

ATV MAINE NEWS

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Maine All-Terrain Trail System

REPORT FOR AIRLINE SNACKBAR ATV CLUB-

THE SWAMP DONKEYS-1-2016

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Well, looks like the ATV season may finally be over for the season. We had a wonderfully (depending on your point of view) extended riding time due to the warm weather. Not many years we can ride on Christmas day and not wear snowsuits !

We had a great year, in spite of many health ups and downs amongst our gang.

An enormous amount of trail work and bridge repair took place, and with both our trail master out of the loop at some point, more volunteers stepped up to help keep things on track. Special thanks go to Marlene and Mike Sullivan, and to Frank and Maryann Janusz . Having 20 or so miles turned over to us by the state, all the volunteers were essential as the trails were a little rough and needed work. The 6th annual Camp CaPella ride was a resounding success, raising \$3,000 for camperships.

We held our yearly land owner appreciation dinner at Pat's Pizza again this year to thank AFM for allowing us to use their lands for trails. The plaque made for them was displayed, and great emphasis was put on riders remembering that we have access to most of our trails by the PERMISSION of the company. It is not a right we have and we need to remember to treat the wishes of the land owner with the utmost respect.

A very special guest also attended, Keely Tibbets escorted her parents to the dinner, and we were delighted to see her. She immediately claimed a seat next to Paul Boudreau, her favorite in the club. Paul took Keely for her first atv ride at one of the benefits, and he's usually the first person she looks for !

The club had surprise gifts for Keely. When we are putting together the ride for the camp (with Airline Riders atv), sometimes it can get a little overwhelming, so much to do ! Whenever we start feeling frantic, all we have to do is think of Keely's smile and her enthusiasm and all the tension drains away. She embodies the spirit of why the camp exists, and why it is so important to provide help.

Keely was gifted with her own atv helmet, and a medallion naming her as an Honorary Swamp Donkey. She seemed to like both, and was careful to remove her medal during dinner so she wouldn't "get it dirty", then immediately reclaimed it from her mom.

The next season promises to be an interesting one, hopefully everyone will be back to fighting strength. There will always be brushing and trail maintenance and bridge work no matter how DONE we think we may be at any given point. We may even be given more trails to maintain as time goes by.

Have a safe winter, be careful and we'll see you in the spring.



New mailing address:

ATV Maine
PO Box 923
Augusta, ME 04332



Dear Fellow ATV'ers

Our Club this past year had several incidents of On-Off Road M/Cs causing problems with several of our landowners. One of those land owners has chosen to close his land to everyone including, Atv, M/C, Bikes, and walkers. This is mostly Because of no respect of the M/C users just abusing the property and landowner. We have other areas in our town that are also receiving complains about the lack of respect from them. We've decided after much thought to close our trails to M/Cs use due to these complaints and also that many of our trails are on property owned by Power Companies that have a policy that there will be no M/C on their land. The notice attached sadly is now the rule. Please if you're on Ours or another club trail system respect all land owners! We will now use signs/cameras to enforce this new rule. We also have had created Land Owner contact magnets so they will have someone to contact when problems happen immediately. You can get yours at www.buildasign.com.

Please Respect your Land Owners if you don't we will not have a place to ride!

President Daniel J. Parlin



*****NOTICE*****



On 1/4/2016 at our monthly meeting the members of Topsham Trailriders ATV/Snowmobile Club voted to close all the Topsham Trailriders Trails that we maintain to all **On and Off-road**

Motorcycles. Regrettably this was done after much thought by the club members and because of the loss of a major trail, Mainly the Yamaha East/West connector trail. This past year we have had many complaints of riders disrespecting landowners in several areas of the town. Also because a number of our trails are on Power lines and that these companies' policies forbid M/C, and our trails are listed on Maine State trail maps as Non M/C. Because we would like to keep the remaining trails, we are taking this step to close all trails we maintain to On-Off-M/C. We will place signs at the start of all our trails and will use Trail Cameras to enforce this rule. If you see anyone on the trails on M/Cs please contact the Club or Local authorities. Please respect our land owners or we will lose our privilege and won't have any trails in town to ride in the future.

President


Daniel Parlin

Topsham Trailriders

ATV/Snowmobile Club



Twin County Wheelers



Presents:

MOLUNKUS LAKE *Ice Fishing Derby* February 6, 2016

Entry fee: Ages 16+ is \$10 per person, children ages 12-15 is \$5 each and children under 12 enter free (You must register to win)

Registration time: 6:30 am - 2 pm

Fishing time: 7 am – 3:15 pm

Weigh in time: 3:30pm

Prizes: Awarded after weigh-in is complete

Species: trout, salmon, bass, pickerel, white perch

Derby cash prizes will be determined by fees collected based on a 50/50 split with sponsoring club

***Concession stand on site with hot food and drinks for a donation

***50/50 raffle on site

*** Club super raffle tickets on site and drawing at the end of derby

Fish caught the day of the derby on Molunkus Lake will be the only fish eligible for entry to win a prize.

Complete list of rules will be distributed the day of the derby at the time of registration.

Good Food + Good Fishing= Great Fun!

Sponsored by:

Twin County Wheelers ATV Club in Molunkus



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



The certificate 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.



(Must be present to win)

Helmet Winners

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Gift Certificate or Helmet</i>
2-21-15	~	~	~
4-18-15	Cindy Laroue	Moose Alley ATV Riders	Bangor Motorsports
6-20-15	Real Deschaine	Madawaska Valley	Frechettes Skidoo
8-15-15	Fred Gallant	Buxton Trailblazers	Wescott & Sons
10-17-15	Earl Oak	Airline ATV Riders	Bangor Motorsports
12-12-15	Richard Willoughby	Standish-Gorham ATV Club	Blouin Performance



Aroostook County

Irving Woodland's Recognized ATV Clubs

Allagash ATV Club
Aroostook Riders
Aroostook Valley ATV Club
Big 13 ATV Club
Borderline ATV Club
Caribou ATV Club
Eagle Lake Trail Blazers
Frenchville ATV Riders
Grand Isle ATV Club
Island Falls Freewheelers
Knowles Corner ATV Club

Madawaska Valley ATV Club
Masardis ATV Club
Northern Ridge Runners
Patten ATV Club
Portage Lakers
Sinclair ATV Club
Sly Brook Trail Blazers
St. Agatha ATV Club
Star City ATV Club
Valley ATV Riders
Van Buren ATV Club

Contact person:
Cindy Weymouth
207-745-2128
Airline ATV Riders





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

District Sales Manager

Dist. S3A - ME, NH, & MA

www.brp.com

Pot-Of-Gold Results

Date	Hosting Club	Club Name Drawn	Present	Amount
2-21-15	~	~	~	~
4-18-15	Annual Banquet	Acadia Area ATV'ers	Yes	\$50.00
6-20-15	Flagstaff Area ATV Club	Schoodic ATV Club	No	\$50.00
8-15-15	Buxton Trailblazers	Caribou ATV Club	No	\$100.00
10-17-15	Airline ATV Riders	Brettuns Wheelers	No	\$150.00
12-12-15	China Four Seasons	Sinclair ATV Club	No	\$200.00

Safety Instructors Wanted

Are you an experienced and passionate outdoorsman or woman? Do you enjoy teaching others and sharing your love for the Maine outdoors? The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is looking for volunteer instructors to assist with the delivery of our safety programs.

We annually offer safety classes to approximately 10,000 students statewide in the following disciplines:

Firearms Safety
ATV Safety

Bow Hunter Safety
Snowmobile Safety

Trapping
Watercraft

Crossbow



Interested ethical sportsmen or women who have the desire to keep the Maine tradition alive, promote a safe outdoor experience, and deliver a well structured basic safety class with other team members, should apply. Giving back to the sport that you have a passion for is a major part of being a true, ethical, sportsman or woman.

We have a growing interest from the public in all of the above disciplines, with major growth in Firearms Hunter Safety and Bow Hunter Safety. The increase in youth and women in these programs over the last few years has been tremendous.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please visit: (Ctrl + click link)

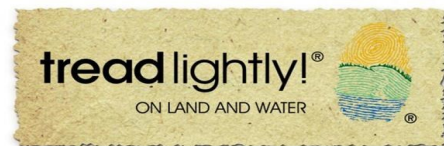
<http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/index.htm#instructor>

To apply, contact the local Regional Coordinator in your Area. Regional Coordinators are listed on the IFW website. <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/coordinators.htm> (Ctrl + Click link)

Passionate for Outdoor Activities and Maine Traditions to continue – Be Part of the Team to make it Happen

Hosting an ATV Maine meeting

- ◆ ATV Maine pays the hosting ATV club \$300
 - ◆ 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
 - ◆ 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.



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Plum Creek

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*Current 2015 -2016 ATV Maine
affiliated club members*

1. Abbot Explorers ATV Club
2. Airline ATV Riders
3. Airline SnackBar ATV
4. Allagash ATV Riders
5. Aroostook Riders ATV Club
6. Aroostook Valley ATV Club
7. Big 13 ATV Club
8. Bog Hooters Tri-Town ATV Club
9. Border Riders Sportsman Club
10. Borderline ATV Club
11. Breakneck Mountain ATV Riders
12. Brettuns Wheelers ATV Club
13. Buxton Trailblazers
14. Caribou ATV Club
15. Central Maine ATV Club
16. Central Maine Trail Blazers
17. China Four Seasons Club
18. Cochnewagan Trailblazers
19. Down East Trail Riders
20. Eagle Lake Trailblazers
21. East Stream ATV Riders Club
22. Endless Season Riders ATV Club
23. Flagstaff Area ATV Club
24. Frenchville ATV Riders
25. Grand Isle ATV Club
26. Grand Lake Stream ATV Club
27. Grand Lakers ATV Club
28. Haynesville Woods Trail Riders
ATV Club
29. Indian River Trail Tamers
30. Island Falls Free Wheelers
31. Katahdin Valley Wheelers ATV Club
32. Knowles Corner ATV Club
33. Lake Moxie ATV Riders
34. Last Frontier Riders
35. Madawaska Valley ATVenture Club
36. Masardis ATV Club
37. Massabesic ATV Club
38. Messalonskee Trail Riders ATV Club
39. Mid Coast ATV Club
40. Moose Alley Riders ATV Club
41. Moosehead ATV Riders
42. Narraguagus ATV Club
43. Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club
44. Northern Timber Cruisers
45. Outdoor Explorers ATV Club
46. Oxford Hills ATV Trail Blazers
47. Over The Hill ATV Riders
48. Patten ATV Club
49. Penobscot Off Road Riders ATV Club
50. Pine Tree Trail Riders
51. Portage Lakers ATV Club
52. Riverside Trail Riders
53. Robbinston Bushwackers ATV Club
54. Rockwood Blue Ridge Riders
ATV Club
55. Rocky Mountain Trail Riders
56. Sandy River Riders ATV Club
57. Schoodic ATV Club
58. Seboeis Stream ATV Club
59. Sinclair ATV Club
60. Sly Brook Trail Blazers
61. Southern Maine ATV Club
62. St. Agatha ATV Club
63. Standish Gorham ATV Club
64. Star City ATV Club
65. Temple Trail Riders
66. Topsham Trailriders ATV/
Snowmobile Club
67. Turner Timberland ATV Club
68. Twin County Wheelers
69. Valley ATV Riders Club
70. Van Buren Pine Runners ATV Club

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



Message Board

Provide landowners with your ATV club's
contact information —

<http://www.bulldesign.com/fridge-magnets>



State Safety Courses:

[http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/
safety/atv.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/atv.htm)



Support local businesses
who support
ATV'ing in Maine



Educate members and the public about your
ATV trail system and maintenance.



Keep an open mind to suggestions from your new and young club members



We encourage our members to join OP -
Outdoor Partners -

[http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutus/commissioners_office/
OutdoorPartnersPgrm/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/aboutus/commissioners_office/OutdoorPartnersPgrm/index.htm)



Hosting ATV Maine's Website



Next ATV Maine Meeting
Annual Banquet



April 16, 2016

Jeff's Catering, Brewer

***ATV CLUB GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS SUBMITTED MUST BE
POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2016***

Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Bureau of Parks and Lands
ATV Program
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022
Tel. [\(207\) 287-4958](tel:207-287-4958) or [888-386-3288](tel:888-386-3288)

Thank You



**for hosting the October 2015
ATV Maine meeting**

**50-50 – Earl Oak,
Airline ATV Riders**

SMART'S HARDWARE

43 Main Street
Lincoln, Maine
207-794-8011

Mon-Fri 7am-5:30pm, Sat 7am-5pm, Sun 8am-3pm

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True Value®

Thank You



**for hosting the December 2015
ATV Maine meeting**

**50-50 – Ed Zilinsky,
Temple Trail Riders**



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NEWS FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Legislative Document No. 1567
is a bill ATV Maine should support

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Operation of an All-terrain Vehicle or Snowmobile on a Controlled Access Highway

Presented by Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle. Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCABE of Skowhegan, McELWEE of Caribou, SCHNECK of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, WHITE of Washburn.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before expiration of the 90-day period in order to allow for the construction of multi-use trails within the rights-of-way of controlled access highways to be built in the summer of 2016; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §394 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

- A. A person may operate a snowmobile upon a controlled access highway or within the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway in accordance with this paragraph.
- (1) A person on a properly registered snowmobile may cross controlled access highways by use of bridges over or roads under those highways, or by use of roads crossing controlled access highways at grade. (
 - (2) The Commissioner of Transportation may issue special permits for designated crossings of controlled access highways.

At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Commissioner of Transportation may permit construction of a snowmobile trail within the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway when there is an ability to provide for the continuity of a state-owned or state-controlled network of snowmobile trails in an area of new construction on or after January 1, 2016.

(3) A person on a properly registered snowmobile may operate the snowmobile within the right-of-way of a controlled access highway on a trail segment approved by the Commissioner of Transportation.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13157-A, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §414 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

- A. A person may not operate an ATV upon a controlled access highway or within the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway, except that: (1) A person on a properly registered ATV may cross controlled access highways by use of bridges over or roads under those highways or by use of roads crossing controlled access highways at grade; and
- (2) The Commissioner of Transportation may issue special permits for designated crossings of controlled access highways and

At the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Commissioner of Transportation may permit construction of an ATV trail within the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway when there is an ability to provide for the continuity of a state-owned or state-controlled network of ATV trails in an area of new construction on or after January 1, 2016

(3) A person on a properly registered ATV may operate the ATV within the right-of-way of a controlled access highway on a trail segment approved by the Commissioner of Transportation.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Commissioner of Transportation to permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways in areas of new construction. It also permits the operations of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on those trail segments.