

ATV MAINE NEWS

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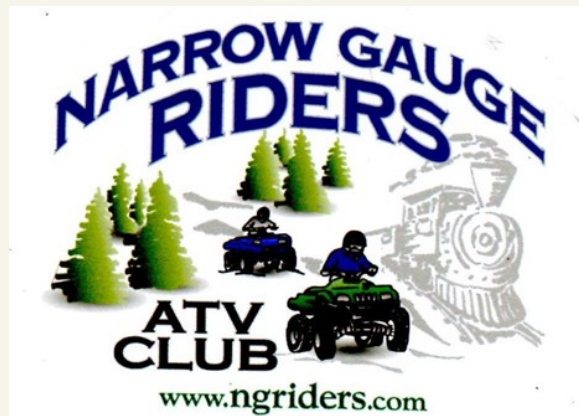
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Greetings from the Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club. We hope everyone is getting to enjoy the snow this winter, soon it will be gone and the ATV riding season will be upon us once again. The Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club is on it's winter break from meetings at the mo-

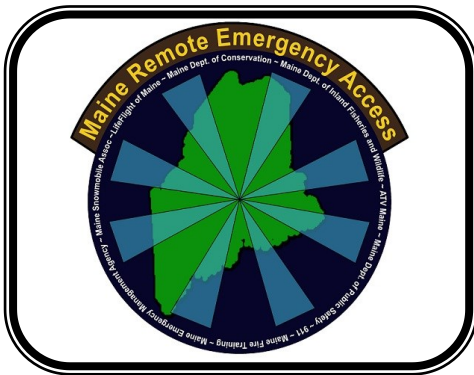


ment, the first meeting of our year will be Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. Meetings are always held at the Avon Town Hall on Rt. 4 in Avon, ME. We have a wonderful Potluck supper before each meeting starting at 6, and meetings are open to everyone. There are a lot of plans to create and improve trails in the Narrow Gauge system this year, so we hope everyone who can join us will.

The Winter season doesn't see the club completely idle as Santa always needs a little help. Our Operation Bright X-mas Campaign 2014 was a very nice success. Over 50 recipients from the Avon, Madrid, and Phillips area received a little extra cheer from the Bright X-mas Elves. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Without our monetary and gift donors, Skowhegan Savings Banks Phillips Branch hosting our giving tree, and the countless hours put in by the Elves, this program would not be able to spread the cheer that it does. So again, thank you many times over to everyone who helped!



Remember The Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club has a webpage www.ngriders.com and a Facebook page so everyone can keep up on all of our latest news. Please give them a visit, like our Facebook page, leave us a comment, and check out our new apparel options we have for this year! Hope to see at our meetings or out enjoying our trails. Ride Safe. Sonja Hardy, Secretary for The Narrow Gauge Riders ATV Club.



Penobscot Off-Road Riders
will be hosting an ATV Safety
Class on May 2, 2015 from
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. –
FMI 732-3953

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.

Officers

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Tami Kane

president@atvmaine.org

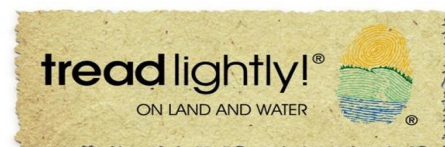
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MID COAST ATV CLUB

POKER RUN and CHARITY RIDE

TO BENEFIT



of Waldo County

DATE: SATURDAY
JUNE 13TH, 2015

Silent auction

RAIN OR SHINE

~AFTER THE RIDE~

TIME: START: 8 AM

(LOTS OF GREAT ITEMS TO BID ON!)

FINISH APPROX: 1 PM

LOCATION:

FRYE MOUNTAIN

(OFF 220 IN MONTVILLE)

8 A.M. REGISTRATION

(\$10 DONATION PER RIDER)

9 A.M. RIDE ON FRYE MOUNTAIN



*FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS: CONTACT ADAM HILLS~323-5667



Message Board

Next ATV Maine
newsletter deadline
May 2, 2015



Next ATV Maine Meeting
April 18, 2015
9am - 2pm
Jeff Catering— Brewer,



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has a link to
Landowner Relations information

OPEN POSITIONS -

Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator

Treasurer

Secretary

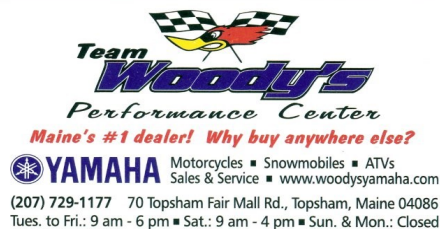
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If interested, email info@atvmaine.org

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Al Langley Memorial Scholarship

Members of ATV Maine in good standing are eligible to apply annually for this scholarship. The Al Langley Memorial Scholarship Fund 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, and Terry James.**

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 ~ Landowner Relations

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.

Past winners of the scholarship are:

2010/2011 First scholarship for \$500.00 - 3 applicants ... awarded to Cheyenne Hertlien.

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

2012/2013 Third scholarship for \$1,000.00 - 5 applicants ... awarded to Erin Abbott.

2013/2014 Fourth scholarship for \$1000.00 - 2 scholarships awarded to Darin Jandreau and Brett Whittemore.

2014/2015 Fifth scholarship for \$1000.00 - 2 awarded to Mariah Corriveau and Shawnee Ellis.

As a friend of Al and Hazel 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*

Remember that students may apply each year they are in college as long as scholarship criteria are met.

Application Deadline ~~~ April 30, 2015

<http://www.atvrider.com/top-10-atv-trails-america?image=9>

Top 10 ATV Trails in America

Our Favorite Bucket List Trails

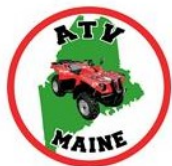
By ATV Rider *Posted February 4, 2015*

With nearly 3.8 million square miles, the United States features one of the most varied types of climate, geography, and terrain of any spot on Earth. For those looking to take a riding vacation, or those just hoping to check some ride location off their bucket list, we've compiled a list of our favorite places to let the dirt fly. With the days getting longer and a significant portion of the US about to wake up from a winter hibernation, there's no better time than now to start planning your next adventure.



Maine: (<http://www.atvmaine.org>)

Maine is an ATV/UTV lover's dream. With approximately six thousand miles of trails currently available to legally ride, and smaller individual loops consistently being added and connected, Maine is a serious off-road destination. With much of the forest land owned by massive timber companies, the state of Maine itself, and countless private individual landowners, nearly two hundred ATV clubs have worked in cooperation with state agencies to manage trail maintenance, create the ever developing trail system, and work with individual land owners.



ATV MAINE'S ANNUAL BANQUET

REPRESENTING ATV CLUBS IN MAINE

Join us in welcoming

Commissioner Chandler E. Woodcock

and

Corporal Rick LaFlamme

Landowner Relations Specialist



Silent Auction!

Sponsored by



April 18, 2015

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jeff's Catering
15 Littlefield Way
Brewer, ME
04412

Cost: \$15.00
Per guest

Club and guest names and
payment can be mailed to:

ATV MAINE
PO Box 14
Jefferson, ME 04348

Phone: 207-754-2843
E-mail: info@atvmaine.org

Detach here

Please submit with the names of guests who will be attending, and the total amount at \$15.00 per guest.

Club: _____

Guest names: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Young Examples

By

Terrence D Sinclair, RN, RNFA, CNOR

Safety while riding should be everyone's concern. A minority seems to feel that ATVing is meant to be enjoyed without regard to rules and/or protective equipment. Nevertheless, riding should always be done with safety in the minds of all of us.

I was watching "Northwood's Law" on the Animal Planet, when one of the programs showed three teens being stopped by a Warden Spahr. All were under the age of fifteen, and they were all wearing a proper safety helmet. The problem was, they were all under age. Still, they were wearing safety helmets; a habit they will probably carry into their adult life, and pass onto their children when the time comes. The wardens duty was performed in such a manner that none of the boys went away with a negative attitude. Warden Spahr had called the parents to explain the situation and for them to come and get the boys and the machines. Even the parents in the scene smiled and said thank you.

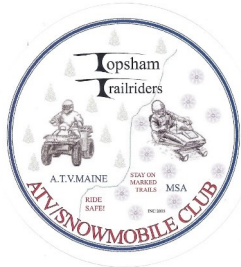
The wearing of a helmet is such a simple thing; it protects the head from severe injury, yet will not prevent a concussion. It will not prevent a neck injury. Still, it protects the brain, which is more than just vital to all body functions - brain damage is a real threat to how you live the rest of your life - those in the medical and insurance fields know that only too well. Permanent damage can lead to a lifetime of inability to care for oneself physically and/or mentally. Yet, too many adults do not recognize this fact until it's too late. "It won't happen to me" is a part of the thought process, but then it does happen, an accident with a head injury.

At a recent orthopedic meeting at a Maine ski area, one of the lectures was on ski helmets, what they do, the results, and the increase in adult wear over the past few years. Now you ask what does skiing and ATVing have in common, the protection of the head. Yes, it is true, no ski or ATV helmet protects the neck or save you from a concussion; but they protect the head, which contains the brain, or the computer of the human body. Damage to the human computer becomes very costly in more ways than you can imagine. These costs are known from the federal level of the government right down to the families of those with major head injuries.

A proper helmet isn't that expensive. The decision to wear one or not can be very costly. Why adults feel they do not need to wear a helmet amazes me. People who think the government takes care of those with major head injuries are very wrong. The people who pay for the care are the insurance companies, tax payers, and families of the injured. When it comes to long term care of a person with a major head injury, it has an impact on the system and the family - financially and emotionally. Very few give any thought to cost of caring for a loved one 24/7/365 who may now be totally dependent on others for every aspect of their life.

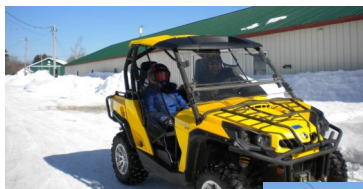
So where does all this lead? The example for helmet wear is with the youth of ATVing. Yes, the law has had a great deal to do with that decision. Still, the future of the sport is the example from the young to the adults participating in the sport today who feel they do not need to wear a helmet while riding. It is the young, interestingly who are being the safety example. For that, I am very proud of their accomplishment, both in skiing and ATVing. I just wish more adults would wear a helmet- the example set by young people.

While out riding, please remember to respect the landowner's property, ride with safety in mind,
and wear your helmet.



All

Recently our club held our second Dependent Association Ride at the Topsham Fairground in our town. Each time we have this event I think these Special Adults and our members have some of the best moments, Below are some of the images from that day and the many smiles on each of the riders and drivers! If you ever get a chance please have a event like this in your town to support these special People you'll never regret it! Dan Parlin President



(Below) Valley ATV Riders President, Dan Nicolas, and Treasurer, Don Ouellette, apply calcium and water to the trail to abate dust for landowners with concerns. As everyone involved knows, landowners' concerns must be addressed.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are active in the ATV Clubs in Maine.

Submitted by Bert Levesque,

Secretary of Valley ATV Riders in the greater Fort Kent area





It is with great sadness I inform you of the passing of Francis Smith, February 16, 2015 -- a longtime and dedicated supporter of ATV Maine, serving on the Al Langley scholarship committee, as well as an advocate for Pine Tree Camp and very devoted to his church.

He will most definitely be missed by his community.

*Tami M. Kane
ATV Maine President*

He will be missed my many people. Bill Thomas

I have known Francis for many years and have never met anyone with a bigger heart. He cared about everyone he met and would do anything to help. He willing be greatly missed by all. Chesley Harvey, Pine Tree Society

Our sympathies to the family, Valley ATV Riders of Fort Kent

He was very dedicated to both ATV Maine and the Pine Tree Camp. He will be missed in many ways. Terry

I once asked Francis if he would come to our Temple meeting and give a speech on 'Pine Tree Camp'. He quickly replied, "What time, and how do I get there?" Recovering from a fall, he came to our meeting. This is how tirelessly he worked for the camp. Ed Zilinsky, Temple Trail Riders

On behalf of the Eagle Lake Trail Blazers, please accept our Deepest Sympathy for your loss. In times like this, it is so hard to find the right words to try and express in real life words to say what our hearts feel. There is no greater sadness to lose our loved ones. Please know we are with you and share your loss. Sincerely with love, from all our members to you and your family. Bruce Labbe, President, Eagle Lake Trail Blazers

Dick and I knew Francis for many years. For all the work that he has done for ATV Maine and many clubs, heaven will welcome him with open arms. Rest in peace Francis. Say hi to Dick for me. Vicki Eastman

