

Here's the new look to the activity books that will be in the ATV Maine trailers again this year!

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Legislation

# Trail Information:

Trails are usually scheduled to open each year, throughout the State, by May 15th. However, the weather, mud conditions of the trails, landowners and local clubs make the deciding factor for this date to be either earlier or later. Please obey posted trail signs.

Trails – <u>http://atvmaine.org/single-post.php?postid=28</u> <u>https://www1.maine.gov/dacf/parks/trail\_activities/atv/atv\_news.shtml</u>

Some clubs provide their trail opening information on our Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ATVMaine</u>

# UPDATE ON LEGISLATION

# LD 39

An Act To Clarify Landowners' Liability Regarding Public Access

# SUMMARY Under current law, liability for recreational or harvesting

activities is not limited for an injury suffered in any case where permission to pursue any recreational or harvesting activities was granted for a consideration other than consideration paid to the landowner or the landowner's agent for use of the premises on which the injury was suffered, as long as certain conditions exist. This bill provides that liability is not limited where permission was granted for a consideration other than consideration paid to the landowner, the landowner's agent, lessee or sub-lessee or the holder of an easement from the landowner, as long as certain conditions exist. **LD 191 -**

# Status - Ought Not to Pass

# LD 112

An Act To Further Limit the Liability of Landowners Who Permit

the Use of Land for Outdoor Recreational Activity

# SUMMARY

Current law limits the liability of landowners who allow certain outdoor recreational

or harvesting activities on their land, as long as the land is not primarily used for

commercial recreational purposes. This bill extends that limited liability to landowners

who allow their land to be used for the construction, maintenance or expansion of trails or

ancillary facilities used to pursue outdoor recreational activities.

Status - Ought Not to Pass

# *LD 41 - Once presented and defined – ATV Maine did not speak on -*

An Act To Exempt a Person under 18 Years of Age from the Requirement To Wear a Helmet While on an All-terrain Vehicle in Certain Circumstances -

# SUMMARY

This bill exempts a person under 18 years of age from the requirement that the person

wear a helmet while operating or being carried as a passenger on an all-terrain vehicle

when the person is wearing a seat belt and the all-terrain vehicle is equipped with roll

bars or bracing welded or attached to the frame in a permanent manner, with a roof or

with a protective enclosure.

Status - Divided Report – likely not to pass

# *LD 191 - Working together with MSA, ATV Maine supported – to include amendment*

An Act To Authorize 3-day All-terrain Vehicle Registration Reciprocity with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following: 'An Act To Allow Open Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Weekends and Events'

The bill allows a nonresident having a valid all-terrain vehicle (ATV) registration from another US state or Canadian province to operate their ATV in this State, without obtaining state registration, during an annual 3-day weekend established by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Any loss of revenue to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

*Status - Ought To Pass As Amended* – to be one weekend statewide – No reciprocity - just a free weekend at the decision of the Commissioner of IF&W. This will apply to all States and Provinces, no just New Brunswick and Quebec as originally presented. Snowmobile law was also amended to work the same.

# LD 277 - ATV Maine did not support -

An Act Regarding the Use of Helmets by Minors Riding in an All-terrain Vehicle with an Adult - Rep. Paul Stearns of Guilford Subjects: RECREATION, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, HELMET REQUIREMENTS

# SUMMARY

This bill provides an exemption to the requirement that a passenger under 18 years of age on an all-terrain vehicle wear protective headgear. The bill allows a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a passenger to operate an all-terrain vehicle while the passenger on that all-terrain vehicle is not wearing protective headgear when the

passenger is under 8 years of age and is riding directly adjacent to the operator on an all-terrain vehicle with side-by-side seating.

Status - Ought Not to Pass

# UPDATE ON LEGISLATION

# LD 631 - ATV Maine did not support -

An Act To Require an Operator of an All-terrain Vehicle Driven on Certain Roads To Have a Driver's License and Liability Insurance - Rep. Paul Stearns of Guilford Subjects: RECREATION, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIRED ON CERTAIN ROADS

# SUMMARY

This bill requires an operator of an all-terrain vehicle who travels more than 500 yards on a public way designated as an ATV-access route to possess a valid driver's license and motor vehicle liability insurance for the ATV.

Status - Divided Report – likely not to pass

# LD 1246

"An Act To Provide Landowners a Property Tax Exemption for Certain Trails"

# SUMMARY

This bill provides an exemption from property tax for a recreational trail crossing a parcel of land as long as the trail is a recognized trail that is open to public recreational uses, such as snowmobiling, hiking or all-terrain vehicle use, and meets certain width and length requirements, depending on the use. The exemption is limited to that portion of the parcel of land that is actually used for the recreational purpose.

Status - Ought Not To Pass

# LD 662

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and

Forestry To Work with All-terrain Vehicle Clubs To Develop All-terrain

Vehicle Trails in Northern Maine

# SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with all-terrain vehicle clubs to develop all-terrain vehicle trails in northern Maine.

# Status - Ought Not to Pass

# LD 1252

An Act To Permit the Operation of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Public Ways

# SUMMARY

This bill allows the operation of an all-terrain vehicle, or ATV, on a public way as long as the ATV is registered and meets specified safety equipment requirements and the operator is licensed and has insurance. This bill establishes an annual registration fee of \$33, the same as for ATVs under current law that are not permitted on a public way.

This bill prohibits the operation of an ATV on a public way with a posted speed limit of more than 50 miles per hour. The Department of Transportation may adopt rules or a municipality or county may adopt an ordinance to restrict or prohibit the operation of an ATV on a way if the department, county or municipality determines that the restriction or prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.

Status - Ought Not to Pass

# LD 1391 - ATV Maine supported

An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program

# SUMMARY

This bill proposes to identify long-term funding needs and possible funding sources or the landowner relations program within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

> ATV Maine will be back at the Work Session – Rescheduled -Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:00 PM, Cross Building, Room 206



THIS MONTH WE WILL BE PUTTING OUT THESE RED MUD SEASON SIGNS, THE TRAILS WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MAY 27TH. TRAILS MAY OPEN EARLIER DEPENDING ON THE DRYING SEASON. WE DO THIS IN RESPECT OF OUR LANDOWNERS & THERE PROPERTY.



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

JUNE CLUB MEETING WILL BE JUNE 7TH AT THE CLUBHOUSE, THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK DINNER AT 6:00PM. THE CLUB WILL FURNISH HOTDOGS & BUNS & FRENCH FRIES, JUST BRING A SIDE DISH.

CARIBOU PARKS & REC. SAID THAT THE RAMP OFF FROM THE FORT FAIRFIELD ROAD BRIDGE WILL BE OPENED THIS YEAR. THIS IS THE BRIDGE AT THE END OF THE CP TRAIL.

THE CLUB IS GOING TO HAVE A WORK DAY AT OUR CLUB HOUSE ON MAY 21ST TO GET IT READY FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. WE WILL START AT 9:00AM. WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET. THANK YOU.

IT WON'T BE LONG AND WE WILL BE ON THE TRAILS. JUST REMEMBER TO RESPECT OUR LAND-OWNERS & RIDE SAFE.

If your ATV club needs help with trail work or events – there's a New Group

The United Trail Volunteers is for all clubs to work together. If one club needs help with trail work or an event, *they are there to help*-*this is what they are about.* 



Check them out on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=united%20trail%20volunteers

### ATV MAINE NEWS

# **ATV Education Courses**

*Androscoggin County* No classes available at this time

# Aroostook County

Hodgdon - Fire Station Tidd's Sport Shop (207) 532-6476 May 13, 2017 8-3 pm Island Falls - Free Wheelers/Fish & Game Stephen Wotton (207) 446-4293 June 10, 2017 8-3 pm Caribou - Parks & Recreation Vicki Conley (207) 554-7269 June 10 & 11, 2017 9-3 pm

> *Cumberland County* No classes available at this time

*Franklin County* No classes available at this time

# Hancock County

Stonington - Island Comm. Center Jean (207) 367-2735 May 20, 2017 9-4 pm Sidney - Kramer's, 2400 West River Road Kim Kramer (207) 547-3345 June 10, 2017 8-4 pm

*Kennebec County* Sidney - Kramer's, 2400 West River Road Kim Kramer (207) 547-3345 June 10, 2017 8-4 pm

*Knox County* No classes available at this time

*Lincoln County* No classes available at this time *Oxford County* No classes available at this time

*Penobscot County* No classes available at this time

*Piscataquis County* No classes available at this time

*Sagadahoc County* No classes available at this time

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Somerset County Skowhegan - Sportsman's Club, 857 East River Road Russ Corson (207) 474-5361 May 13, 2017 8-3:30 pm

# Waldo County

Northport - Outdoor Sportsman Outdoor Sportsman (207) 338-4141 June 10, 2017 8:30-3:30 pm

Washington County

Alexander - Elementary School Len Hanson (207) 454-8733 July 11, 18, and 25, 2017 12-2 pm

# York County

Waterboro - Ossipee Mountain Atvers Roger Letendre (207) 229-0251 June 11, 2017 8-4 pm South Berwick - Community Center Ed Coleman (207) 490-2736 June 24, 2017 8-3 pm South Berwick - Community Center Ed Coleman (207) 490-2736 August 19, 2017 8-3 pm

# 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			
4/15/17	Emile Pinard	Massabesic ATV Club				



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# Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife \*To contact a Game Warden or Biologist in your region\*

Gray Regional Headquarters Non-emergency: 207-657-2345 Emergency or Immediate Assistance Gray Dispatch: 1-800-228-0857

Sidney Regional Headquarters Non-emergency: 207-547-5305 Emergency or Immediate Assistance Augusta Dispatch: 1-800-452-4664

Bangor Regional Headquarters Non-emergency: 207-941-4447 Emergency or Immediate Assistance Bangor Dispatch 1-800-432-7381

Operation Game Thief 1-800-253-7887

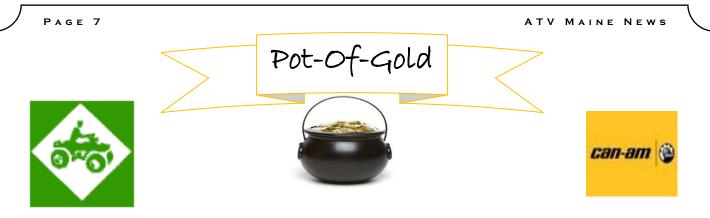
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Greenville Regional Headquarters Non-emergency: 207-695-3756 Emergency or Immediate Assistance Piscataquis Sheriff's Office: 207-564-3304 Bangor Dispatch: 1-800-432-7381

Ashland Regional Headquarters Non-emergency: 207-435-3231 Emergency or Immediate Assistance Houlton Dispatch:1-800-924-2261

# CODE OF ETHICS:

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



# 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
4/15/17	ATV Maine Banquet	Kingfield Quad Runners	Yes	\$100.00
4/15/17	ATV Maine Banquet	Airline ATV Riders	Yes	\$100.00
4/15/17	ATV Maine Banquet	Madawaska Valley ATVenture Club	Yes	\$100.00



PatraCompany LLC Inbound Marketing Solutions Hosting ATV Maine's Website



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

Effective 12/9/16

# **RECREATIONAL SAFETY UNIT**

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KNOX/WALDO HANCOCK (ASSIST)

YORK CUMBERLAND(ASSIST)

ANDROSCOGGIN/ CUMBERLAND

SAGADAHOC/LINCOLN

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**F** Ride with us on Facebook!

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

# ATV MAINE NEWS

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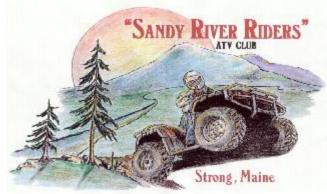
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### ATV MAINE NEWS





Log onto: <u>www.sandyriverriders.org</u> NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT JOHN EVANS

Hello Fellow Enthusiast,

As we head into a new season of riding we do so with great anticipation. We think back to the trails behind us and the adventures that have made up years past. We remember the days of getting lost in the majesty of the scenery that we pass through. We remember the times of break downs and on trail repairs. The times when we have used a soda can to hold a ball joint together or some rope and pine pitch for a tire plug. True Story. We remember the ones we have rode with that we no longer can ride with and their words of wisdom to us. We remember the therapy of just riding and not thinking of anything else or riding and putting life into perspective. We remember with great fondness the trails of yesteryear and all the memories they hold. So it is with great anticipation we put those tracked vehicles away and dust off our BIKES and ATV's. With great anticipation we are getting our old machines serviced and ready to go. For some of us we are deciding, out with the old and in with the new. To you with new machines the anticipation is almost uncontrollable. No matter where you find yourself this heading into this new year of riding I ask that you exhibit self control. No I didn't just use bad language. Our trails are closed till after *mud season* and we plead with you to be self-controlled so that our trails have time to dry up. As soon as we possibly can we will open the trails and let people know. The trail closure signs are up and we will take them down when the trails are ready.

It is also that time of year to renew your membership and get involved in the club. Our clubs around the state are what makes our sport possible. We often take for granted the huge privilege we have right outside our front door. The trails we ride on and the places we have to go are made possible only by volunteers like others and myself. So I ask you to volunteer where you can. Now with that being said we have a bunch of projects ahead of us for this summer. I was reading in my Bible this morning in Joshua 10 where the people of God had a huge task ahead of them. The leader of Israelite people prayed for the sun to stop. The sun stopped for a full day giving them enough time to complete their task. I am not going to pray for the sun to stop so we can complete everything on our to do list. There are however some days that I wish there were more hours in a day to get everything accomplished. It will take

multiple days to complete our projects but I look forward to improved riding for us all to enjoy. I want to quickly thank all our club members who have and still volunteer a ton of hours to make riding possible. I appreciate you all! Fellow Enthusiast, John Evans

# Next Club Meeting

This next month's club meeting will be our **<u>17th Annual Club</u>** <u>**Meeting**</u>. The date is <u>**Thursday May 4th**</u> and will be held at the Strong Legion Hall. It does not seem possible that we have been around for 17 years. There are not very many members left that were at the 1st meeting so long ago. Anyone that still belongs, <u>Please Stand up!</u> We would like to see you all at the next meeting to take a bow. We will be having a Pot Luck Supper before the meeting. That starts at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

# **Election of Officers**

We will be having our Elections this month. Bill Birden, Joe Burnham & David Smith will present a slate of Officers for us to vote on. Please come and vote, and show your support to the club.

# 2017 Strong Parade

The date of this year's Strong Parade is going to be Friday June 23rd. Line-up is 5:00 pm up at the North end of town. We hope there will be a good turnout for this year's parade. The theme is going to be...... " GAMES PEOPLE PLAY"

# **Bottles & Cans**

As always Les has his truck at the meetings to collect them. All money from this recycling goes into our Equipment Fund.

# <u>Dues</u>

Just as a reminder, May is our dues month. Our dues have not increased in many a year so it is still a bargain. The dues help with the trail system here in our area. These dues also get you membership to ATV Maine.







ATV Maine High Mileage Club

# "Club Challenge"

The ATV Maine High Mileage Club "*Club Challenge*" is an extension of the High Mileage Club. This is an opportunity for ATV Clubs to challenge each other to determine which club can achieve the highest **average** mileage for all registered machines. We will take all of your registered machines, total the mileage per machine, and then calculate the average mileage per machine per club. The club with the highest average mileage then wins the "*Club Challenge*" prize at the end of the year.

Registration fee for the "Club Challenge" is \$20 per club. Each club must have a						
minimum of five machines entered in the High Mileage Club to qualify.						
"Club Challenge" registration fees will only be used for "Club Challenge" prizes.						
The more clubs that register for the "Club Challenge", the higher the potential						
prize value.						
Make all registration checks payable to: ATV Maine						
Club Name:						
Club Address:						
Club Contact:						
Contact Telephone:						
Contact Email:						
Send Registration and check to Cindy Weymouth 3549 Bennoch Rd , Alton ,Me 04468 # 7452128						

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# **ATV Maine High Mileage**



# Please Print Club Name

Registration Fee is \$10 for single rider ATV or motorcycle, \$13 for two person ATV *Send forms and money to:* 

Cindy Weymouth 3549 Bennoch Rd, Alton, Me 04468 Airline ATV Riders of Eddington

# Make check payable to ATV Maine

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Town			Town		
State			State		
Zip			Zip		
Email			Email		
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# **Message Board**

