



# ATV MAINE NEWS

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## Wear a Helmet for Them!

By

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We all like to see a family enjoying ATV riding; but I find it most distressing to see the child with a helmet and the parents without. Three people on an ATV (dad driving, mom holding a youngster), then there is an accident. Mom and dad get serious head injuries, the child is fine, protected by the helmet. Now the two most important people in that child's life have been incapacitated and are no longer able to take care of their child. All because they were not wearing a piece of safety equipment designed to protect the brain in their head.

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What happened to common sense? "*It won't happen to me!*" is a general way of thinking. Parents usually do everything possible to protect their children; doesn't it make sense to protect themselves? Wearing a helmet on your head, as well as the head of your child is a very responsible thing to do. That child may not be able to tell you how important you are to them, but you know how important they are to you. Putting a helmet on every time you get on your ATV means that you always want to be there for your child's future.

Maine law requires children under 18 to wear a helmet. Parents' wearing a helmet sets a good example for their children to follow, but as children become adults they are going to make their own choices. There is an increased chance that the helmet will become a part of their standard ATV riding equipment if they are used to seeing their parents wearing one.

Wearing a helmet isn't always easy; they can feel awkward at first. Then there are the positive aspects - besides protecting one's head - helmets keep dust, dirt, and bugs out of your hair. They can be fitted with communication devices and visors to protect your eyes. Many designs and colors are available allowing the wearer to easily be recognized or just "look cool".

Putting a helmet on is the right thing to do - It protects your brain for your family and your friends - It makes sure you will be there for your child's future. Your life is priceless to your child.

Do not make the mistake you will regret; be the one wearing a helmet while riding an ATV. Not wearing a helmet is a mistake with dire consequences. A brain injury can permanently ruin the rest of your life and this disability can be devastating. Wear a Helmet for your son or daughter, wife or husband - do it for them.





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### Bombardier Pot-of-Gold

- Bombardier (BRP) will donate \$50 to a club at every scheduled meeting.
- The club will be chosen through a drawing during the scheduled meeting
- All clubs in good standing are eligible for the drawing.
- A Director, Alternate Director, or primary member from a club in good standing must be present in order for the club to win the monies in the pot. The membership will be verified by the business manager prior to issuing the winnings.
- If no member of the club is present, then the \$50 will be rolled over to the next scheduled meeting and another \$50 will be added to the amount.
- The pot will continue to grow until a winner is drawn and then the pot will start over again at \$50 –  
Maximum payout is \$300.00
- The club's name that is drawn will be posted on the website.

All payments will be made by check and sent to the winning club officials.

Dan Vieten

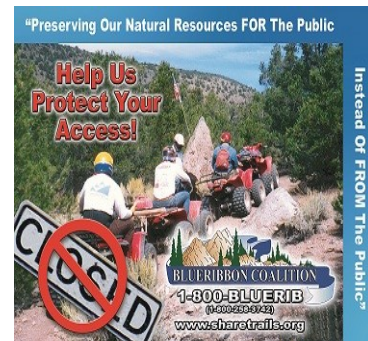
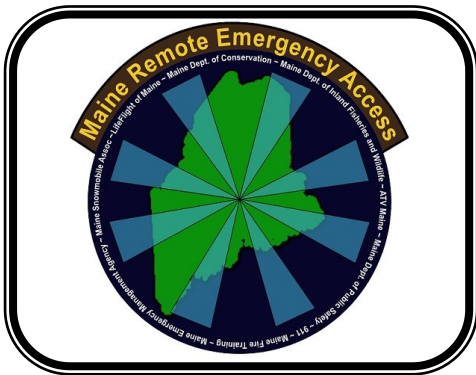
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### **Pot-Of-Gold Results**

Date	Hosting Club	Club Name Drawn	Present	Amount
2-22-14	Cambridge Cruisers	Turner Timberland ATV Club	Yes	\$200.00
4-19-14	Jeff's Catering	Borderline ATV Club	No	\$50.00
6-21-14	Northern Timber Cruisers	Breakneck Mtn. Club	Yes	\$100.00
8-20-14	Temple Trail Riders	VanBuren, Club	No	\$50.00
10-18-14	Southern Maine ATV Club	Endless Season Riders	No	\$100.00
12-13-14	Airline ATV Club	Acadia Area ATV'ers	Yes	\$150.00



### 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.
- ⇒ 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.

Thank You

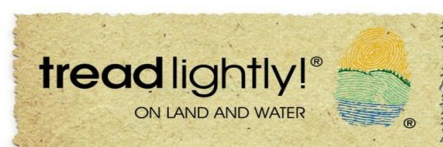


for hosting the December 2014  
ATV Maine meeting

**50-50** – Mike Lee \$45 -- donated \$23  
back to ATV Maine's General Fund and  
\$22 back to Airline ATV Riders



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.



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>
2-22-14	Eddie Farrar	~	Woody's Performance
4-19-14	Pauline Hughes	Central Maine Trail Blazers	Pushard's Powersports
6-21-14	Cindy Laroux	Northern Timber Cruisers	Sled Shop , Presque Isle
8-16-14	Michele Clark	Temple Trail Riders	Reggie's Kawasaki/SkiDoo
10-18-14	Ed Coleman	Southern Maine ATV Club	Westport Motorsports
12-13-14	Barb Oak	Airline ATV Riders	Westport Motorsports

(Must be present to win)



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## **Al Langley Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship 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 30, 2015\*\*

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](http://www.atvmaine.org) or by writing to Liane James, 164 Six Rod Road, Fairfield, Maine 04937; or email [lianejames@roadrunner.com](mailto:lianejames@roadrunner.com). Remember, students may apply each year they are in college as long as ATV Maine membership criteria is met.





As a follow up from the December 2014 meeting, the game cameras from Cabela's, mentioned by Corporal Rick LaFlamme, can be purchased at a discounted price of \$159.99, plus tax \$8.79, totaling \$168.78.

- The item number for the game camera is 461144 and can be viewed at the following link:

[http://www.cabelas.com/catalog/search.cmd?  
form\\_state=searchForm&N=0&fsch=true&Ntk=AllProducts&Ntt=461144&WTz\\_l=Header%3BSearch-  
All+Products&x=0&y=0](http://www.cabelas.com/catalog/search.cmd?form_state=searchForm&N=0&fsch=true&Ntk=AllProducts&Ntt=461144&WTz_l=Header%3BSearch-All+Products&x=0&y=0)

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- The agreement with Cabela's is the order and payment from the ATV club would be sent to ATV Maine with the idea of having –
- One order
  - One payment
  - One shipment

***Arrangements will be made for the cameras to be picked up at Cabela's and distributed at the banquet***

(cameras will not be mailed)

A club can order more than one camera

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		x \$159.99	5.5%	
			(\$8.79 for one)	Check #

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(ATV club contact person)

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(phone number)

ATV Maine PO Box 14 Jefferson, ME 04348

***Deadline for orders is March 21, 2015***

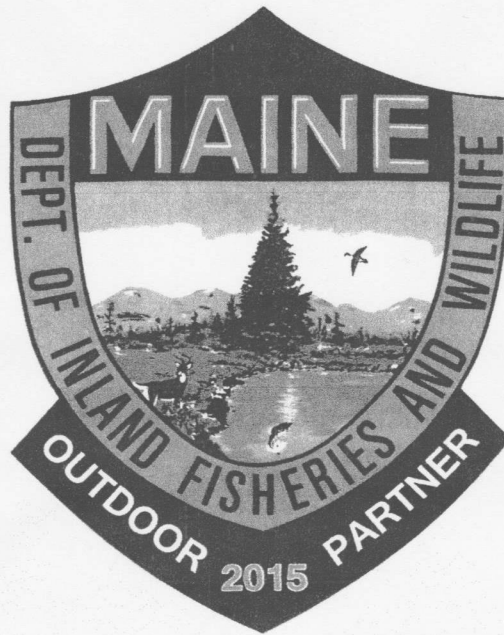
(allowing 8 to 10 business days for Cabela's to receive the shipment)

# JOIN TODAY!

Membership can be purchased through the MOSES licensing system, or our online store at:

[www.mefishwildlife.com](http://www.mefishwildlife.com)

You can also sign up at any licensing agent, or contact Kristina Paulhus to order by phone at: 207-287-5244



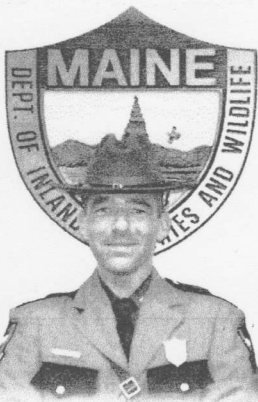
## Like to recreate in Maine? Thank a Landowner!

Dear Outdoor User,

My name is Rick LaFlamme. I am the Landowner Relations Specialist for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. I have been in conservation law enforcement for eighteen years. Our job as Maine Game Wardens is not just about enforcement. It is about compassion, trust, loyalty, and honor. Words we live by. I am really excited that my position has a single focus: "THE LANDOWNERS OF MAINE".

This focus is supported by the entire Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. We feel strongly that without the landowners, the outdoor heritage that Maine is known for is in jeopardy. The relationships with the landowners of Maine need to be cherished as close friendships. Respect and trust from ALL user groups towards the landowners are a must for this to succeed! As you know, there are a small percentage of people who may not feel this is important. Those are the people who litter, poach, destroy, and abuse the landowners' properties. Often times the result is that the landowners feel frustrated and are hurt financially. On occasion I hear landowners tell me they feel betrayed and taken advantage of for leaving their property open for use. They also feel they have nothing to gain by it! Therefore, the property becomes posted, gated, and closed to ALL.

Maine is truly a unique state, with over 94% of it owned by the private landowners, and EVERYONE wants to use it. We could have all the fish and game in the world, pristine weather conditions for all outdoor activity, and the best equipment that money can buy, but without the use of private property what good is any of it... The USER GROUPS are the front line. Whether it's picking up trash, helping landowners with work on damaged property, reporting violations, or just sharing the bounty of your successful outing; all parties will quickly realize that this will build a network of information and education. Trust us, it will be well worth it!



Many of us grew up hunting, fishing, trapping and recreating in Maine, it is because we practiced what we're preaching. I would certainly like to see my son and other youths do the same. It is the private landowners that have afforded all of us those opportunities. So whether you operate a snowmobile, ATV, engage in hunting, fishing, trapping, or just a person who loves utilizing the outdoors as an enthusiast; we all need to build these relationships and partnerships, with landowners to continue the outdoor traditions that Maine is known for. If you are not an Outdoor Partner yet, you need to be! Ask first. Don't just assume you can use the land. If you don't own the land, someone else does! And show your appreciation to them!

Sincerely,

**Corporal Rick Laflamme**  
*Landowner Relations Specialist*

[atvmaine.org](http://atvmaine.org)  
has a link to  
Landowner Relations  
information



Our club has now closed all ATV club trails preparing for Snowmobile season. Signs are being put up for the Snowmobile side of the club. Please stay off our trails unless you have tracks and are registered as a snowmobile. I've included a copy of the law that pertains to the unlawful use of snowmobile trails.

Dan Parlin  
President of Topsham Trailriders

§13107. Unlawfully operating vehicle on snowmobile trail. A person may not operate any 4-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, or any other motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile and appurtenant equipment, on snowmobile trails that are financed in whole or in part with funds from the Snowmobile Trail Fund, unless that use has been authorized by the landowner or the landowner's agent, or unless the use is necessitated by an emergency involving safety or persons or property.



*Thank You*



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<http://www.acadiaareaatvers.com/>

***News from your friends at***

***Acadia Area ATV'ers***

***January 2015***

Now that ATV season is over and by the time you read this article, the holidays probably too, there is not much news to share. One of our members thought you might enjoy reading this ATV story.

We have all been out on the trail and found things, right? Screwdrivers, adjustable wrenches, railroad spikes, tie downs, etc. Well, this one Sunday in October, a group of three returned from a great ride to Niatous to find a fine friend waiting for them. This little, friendly, patient, and particularly polite puppy was in the parking area where we had left our vehicles, and came out of the woods to greet us. She was not there when we left early that morning. What to do. She was definitely hungry, but her tail was going a mile a minute. Two honey buns that one gentleman was willing to share with our new found friend and a package of peanut butter crackers later – what to do. Call the Game Wardens? Yes! There is a rather pleasant woman who answers the telephone and after explaining the situation, says, oh great “they called yesterday.” She has been out on her own since Friday night. Her name is **Ivy**.

Once the 4-wheelers were loaded up, Ivy got a seat too! She slept, as you can see, pretty much the whole way to meet her owners. The only reason she woke up at all was because of all the sugar and crunchy peanut



butter crackers she was given and was a little thirsty. Her mom and dad met her in Ellsworth and after a short visit to some grass was eager to return home – adventure over. I'm sure she slept the night away at home in her cozy bed. Bless you little Ivy. The best part of all you want to know? Miss Ivy took us into the woods, a short way, to show us that yes indeed she had captured a partridge and eaten it. Probably her Friday or Saturday night dinner.

**Moral of the Story** – remember to take a cell phone with you on all your 4-wheeling adventures and to make sure you have the Game Wardens on speed dial. The numbers, in case you don't have them handy are: **Gray area** - 1-800-228-0857; **Augusta area** - 1-800-452-4664; **Bangor area** - 1-800-432-7381; and up in the **Houlton area** - 1-800-924-2261. We called the Bangor number and on the other end of the line was a wonderful woman who was able to connect us right up to Ivy's family.

Visit our web site at <http://www.acadiaareaatvers.com/> to read our monthly newsletters and see what we have been up to or what we have planned for the upcoming ATV season.

M & M for Acadia Area ATV'ers



## Message Board



Next ATV Maine  
newsletter deadline  
March 7, 2015



Next ATV Maine Meeting  
February 21, 2015  
9am - 2pm  
Hosted by: Star City ATV Club



*Reminder.....  
Club grants are due by  
January 31, 2015*



### Ice Safety Tips



<http://www.maine.gov/wordpress/insideifw/2014/12/31/ice-safety-tips/>



### Maine ATV News & Trail Notices



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#### Trail Notices

December 15, 2014

All ATV trails are closed for the season. Check back in late April / early May for the 2015 opening dates.

For additional trail updates check with your local ATV club, or the  
ATV Maine website.

[https://www1.maine.gov/dacf/parks/trail\\_activities/atv/atv\\_news.shtml](https://www1.maine.gov/dacf/parks/trail_activities/atv/atv_news.shtml)