when the replacement canopy was purchased, the club invested approximately $1,000 in the canopy alone. Given the value of the canopy and the complete ShelterLogic structure, it was suggested that the club may be able to recover a portion of that investment through a sale. A potential sale price in the range of **$600 to $700** was discussed, particularly if a buyer is willing to disassemble and remove the structure themselves. Proceeds from any sale could be redirected toward future equipment, storage, or infrastructure needs.

Ron Carey made a motion to place the Quick-Ride concrete barriers on Facebook Marketplace at no cost. If the barriers are not claimed within a timeframe determined by the Board, they will be disposed of.

The motion also included the sale of the large event canopy and the ShelterLogic storage tent. Additional research will be conducted to determine appropriate pricing for both items, and a recommended sale price will be presented to the Board for final approval.

The motion was seconded by Tim Williams and passed.

Additional discussion and direction from the membership will help determine how the club proceeds with these recommendations as efforts continue to identify a permanent storage solution.

Committee Section:
Apparel Committee
Jenny Little provided the following update:

There have been no significant changes to the club apparel program since our last meeting, and I have not received any requests for additional items or designs to be added to the store. As we continue to review our offerings, some items will likely be retired. One example is the "We Ride Together" shirt, which is expected to be phased out of the apparel lineup.

Members who are interested in purchasing a WE ATV 207 / Topsham Trailriders shirt are encouraged to do so sooner rather than later, as some current items may not be available indefinitely. As always, members can take advantage of the club's digital ordering platform, which provides a convenient way to browse available apparel and place orders at any time.

Topsham Trailriders Got Vinyl 207 Link:
https://www.gotvinyl207.com/topsham-trailriders

Maine Sportsman Show Committee
Jenny Little provided the following update:

Topsham Trailriders will once again participate in the State of Maine Sportsman's Show in Augusta, scheduled for March 26, 27, and 28, 2027. Our booth space is once again being generously sponsored by MOMS Topsham. I am happy to report that since our last meeting, the club has submitted its payment and received confirmation of our registration for next year's Augusta Sportsman's Show. Our space is officially secured, and we look forward to returning for another year. Other than confirming our participation and receiving our receipt, there are no additional updates to report at this time.

Ride Coordinator Update
Mike Little provided the following update:

Ride Coordinator Report

Unfortunately, your Ride Coordinator did not get as much riding in this month as originally planned. While some travel plans changed, it did provide an opportunity to stay close to home

and focus on several club projects that needed attention. Even so, there are still plenty of great rides and events on the calendar as we wrap up the riding season.

Upcoming Rides for October

Kingfield Food Drive Ride - Saturday, October 3

- Meet at the Strong Park & Ride (185 North Main Street)
- Departure no later than 8:45 a.m.
- Destination: Kingfield
- Lunch planned at a local restaurant
- Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry
- Riders are encouraged to bring extra fuel if needed

Oquossoc Toy Run - Sunday, October 11

Topsham Trailriders and WE ATV 207 will be joining the Oquossoc ATV Club for their annual Holiday Gift Drive.

- Meet at the Depot Street parking lot in Rangeley
- Departure no earlier than 9:00 a.m.
- Bring a new, unwrapped toy(s)
- Food available for purchase
- 50/50 raffle
- Consider bringing extra fuel
- Planned riding includes the Quill Hill area and surrounding trails

This is always a great event and a great opportunity to support a worthy cause while enjoying some beautiful fall riding.

Ride for a Cure Benefit Ride - Saturday, October 17

- Topsham Fairgrounds Pulling Ring
    - 32 Community Way, Topsham
- Ride departs at 10:00 a.m.

This ride is about much more than just riding. It is an opportunity for our ATV community to come together in support of a great cause, and we hope to see a strong turnout.

Anyone with questions about these rides or upcoming events is encouraged to reach out to the Ride Coordinator. Let's finish the season strong and enjoy some great fall riding together.

Update from the Membership Chair

Jenny Little provided the following update on behalf of Rick Emmert:

Trail Intel membership renewal link:

https://app.trailintel.com/club/topsham-trailriders-atvsnowmobile

As of September 27th, current membership numbers are:

TTR Active Member Counts		
Membership Type	Total Memberships	Total Members
Associate	12	17
Honorary	7	15
Regular	81	149
Grand Total	**100**	**183**

UPDATE: During the Membership Chair report, it was noted that two members had inquired about why the club no longer issues physical membership cards. It was explained that the club had previously announced its transition to digital membership records. The members were receptive to the idea of a digital membership card, noting that there may be occasions when proof of membership is needed. Following discussion, it was agreed that an email would be sent to the current Membership Chair to determine if he is willing to assist with developing a digital membership card option. If not, alternative solutions will be explored.

Ride for a Cure

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Date for our Ride for a Cure ride is: October 17th, 2025
Event Location: Pulling Ring on the Topsham Fairgrounds (32 Community Way, Topsham ME)
Registration begins at 8:30 am
Drivers meeting at 9:30 am
Departure time 10 am
Volunteer Arrival Time is 7:30 am

Cost: $20 a machine

Only 19 days remain until our Ride for a Cure event.

Some of the details include:

Ride for a Cure Digital Store

The Ride for a Cure Digital store is still active and accepting orders. A reminder 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

A final reminder that if you place an order before October 2nd the Ride for a Cure committee will coordinate a pick-up of orders to have available for pick up the day of the event. If you do place an order please either contact me directly or remit an email to topshamtrailriders@gmail.com to make us aware of your order.

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

As we get ready for Ride for a Cure, remember that there is much more happening than just the ATV ride itself. While we still need plenty of helping hands to keep the ride portion running smoothly, attendees will also be able to enjoy our raffles, 50/50 drawing, face painting, and a fun activity for the kids. Throughout the day, children can search for M&M and Skittles painted rocks hidden around the event grounds as part of a scavenger hunt designed just for them. We're also bringing back the pie-in-the-face fundraiser, although this year we're simplifying things a bit. Instead of full pies, participants will be armed with nothing more than a paper plate topped with whipped cream. Last year it turned into quite the bidding war, and we're expecting plenty of friendly competition again this year. The bidding sheet will be available throughout the day, giving everyone a chance to support the cause while deciding which vice president should end up wearing a little whipped cream. Representing the clubs are Ron Carey from Topsham Trailriders, John Marcheletta from Central Maine ATV Club, and Darrell Wentworth from China Four Seasons ATV Club. Whether you're riding, volunteering, bidding, or simply joining us for the day, there will be something for everyone to enjoy while we come together to support the Dean Snell Cancer Foundation.

We're also excited to bring back the Tilt Master this year. If you've never tried it, it's the seesaw-style challenge that tests your balance and control on your machine. There is no cost to participate, although donations are always appreciated. New this year, we're adding a blindfolded ATV/Side-by-Side challenge that is sure to provide plenty of laughs for both participants and spectators. One category will feature a Club vs. Club competition, and right now we need members willing to represent Topsham Trailriders. At our last meeting, nobody stepped forward, and we can't let that stand. China Four Seasons is already talking smack and claiming they have wall space ready for the trophy. This competition is happening on our home turf, and we need a team ready to defend it. If you're interested in participating, let us know. We need Topsham Trailriders represented!

Last, but certainly not least, we're thrilled to welcome Crooked Cabin to Ride for a Cure this year. They will be providing live entertainment throughout the day and helping make this event even more memorable. Weather permitting, we're hoping to have as much of the day's activities outdoors as possible and create a great atmosphere for riders, families, and spectators alike. We do have backup plans in place should Mother Nature decide not to cooperate, but we're keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine. We can't thank Crooked Cabin enough for donating their time and talent to support this cause. They'll be there to entertain us, take requests, provide the soundtrack for the day, and maybe even heckle a few participants along the way. Be sure to show them some love and remember that they will have a tip jar available. Their support is helping make this event something special, and we're excited to have them as part of the Ride for a Cure experience.

UPDATE: A sign will be made acknowledging the Crooked Cabin donated their time for this event.

Also, many names were submitted for consideration in the club drawing, including Dan P., Donald D., Donald's wife, John R., and Ashleigh R. Members who were unable to attend the meeting but would like to have their name included in the drawing are encouraged to contact the club. Otherwise, the names received will be entered into the drawing, and a winner will be selected at random the day of the event.

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. The committee has hired one police officer for this event to help alleviate this.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities for the Day of

The Ride for a Cure event is quickly approaching, and as you know, the club voted last year to host this important fundraiser. Now it's time to come together and make it happen! **We need all members to help facilitate this event**, and there are a variety of volunteer opportunities where every bit of support will make a difference. For example, we will be setting up the night before the event to help alleviate some of the stressful components of the morning of event issues.

I certainly don't mean to be forceful, but ladies and gentlemen—this is one of those rare times when **we truly need all hands on deck**. This event is expected to draw a large crowd, and we may even need to divide riders into groups, so extra help is essential. Please visit the link below as soon as possible to sign up for a role that fits your schedule. If you have any questions, I'm happy to help—but most importantly, let's show what Topsham Trailriders can do when we all pitch in!

We have created a digital volunteer sign-up sheet to help acquire folks to help during this event. Here is the link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A822A0F4C34-65480222-ride#/

Communications Meeting Prior to the Event

One piece of feedback we received after last year's Ride for a Cure was that it would be beneficial to hold a communications meeting before event day. Last year, many of us were sorting out assignments and responsibilities as we were preparing to leave, and we want to avoid that this year. To help ensure everyone is on the same page, we have scheduled a Communications Team Meeting for Monday, October 12. During this meeting, we will establish ride-day assignments, including lead and rear positions, radio responsibilities, and other key event logistics.

As mentioned above, we are still looking for volunteers to assist with the event, particularly those interested in helping with radio communications. Anyone who signs up for a Communications Team role will receive an invitation to attend this meeting. We will also use this opportunity to finalize the logistics for the blindfolded ATV/Side-by-Side challenge. If you want to be part of the communications team, you must sign up so you can participate in the planning process. We're taking the feedback from last year seriously and making sure the details are worked out ahead of time. The goal is simple: when event day arrives, we'll be operating like a well-oiled machine.

Finally, I will be sending an email out to the club the week of the event with final details.

Account Balance in the Topsham Trailriders Ride for a Cure Account:
As of 09.20.2025 - $3,731.17

Old Business:
Club 501c3
Jenny Little provided the following update:

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Landowner Appreciation
Jenny Little provided the following update:

During our last meeting, we discussed this year's Landowner Appreciation program. Rather than creating calendars as originally proposed, it was decided that the club would return to providing gift cards along with a thank-you letter to our landowners.

The gift cards have since been purchased. This year, the club opted to provide $25 gift cards rather than the $10 gift cards used in previous years. While the gift cards have been purchased, the letters and mailings have not yet been completed and will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Santa Parade in Downtown Bath
Jenny Little provided the following update:

During our last meeting, I reported that the Downtown Bath ATV Santa Parade had been removed from this year's holiday programming. Since then, I've had conversations with both the Chief of Police in Bath and the Executive Director of Main Street Bath to see whether there was still an opportunity for us to hold the event.

I'm happy to report that Main Street Bath would be supportive of the idea if we wish to proceed. However, they would not be able to contribute financially to the event. It would also be a standalone event, meaning there would not be any other holiday programming taking place that day and the ATV Santa Parade would be the primary activity.

I also spoke with Chief Booth regarding public safety requirements. Based on those discussions, we should plan on needing two police officers for the event. The estimated cost is

approximately $400 per officer, although there is no guarantee that additional coverage would not be required depending on the circumstances.

At the same time, I reached out to Dana and the Over the Hill ATV Riders to gauge their interest. Dana was supportive of exploring the idea further and agreed that it is an event that has been well received by the community over the years. However, we both acknowledged that the projected cost for police coverage is significant and may be difficult to justify for an event of this nature.

Before taking this any further, I wanted to gather feedback from the membership. Personally, I have a hard time justifying a potential expense of $800 or more for the event, especially when there is no certainty that the cost could not increase. It may also be more than Over the Hill ATV Riders wishes to commit to, which could leave Topsham Trailriders responsible for the full cost.

I know the parade has been a fun tradition and is enjoyed by both participants and the community. As Mrs. Claus, I certainly enjoy being part of it each year. That said, I think we need to take a realistic look at the cost and decide whether this is the best use of club funds.
I'd appreciate hearing your thoughts. Is this an event you feel is worth pursuing given the anticipated costs, or would our resources be better directed toward other club activities and community events?

UPDATE: Discussion was held regarding participation in the Downtown Bath Santa Parade. The general consensus of the Board was to forgo participation this year due to the associated costs and logistical requirements. The club will revisit the opportunity next year and evaluate whether participation is feasible at that time.

ATV Maine Meeting
Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder that Topsham Trailriders is hosting the ATV Maine Southern Region Meeting on Saturday, October 10th. While there are certainly a variety of opinions regarding ATV Maine, it is important to remember that the club made a commitment to host this meeting, and Topsham Trailriders has always been a club that honors its commitments. Regardless of personal opinions, I will be present and doing my part to help facilitate a successful event, and I hope others will consider doing the same.

I have confirmed with Matt Nixon who has once again agreed to allow us to use his facility on Town Landing Road in Bath for the meeting, and we greatly appreciate his continued support. As the host club, we are responsible for providing breakfast refreshments and lunch for attendees. During our last meeting, the membership authorized up to $500 for food and supplies to support the event. While I do not anticipate spending the full amount, there will still be some expenses to ensure we are able to properly host our guests.

The primary assistance needed from members will be helping with food preparation, setup, cleanup, and simply being present to help represent Topsham Trailriders. This is one of the few opportunities we have to showcase our club, our hospitality, and our commitment to the ATV

community. I would encourage anyone who is available to consider attending and lending a hand.

Members who would like to be kept informed about the ATV Maine meeting are encouraged to let me know. Updates and information received from ATV Maine will be shared as they become available.

UPDATE: For the upcoming ATV Maine meeting, John B. and Colleen B. volunteered to assist with food and event preparations. Additional help would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers do not need to stay for the meeting itself, and any assistance with food service and setup would be welcomed.

New Business
Trunk or Treat Event
Jenny Little provided the following update:

An email was sent to the Topsham Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Halloween event planned at the Topsham Fairgrounds, and a flyer was received prior to the meeting. Tim Moody will follow up with Parks and Recreation and report back to Jenny. Once additional details are available, a communication will be sent to the membership to gauge interest in volunteering and supporting the event.
The club would like to thank John B. and Colleen B. for their willingness to step up and assist with the event. Their support is greatly appreciated.

TrailIntel Class
Jenny Little provided the following update:

Earlier this year, Topsham Trailriders partnered with Over the Hill ATV Riders to host a TrailIntel training class. Following that session, several members expressed interest in seeing another class offered, and I appreciate those who took the time to share feedback. That feedback has been passed along to Brian Gavin, and it is encouraging to see that TrailIntel has been receptive to member suggestions and willing to continue providing training opportunities.

A second TrailIntel class has been scheduled for Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Phippsburg Sportsman's Association, the same location that hosted the previous class. Brian Gavin will once again lead the program and is working to bring additional presenters with him to help expand the training. While I thought the first class was informative, this session promises to be even more robust, with additional discussion on the user interface, club-related functions, and other features that many of us are still learning and exploring.

I am looking forward to the class and hope to see many of you there. Whether you attended the first session or are completely new to TrailIntel, this will be a great opportunity to learn more about the platform and how it can benefit both riders and clubs.

Social Night
Jenny Little provided the following update:

The next social night for the club is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 6 pm. The social will be at 104 Main Public House located at 104 Main Street in Topsham. The restaurant appreciates receiving a headcount as to how many folks will be coming. Please let Jenny know if you will be coming by either updating your status to going within the Facebook event or by contacting her personally.

Open Member Comment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm was made by Mike Little
Motion was accepted by Ron Carey
Was passed with no opposition

Upcoming TTR Events 😎

Oct 3rd - **Out of Town Ride - Strong to Kingfield - Food Drive** - Leaving from the Park & Ride, Located right after RLH Enterprises (185 North Main Street) – 8:30am
Oct 4th - **Trail Work Party** - 8:00am - Location: East Side
Oct 10th - **ATV Maine Meeting** - 8:30am - 2 Town Landing Road, Bath
Oct 11th - **Out of Town Ride - Rangeley - Toy Drive -** Leaving Topsham McDonald's at 6:45am
Oct 14th - **TTR Social Night** - 104 Main Public House - Topsham at 6:00pm
Oct 17th - **Ride for a Cure -** **MAJOR ALL HANDS ON DECK** **Topsham Event -** Topsham Pulling Ring (Enter via Community Way) Beginning at 8:30am
Oct 19th at 6:30pm - **Annual Club Meeting and Pot Luck** - Exhibition Hall - Topsham Fairgrounds - Topsham
Nov 1st - **Trail Work Party** - 8:00am - Location TBD

Submitted,
By Ashleigh Rolfson
09.30.26

The September meeting minutes were approved during the October 19th, 2026 meeting. JLL