

ATV MAINE NEWS

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We are ATV Maine

As we start another New Year in ATV Maine, we find the organization faced with many challenges as a result of the past year.

As your previous Business Manager, I'm very appreciative that my dedication when working for all of your ATV Clubs has shown through the continued support I've received, resulting in my nomination as your President of ATV Maine for 2014.

For those following ATV Maine closely, you have sincerely understood what this organization has been experiencing, and I'm aware that we have already earned a lot of respect in just the last month in our attempt at righting the wrongs that were hindering this organization. This is in no way a reflection on our past President nor the majority of the Officers & Officials, as I have the greatest respect that they held on through a very difficult time. My only regret is that I wasn't able to be there for them, as a result of my resignation as Business Manager in 2012, and to continue the progress the organization was achieving at that time.

It is, however, time for ATV Maine to move forward once again and make up for lost time as well as the financial strains we have encountered.

In moving forward, it will be known that we will have zero tolerance for any negative influence. We will no longer condone any further bullying, threatening, or public and social media slandering. There will no longer be any secrets kept. As I said to the Officers & Officials when I became Business Manager in 2010, "if I know something, you'll know it". Issues will be out in the open so we can brainstorm, resolve, and gain strength to meet our goals.

This organization has been operating far too long to be this weak and has suffered from the negative impact of people and actions, at times within the organization itself. Accountability will be the key.

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With respect to the Officers & Officials, I want to emphasize that I know each of them as individuals and I know the work that I've done with them in the past, thus I have confidence in us as a Team that we will make ATV Maine stronger as long as we trust each other, keep the communication open, and we all prove to have good intentions in the title that each of us holds.

Currently, I'm staying in contact with all the Officers & Officials regularly as we communicate and share the workload of current issues we are trying to address.

In November 2013, it was decided to end the contract with ATV Maine's Business Manager. In return, filing for unemployment was underway. ATV Maine has provided the Department of Labor with all necessary information requested, including a telephone Fact-Finding interview with Real. We now await the decision letter as to whether ATV Maine will be obligated to unemployment compensation.

I want to let all of you know that I've personally met with the website company and it was a very informative meeting, and you can rest assured that our website is in good hands with this company. I appreciated the opinions and ideas of who I was meeting with, as well as he was very receptive to our thoughts and concerns for the website. I learned the full administrative side of the website and now have access as well if need be. There have been a few small changes at first, such as the banner includes our new E-mail address, info.atvmaine@gmail.com, and the "Unified Voice..." statement (taking it out of the rotating pictures), and shrinking the size of "ATV Maine" in the banner, as well as removing the 2nd tier of the drop down of all the clubs listed, giving you the option of clicking on clubs by Region, and changing the red lettering throughout the website to white, except for the "ATV Maine" in the banner, and enlarging the font as well. From here, we will work on finalizing the website in the Gallery with any photos and videos available. At that time, our payment in full will be due.

I have made contact with Ed Pineau and the Officers & Officials have agreed to the response for representation in Augusta once again this year, so I will be working on the contract with Pineau Policy Associates.

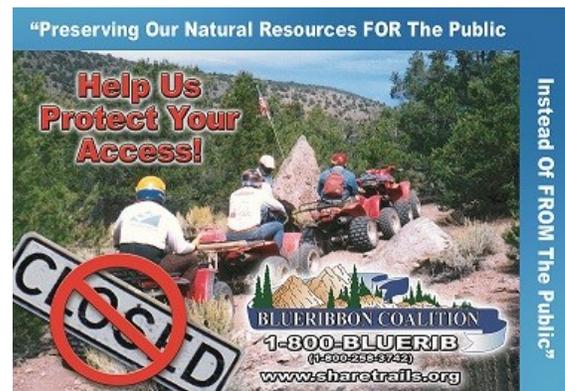
The article on Page 8 in this newsletter sends a powerful message.

In memory of Al Langley and Bill Lombard, I dedicate 2014 as the year we strengthen the Core of our organization and better meet the needs of all of ATV Maine's members. We have had an overwhelming response of offers to help in order for us to achieve this goal.

I'm asking all of you to support us as we face all of this day by day and one step at a time.

Respectfully,

Tami M. Kane
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ATV Maine President



THANK YOU
LAKES REGION, BUXTON TRAILBLAZERS, AND STANDISH-GORHAM
ATV CLUBS FOR HOSTING THE DECEMBER 2013
ATV MAINE MEETING



Hosting an ATV Maine meeting

- ⇒ ATV Maine pays the hosting ATV club \$200
- ⇒ Clubs usually try to get a local town building at no cost to hold the meeting.
- ⇒ Average number of people to expect is 55
- ⇒ Morning snacks and/or drinks are optional. Club provides lunch—typically the food is prepared by the members of the hosting club.
- ⇒ The hosting club provides door prizes, a 50-50, and sells club items if desired.
- ⇒ Provide ATV Maine with directions to the meeting location and accommodations in the area at least one month prior to the meeting.



Western Power Sports – Supplier of
 Chase Toys, Unity, ME, and Sponsoring
 the High Mileage Club

ATV Maine, in order to promote safety while riding, will be awarding a helmet
 or
 gift certificate at the bi-monthly meetings to be
 redeemed for one helmet.



The award allows the recipient to purchase a helmet, encouraging all who ride that this is a very important piece of the equation while participating in ATV'ing.

Helmet Winners			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Gift Certificate or Helmet</i>
12-14-13	Ed Coleman	Southern Maine ATV Club	Woody's Performance

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Al Langley Memorial Scholarship

ATV Maine honors a deserving student each year by awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship in the memory of Al Langley. Al was one of the founding members of the Central Maine ATV Club in Fairfield, formed in 1999. Al was very active in the early years of ATV Maine, devoting himself to anything that needed to be done. Al was the Central Regional Vice President for ATV Maine and he is remembered to have had a positive attitude and a wonderful smile by all who knew him. Al passed away on March 17, 2008.

The Trustees of the scholarship committee are

Liane James - Chair ** Hazel Langley ** Francis Smith

The basic outline of the Al Langley Memorial Scholarship is as follows:

- The student and family must be a member of an ATV Maine affiliated club for at least two years.
- Letters of recommendation and support from the principal, teachers, and friends are required with the application.
- A list of present and past employment should accompany the application.
- A transcript of grades and the attendance record is required as well.
- A list of organizations and outside interests the student has been involved in is recommended.
- A typed or printed essay of 300 words covering the sport of ATV's and how it relates to one of the following topics is required:

Recreation

Conservation

ATV Safety

Economic Impact to State and local areas

The applicants will be scored on the preceding topics and the winning recipient will be notified. The \$1,000.00 bank check will be sent directly to the school after completion of the first semester and attaining a C grade or higher.

** Application Deadline — April 30th, 2014 **

Past winners of the scholarship are:

2010/2011 First scholarship for \$500.00 - 3 applicants ... Cheyenne Hertlien from Cornville awarded for Physical Therapy at Husson College in Bangor.

2011/2012 Second scholarship for \$500.00 - 1 applicant ... Cheyenne Hertlein.

2012/2013 Third scholarship for \$1,000.00 - 5 applicants ... Erin Abbott from Starks awarded for Accounting at Thomas College in Waterville.

2013/2014 Fourth scholarship for \$1000 each- 2 scholarships will be awarded in January 2014 to Darin Jandreau from Madawaska and Brett Whittemore of Dixfield once their first semester grade transcripts are received.

As a friend and co-founder/officer of the Central Maine ATV Club with Al Langley, it is an honor to be Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Please consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity within our ATV family if you have a student going on to college.

Applications are available from ATV Maine at www.atvmaine.org or by writing to Liane James, 164 Six Rod Road, Fairfield, Maine 04937; or email lianejames@roadrunner.com. Remember, students may apply each year they are in college as long as ATV Maine membership criteria is met.



Maine All-Terrain Trail System

AD&D Benefit

AD&D Beneficiary cards from American Income Life:

Only one card is being mailed to the primary member from ATV Maine's database

- ⇒ This card can be photocopied for family members
- ⇒ You can request more cards if an agent visits the home
- ⇒ An online beneficiary card is also available – www.aillife.com/benefits/sgdo6

American Income Life does not mail to the businesses, so your club's business members will not receive a beneficiary card. If your business member is in good standing with ATV Maine, the payout will be authorized without question.

A payout of the AD&D benefit will go to the "Estate of" if there is no beneficiary on file with American Income Life. In some cases, this payout has been sent directly to a funeral home.

If the unfortunate happens and you have an accidental death of a club member, please have the club president notify ATV Maine to ensure all necessary paperwork is processed for the AD&D benefit.



Your ATV Maine membership

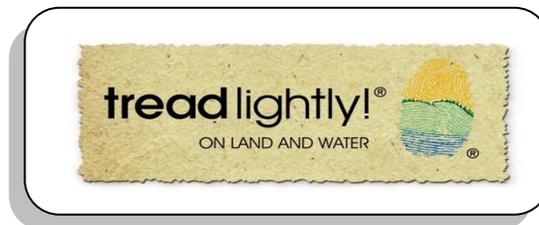
includes \$3,500.00 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance

Any questions or concerns about letters or phone calls from AIL agents, feel free to call Shane Knowles,

207-318-9572

Landowner Guideline Suggestions

- ◆ Whenever possible, ask permission in person.
- ◆ The first minute of the interaction with the landowner is the most important. The immediate impression a user makes will set the tone and will have a big impact on whether the landowner grants permission or not.
- ◆ Don't act like you have a right to use the property; you don't.
- ◆ Make sure you follow any specific directions from the landowner. If the landowner limits use to a specific road, stay on that road.
- ◆ Even if the answer is no, be polite. A landowner might change their mind in the future.
- ◆ If you are using someone's property and see trash left by someone else, pick it up. Few things irritate landowners more than finding garbage, bottles, etc. left behind.
(Tom Doak, SWOAM)
- ◆ Ask what the club and/or ATV community could do for them; i.e. bridges, brush clean up, harvest roads, etc.
(Kelly Rogers, Coburn Mountain ATV Riders)
- ◆ Before and after pictures of trail maintenance work that the club has done on their trails. This might help landowners understand that the club intends to take care of the property.
- ◆ Express concern to the landowner for environmentally sensitive areas that might be impacted by a trail.
- ◆ Agree to size and type of any bridge that may be needed on landowner property.
(Dave Phillips, Friends & Neighbors ATV Club)
- ◆ Give the landowner contact information for at least two club members if a problem or concern does come up. (Todd Merkle, Rockwood Blue Ridge Riders)

**ATV Maine Club Liability Insurance**James Brown or Erica Burgessjamesbrown@unitedinsurance.net or ericaburgess@unitedinsurance.net

United Insurance

Western Maine Agency

19 Congress Street, Rumford, ME 04276

207-364-3766

Event insurance forms are to be mailed to:

ATV Maine

PO Box 14

Jefferson, ME 04348



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THE CORE AND YOUR ORGANIZATION ATV MAINE

BY

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An organization, according to Webster is, “The state of being organized or the act of organizing; a group of people united for a particular purpose.” Then, according to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Organization is, “1.a. The act or process of organizing. b. A state or manner of being organized; a high degree of organization. 2. Something that has been organized or made into an ordered whole. 3. Something made up of elements with varied functions that contribute to the whole and to collective functions; an organism. 4. A group of persons organized for a particular purpose; an association; a benevolent organization. 5. a. A structure through which individuals cooperate systematically to conduct business. b. The administrative personnel of such a structure.” What does all this mean? That a club or an organization is only as good as the clubs and the individual memberships that provide the organization. In this case ATV Maine.

We belong to a club or organization for many reasons. The why is individual! Beyond that reason - what must we do as individuals to make that club or organization accomplish what we joined for? The answer to that question can be a multitude when each individual gives their reason, but where, with membership, does your responsibility to that club or organization go?

ATV Maine is an organization of clubs from throughout the State of Maine. The individual member clubs are the baseline membership of the whole organization. The organization represents club membership, for all the member clubs within the state. This is accomplished through elected representation from member clubs in ATV Maine,

to ATV Maine. Yes, it means every officer with ATV Maine comes from a member ATV club, and every member ATV club has a voting representative, representing their member club. These elected officers and club representatives make up the governing core of ATV Maine; and this is the organization recognized by the State of Maine when it comes to ATVing..

According to the American College Dictionary, the CORE is “*The central innermost or essential part of anything*”. The American Heritage Dictionary says the CORE is, “*The basic or most important part; the essence: a small core of dedicated supporters; the core of the problem.*” Then the Webster’s Dictionary says CORE is, “*The inner most part of something.*”

Every club or organization has its membership. Some of that membership is very loyal and dedicated, others just maintain their membership. Yet, for any club or organization to survive, it needs more than that core of a few loyal and dedicated members who do all the work required maintaining whatever the club or organization is there for. Without the core, the club or organization would die.

If or when this happens, it is the whole membership that is responsible for this action, not just the core. It means that neither you nor I did our part to keep our club or organization healthy. Instead, we helped kill it by only paying our dues.

There are those of us who will say, I do not have any time. Is it that we really do not have any time or that we do not want to make the time, or still, could it be that we are a taker not a giver?

Still, are we one of those who look at the club or organization and just automatically feels someone else in the membership should do it. Even better, we believe that it is the job of those few elected to run the club or organization. Either way, it is not my responsibility or concern. I pay my dues, that's all I need to do to have my membership. That paid membership gives me the right to complain and do nothing when things do not go the way I want them to. It is not my responsibility, it is theirs.

Now, who is theirs? Is theirs those elected, the membership, the club or organization itself, or that core of members who are very loyal and dedicated to the stated goals and purpose of the club or organization? Yet, again the American Heritage Dictionary tells us that THEIRS is "*Used to indicate the one or ones belonging to them; or a, "Usage problem."*" It also says that THEIRS is also "*The possessive form of they.*"

Nevertheless, as for who they, their, or any other term you would use, the core of a club or organization is that essential segment which makes sure all goes well. Yes, we all know that there are those who by certain means cannot contribute in a more direct manner as part of the core but maintain a sincere interest in what and how the core does. They are an active part of the membership and can be relied on to support the club or organization in either a direct or indirect manner to accomplish the objectives of the club or organization.

Clubs are an organization of people {members} with something in common, which in this case is the sport of ATVing/UTVing. ATV Maine is an organization of clubs representing the sport of ATVing/UTVing on the State level for the purpose of greater clout. Members make a club and are the power of the club.

The clubs make ATV Maine an organization, and are the power of the organization through their elected representatives to ATV Maine. This means that ATV Maine is only as good at representing the member clubs as the clubs participation is in the ATV Maine organization.

The officers and directors of ATV Maine are elected from the member clubs, which means that member clubs involvement are the key to ATV Maine's success or failure to accomplish its mission. This also applies to the member clubs membership. ATV Maine is an extension of the member clubs and its individual memberships, because when a club joins ATV Maine, so does its membership. So the core of ATV Maine comes from the membership of individual ATV Maine member clubs. *You are* what makes ATV Maine! You, the members, are the they, their and theirs of the core. You make or break ATV Maine depending on your involvement.

As for me, I have chosen to be a part of the core of the ATV Maine organization. I am a non-resident member of a club, which is a primary member of ATV Maine. You have to make your own decision as to where you stand as part of the core of ATV Maine. Please make the right one for the future of our sport and how it is going to continue to grow.



Message Board

 *State Safety Courses:* 
<http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/atv.htm>



 Next ATV Maine Meeting 
 February 15, 2014
 Hosted by: Cambridge Cruisers ATV Club, Cambridge

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 OR
 E-MAIL INFO.ATVMAINE@GMAIL.COM

If possible, have a 
 bullhorn at your events to
 announce the
 importance of safety
 before a ride begins and all events
 are chem-free.

We are ATV Maine and these are your 2014 Officers & Officials

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