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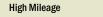
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Maine All-Terrain Trail System

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for hosting ATV Maine's 2016 Annual Banquet



ATV Maine President, Tami Kane, presenting Rick LaFlamme with a special recognition for supporting the ATV clubs and ATV Maine.

ATV Maine Vice President, Real Deschaine, presenting Brian Bronson with a recognition for his dedication to Maine's ATV clubs and landowners.





Special Guest on Page 15





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Greetings to a new season of riding.

I would like to thank the clubs that joined the High Mileage Club.

A new season is on us and I'm opening the starting date

May 1st to Dec 4st this year. I will be mailing packets this

week. Please send them back as soon as possible as this

year there is a closing date of July 1st to join. We had

some great gifts and five dealers helped.

I'm looking forward to another good year.

If you have any ideas, please E-mail <u>iva\_copeland@yahoo.com</u> or call 207-745-2128

Respectfully

Cindy Copeland Weymouth



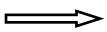




PatraCompany LLC
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Hosting ATV Maine's Website



This is an offer to all that join the High Mileage club this year by the first of July



of any Sedona Tire Kit!

Please Contact Josh at Chase Toys for more information and pricing.
207-948-5729

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TOUGH TERRAIN NEEDS A THOUGHER TIRE

All Maine High Mileage Club Members will get 15% off

www.sedonatires.com

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#### STAR CITY ATV CLUB PO BOX 1533 PRESQUE ISLE, ME. 04769

# THE TOUR ISLE, WE WANTED

#### MAY NEWSLETTER

NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT THE CLUBHOUSE JUNE 1ST, WE WILL BE HAVING A POT LUCK DINNER AT 6:00PM. THE CLUB WILL FURNISH THE HOTDOGS & BUNNS JUST BRING A SIDE DISH & DRINK. MEETING WILL BE AT 6:30PM

THIS MONTH CLUB RIDE IS TO THE BLUE MOOSE RESTAURANT, WE WILL LEAVE THE CLUBHOUSE AT 9:00AM

ATV FACTS: IN 2015 THERE WAS 64,378 REGISTERED ATV'S IN MAINE, SECOND HIGHEST, THE HIGHEST WAS IN 2008 WITH 64,680

LAST YEAR THERE WAS OVER 24,000 VOLUNTEER HRS. ON MAINE ATV TRAILS OUR CLUB HAD 767 VOLUNTEER HRS ON OUR TRAILS LAST YEAR & THIS ISN'T COUNTING THE MANY HRS SPENT WORKING AT THE CLUBHOUSE, MOWING, ULTIMATE EVENT, TALKING TO LANDOWNERS, & MANY MORE. BIG THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE OUR CLUB GREAT.

NOT SURE WHEN THE TRAILS WILL BE OPENING, MAY BE THE 14TH BUT NOT SURE, THIS DEPENDS ON OUR LANDOWNERS & WHAT THE CONDITION OF THE TRAILS ARE.

AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHEN THE TRAILS WILL OPEN I WILL EMAIL EVERYONE & YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. ALL IRVING TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL THE 21ST OF MAY WE HAD TO REROUTE THE TRAIL AT THE WILLIAMS ROAD, SO WATCH THE SIGNS CLOSELY, PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAIL BECAUSE IT GOES AROUND A FARMERS FIELD.

OUR MAPS SHOULD BE DONE SOON AT THE PRINTERS, AS SOON AS I RECEIVE THEM I WILL BE MAILING THEM OUT TO OUR MEMBERS.

WHEN THE TRAILS DO OPEN DRIVE CAREFULLY BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO ON THEM.

#### THESE ARE THE CURRENT RIDE DATES FOR STAR CITY ATV CLUB THIS YEAR:

#### **LONG RIDES**

MAY 28TH: BLUE MOOSE RESTAURANT, LEAVE FROM CLUB HOUSE AT 9:00AM

JUNE 25TH: VAN BUREN TO THE TASTY FREEZE, LEAVE FROM PARK & RIDE AT 9:00AM

JULY 23RD: ROSETTE'S IN FRENCHVILLE, LEAVE PARK & RIDE AT 8:00AM

AUGUST 20TH: LAKEVIEW, CLUB COOKOUT AT SIN-CLAIR'S CLUBHOUSE, CLUB WILL FURNISH HOTDOGS & BUNNS, LEAVE PARK & RIDE AT 8:00AM

SEPTEMBER 17TH: EASTON BORDER TRAIL, WE'LL EAT IN MARSHILL. LEAVE CLUBHOUSE AT 9:00 AM

OCTOBER 8TH: MTN. LOOP TRAIL, LEAVE CLUBHOUSE

#### **SHORT RIDES**

MAY 29TH: CHAPMAN, MAPLETON, WASHBURN LOOP, LEAVE PARK & RIDE AT 10:00AM

JUNE 12TH: ASHLAND, LEAVE PARK & RIDE AT 9:00AM, WILL EAT IN ASHLAND OR YOU CAN BRING LUNCH, YOUR CHOICE

JULY 24TH: EASTON LOOP, LEAVE PARK & RIDE AT 9:00AM, BRING LUNCH

AUGUST 14TH : BURGER BOY IN CARIBOU, LEAVE PARK & RIDE AT 9:00AM

SEPTEMBER 25TH : MARSHILL, LEAVE FROM CLUBHOUSE 9:00 AM

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ATV Maine is a proud member of Outdoor Partners

If (70) ATV Maine member clubs joined OP with the money saved from your 2016 - 2017 ATV Maine membership - that would be \$1,050.00 towards this program!

The Outdoor Partners Landowner Relations Program works to create a more conscientious recreational user and work with landowners and land users to address issues associated with access before they become larger problems. The Outdoor Partners program recognizes the importance of access to private land and works to preserve and enhance access, as well as improve relations with landowners.

#### ATV Maine joins OP:

Joining is simple – purchase with your license or on our online store <a href="http://www10.informe.org/webshop\_ifw/index.php?">http://www10.informe.org/webshop\_ifw/index.php?</a>
<a href="Submit=View+Details&c=39&p=5431&storeID=2">Submit=View+Details&c=39&p=5431&storeID=2</a>
for just \$15.00, and agree to abide by this code of ethics:

As a member of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Outdoor Partners Program, I understand that responsible behavior and ethics are essential in keeping lands open for outdoor recreation. As an Outdoor Partner, I will:

- Respect the land and the landowner.
- Respect fish, wildlife and the environment.
- Respect the law.
- Respect all outdoor users.
- Volunteer to assist a landowner in the upcoming year.

Outdoor Partners Receive Valuable Offers And Benefits Throughout Maine! (Some restrictions apply)

- Membership Card
- 2 free Outdoor Partners Decals.
- Kittery Trading Post offers 20% off merchandise, and 10% off firearms. (Show your membership card, one time use only.)
- One free Adult admission to the Maine Wildlife Park and one free adult admission to Swan Island (must use paper coupon).
- The DeLorme retail store in Yarmouth offers 50% off of DeLorme map products and software, such as the Maine Atlas and Gazetteer<sup>TM</sup> and Topo North America; 25% off of DeLorme hardware (inReach Satellite Communicators and Earthmate PN-60 and PN-60w GPS receivers). (Show your membership card).
- Cabela's offers a \$20 savings on purchases over \$150 (must use paper coupon).
- Discounted subscription to the Maine Sportsman (only \$15.00) and Northwoods Sporting Journal (only \$25.00). (Must use paper coupon.)
- 10% off selected items at M.A.C.S. Trading Post in Houlton, Ben's Trading Post in Presque Isle, Indian Hill Trading Post in Greenville, and Fort Kent Ski-Doo in Fort Kent. (Show your membership card.)
- Free Day Pass to the North Maine Woods, or \$7.00 discount on North Maine Woods season pass.

2016 Outdoor Partner benefits expire on December 31, 2016.

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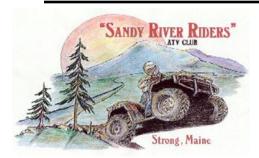


For 2016 we will be meeting on the first Wed of each month at 6pm and at the Abbot Town Hall.

Our Trail master has been actively going out and closing the trails so no one can go on them until the official opening.

The official date for the opening of the trails will be announced at a later date.

Hope to see as many at the meeting as can attend. Do not forget to also follow us on our Facebook page.





#### **NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Log onto: www.sandyriverriders.org

Dear Fellow Enthusiast,

It has arrived! No it is not a baby, and it is not a letter from your grandmother. It is another riding season. (If you have had a baby or received a letter from loved one, congratulations.) The trails have opened, the trees are budding and the weather for the most part has been pretty nice. We are looking forward to another great season of riding and enjoying the outdoors. There will be all kinds of adventures to be had and places to see and things to do. Memories will be made and friendships built as we traverse the landscape. Before we even realize what has happened we will be looking back at this summer saying, "Remember that time when....." I say that not to be a discouragement but to say take some time to enjoy the outdoors and the relationships you have around you.

We again this year have a lot of trail work and upkeep to be done. I want to thank all the ones that helped with our roadside cleanup. I also want to thank the businesses in town that allowed us to use their dumpsters. We were not able to get to every road and area but we did get some of the roadsides cleaned up. We had many stop to voice their appreciation for the work and the fact that we cared. Besides, there is nothing like the smell of a trash bag full of rotten meat to make your day go better. For a minute there I thought Dave had forgotten his deodorant again.

I was reminiscing today with one of the club members about the work days in the past. As usual you only remember the good parts and the friendships made. We talked about how there used to be a great number of retired guys that would show up to help. It reminded me of some of those great times of the past when we were able to work together. My kids still call Richard "Swimmer" because after helping them across the stream one cool fall day he then fell in himself. I want to thank all those that have made our club and trails what they are today. Without that legacy there would be no club. I would also like to encourage the rest of us to pick up where they left off and continue to have a vibrant club. The way we do that is by all being part of maintaining trails and building relationships with landowners. As Bob the Builder says, "Working together to get the job done!" (Yes, I have watched that very educational show. With my son of course.) As always there is plenty to do to maintain and fix our trails this summer. I would ask for your patience as we work on the many different projects on our "To do list."

Have a great season and I hope to see you on the trail! President, John Evans

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# 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.



Helmet Winners						
Date	Name	Club	Gift Certificate or Helmet			
4/16/2016	Laura Chicoine	Patten ATV Club	Reynolds Motorsports			





Dear Club Members

The ATV Maine Banquet was well attended by our club and many others across the state. They had a surprise guest Tim Sample and he gave us a little Down East humor! His humor on Mud Season was **wicked** good!

At the time of this Newsletter we have opened the East side of town and we hope to have the west side next weekend or the week after. Lots to be done on the trails and now we do not have the connector trail and we won't have one any time soon. Reminder the M/C are not allowed on the trails other then the Hunter property. Please contact Tad Hunter (Owner) if you want to use this property. Warden Bob Decker has been busy already this year so make sure your ATVs/UTVs are registered and safe. Reminder children should be wearing helmets also!

There is some new blood in our club and we hope they can make this an even better group. Welcome Jeff Pinette and Harold Clossey.

Also the club does have a new supply of hats and shirts available, I'll make sure they are at the Regular meeting on May 2nd! Please contact Marcia or Ginny Bickford before hand if you are interested in purchasingReminder Dues are due April 30 each year! So pay your dues soon - please do not be late this year - be different!

Like all Clubs We are always looking for new members and new ideas to make this club grow; please come to a meeting and see what we are all about!

Thanks for your support!

Dan Parlin TTR President

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- 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.

Bombardier Pot-of-Gold

- 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
4/16/2016	ATV MAINE	Sinclair ATV Club	YES	\$300.00

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#### **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 Bow Hunter Safety Trapping Crossbow

ATV Safety Snowmobile Safety Watercraft

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. <a href="http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/coordinators.htm">http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/safety/coordinators.htm</a> (Ctrl + Click link)

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

State ATV Trails Currently Open:

Southern Bangor & Aroostook Trail

Down East Sunrise Trail (DEST)

Four Seasons Adventure Trail (Newport to Dover)

Whistle Stop Trail (Jay to Farmington)

Lagrange Rail Trail

Summerhaven/Tyler Pond Trail System

Androscoggin Riverlands (Turner)

ATV trails on Irving Land, Aroostook County, cannot be opened until May 21.



Next <u>ATV Maine Meeting</u> 2016-06-18 09:00 - Hosted by: Bog Hooters Tri-Town ATV Club



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Maurice Sargent





Apply for a Yamaha GRANT

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#### **ATV Maine Club Liability Insurance**

United Insurance
Tilton Agency
2351 North Belfast Avenue
Augusta, ME 04330



Event forms need to be mailed to:
ATV Maine
PO Box 923
Augusta, ME 04332

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#### Eastern District Rep

Vacant

#### Central District Rep

Vacant

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#### SPRING CLEAN UP TIME FOR

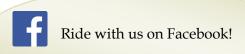


If the unfortunate happens and you have an accidental death of a club member, please have the club president notify ATV Maine to ensure all necessary paperwork is processed for the AD&D benefit.



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





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#### **Message Board**



Provide landowners with your ATV club's contact information —



http://www.buildasign.com/fridge-magnets



State Safety Courses:



http://www.maine.gov/ifw/education/ safety/atv.htm



Support local businesses who support ATV'ing in Maine



Educate members 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



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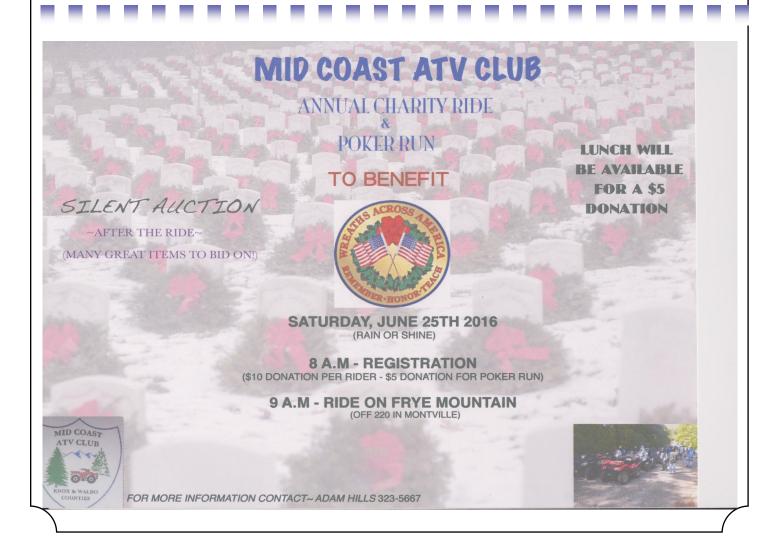


http://www.mainewildadventures.com/home.html

## Message from Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DACF)

This sign is now required by Federal law on all railroad crossings. The railroads have to put them up and maintain them but DOT wants us to let them know if they are missing at any of their crossings on the railroads that DOT owns.

REPORT EMERGENCY
OR PROBLEM
TO 1-866-311-6851
CROSSING 934364F
MP- 31.95



#### Survival

#### MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

#### **Bryan Courtois**

#### Current

President Pine Tree Search and Rescue
Education Director/Board Member MASAR
MASAR Search Team Leader
Registered Maine Guide
Wilderness First Responder
Board Member Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Eagle Scout + Scout leader since 1995
Life Member Maine Appalachian Trail Club

#### <u>Past</u>

Maine Chapter AMC Trip Leader
Maine Chapter AMC Outings Chair
AMC/ADK Winter Mountaineering School instructor
AMC Mountain Leadership School instructor



#### Before you go

- · Make a plan
- · Share your plan
- Follow with your plan
- · Check the weather and plan for the unexpected
- Hope for the best plan for the worst

#### Make a plan

- · How long are you planning to be out
- · When do you plan on returning
- · Plot course on a map
- Plan B
- 24 hour pack
- · How much fuel will you need
- Where is your point of no return
- Escape routes

#### Share your plan

- · Can be elaborate or simple
- · Leave a copy with someone you trust
- · What if planed route can not be followed
- When are you planning to be back
- · When should they call 911 or MWS
- Everyone on the needs to know the plan!



#### Follow your plan

- · Use map and compass to follow route
- GPS?!
- · Make mental notes of land marks and signs
- · Plot current position on the map
- If you need to deviate from the plan leave a sign

#### You do everything right but...

- You get lost
- · Break down
- Find someone else who is lost/broken down/injured
- Tow rope, tools, spare parts, spare gas, etc.
- And now you have an unplanned extended stay

#### STOP

- Stop
- Stop, take a deep breath, drink some water and have a snack
- Think
- What do you know, what do you have, where are you?
- Observe
  - · Look around, evaluate resources and options
- Plan
- Decide on a course of action and execute it

#### Hope for the best, plan for the worst

- Scene safety
- · Maintain body temperature
- Shelter
- Signal
- Water
- Food

#### Zones of assessment

- Zone 1 on your person
- Zone 2 what is in your pack
- · Zone 3 what is in the immediate area
  - · Zone 4 what is beyond

#### Zone 1 on your person

- Knife
- Fire (matches, lighter, etc.)
- Navigation (map, compass)
- · What you are currently wearing

#### Zone 2 in your pack

- Needs to be small enough that you will carry it
- Needs to have enough materials to be useful
   Zone 2 in your pack Scene safety
- Don't make the situation worse
- First aid kit and knowledge on how to use it
- Personal medication
- WFA

#### Zone 2 in your pack Maintain body temp

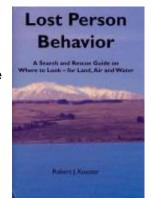
- · Fleece jacket, fleece hat, rain jacket and pants
- Spare socks
- Space blanket
- Fire starting materials and tinder (road flare)

#### Zone 2 in your pack Shelter

- Tarp
- · Parachute cord
- Ground pad
- Small folding saw or hand ax
- · Head lamp or flashlight
- Chem light

#### Zone 2 in your pack Signal

- Cell phone
- · Cell phone charger
- FRS radio, HAM radio
- GPS
- DeLorme inReach® or similar
- Fire/ smoke (FLIR)
- Flare, firearm, air horn, whistle



#### Zone 2 in your pack Water and Food

- Water bottle
- Filter, chemical, or boil SteriPen®
- · Snacks that have a long shelf life
- · Snacks with high calorie count

#### Zone 3 the immediate area

- · Trees for shelter building material and fire
- Boughs for insulation
- · Water, food
- Your ATV

#### Zone 4 beyond

- Similar to Zone 3
- Cabin
- Road, power line or other man made hand rail



#### Stay put

- Stay where you are as long as you can safely do so
- · Make yourself visible
- Listen for searchers and be prepared to signal

#### Case study

- Missing on March 31
- · April 3 search initiated and car located
- · April 9 found HELP made of sticks on the ground
- · Subject spotted by helicopter a short time later

#### ATV RESCUES

- 48% Trauma
- 24% Lost
- 24% Poor trails, night, mechanical breakdown
- · Running out of gas is rare
- 157 Found within < 24 hours
- 10 Found within > 48 hours
- 3 Found within > 72 hours
- 1 Found within > 96 hours

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Large crowd for the 2016 Annual ATV Maine Banquet with a great lunch and guests and lots of laughter!