



# ATV MAINE NEWS

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*From your President:*

We often hear folks commenting they want to see changes within ATV Maine, specifically positions held within the organization. For a nomination meeting month, which I had been emphasizing and encouraging to attend to voice your opinion, we had a very low attendance. With that said, here are the nominations for 2015:

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For 2015, we have (2) new positions which were voted in at the October meeting and will be open for nominations at the December 13, 2014 ATV Maine meeting:

- ◇ *ATV Maine Governmental Relations Coordinator*
- ◇ *ATV Maine Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator*

We had a thorough discussion at the October meeting whether to bring Facebook back to ATV Maine and it seems the majority would like to see this happen as another positive direction to take. We will make a decision in December. If agreed upon, we will need someone to manage this, so please think about this as well.

I've been working closely with United Insurance and Naughton Insurance to provide each ATV club with a thorough understanding of ATV Maine's liability insurance policy. We have spent over 2 weeks finalizing and simplifying the language of this detailed information to provide to the ATV clubs, which is long overdue and should have been provided when this policy was implemented. Within our discussions, Naughton Insurance was willing to make an amendment which I believe you will be very pleased with.

It's important that each club is also aware that I've been including Real and Brian Bronson during this time.

For those clubs who have paid for the 2014 – 2015 insurance year, please check your mail for a revised Certificate of Insurance and a detailed letter of explanation which will be mailed soon.

Respectfully,

*Tami M. Kane*

*ATV Maine President*

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*Sponsored by Can-Am*

### 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

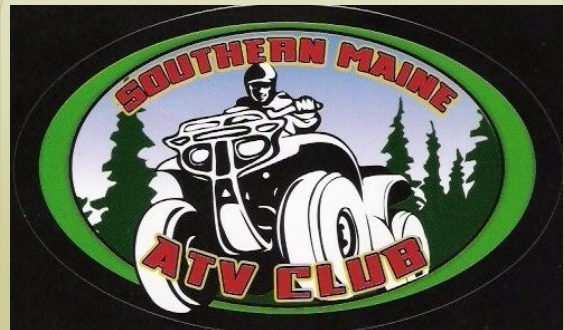
Dist. S3A - ME, NH, & MA [www.brp.com](http://www.brp.com)

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
8/2014	Temple Trail Riders	VanBuren, Club	No.	\$50.00
10/18/2014	Southern Maine ATV Club	Endless Season Riders	No	\$100.00



### 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.
- ⇒ The 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*

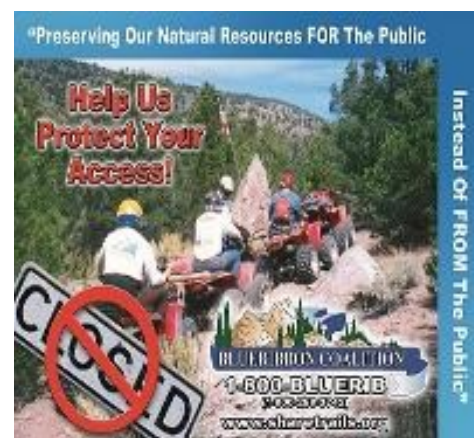
Southern Maine ATV Club

*for hosting the*

*October 2014*

*ATV Maine meeting*

*50-50 winner - Mike Lanouette \$50.00*



**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
10-18-2014	Ed Coleman	Southern Maine ATV Club	Westport Motorsports

(Must be present to win)

#### President

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Thanks go out to  
Westport Motorsports for  
donating October's helmet  
certificate

#### OPEN POSITIONS -

Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator  
Governmental Relations Coordinator  
Treasurer  
Webmaster

If interested, email [info@atvmaine.org](mailto:info@atvmaine.org)

OR call 207-754-2843

## **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 30th, 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.





Maine All-Terrain Trail System

### AD&D Benefit

AD&D Beneficiary cards from American Income Life:

Only one card is being mailed to the primary member from ATV Maine's database

- ⇒ This card can be photocopied for family members
- ⇒ You can request more cards if an agent visits the home
- ⇒ An online beneficiary card is also available – [www.aillife.com/benefits/sgdo6](http://www.aillife.com/benefits/sgdo6)

American Income Life does not mail to the businesses, so your club's business members will not receive a beneficiary card. If your business member is in good standing with ATV Maine, the payout will be authorized without question.

A payout of the AD&D benefit will go to the "Estate of" if there is no beneficiary on file with American Income Life. In some cases, this payout has been sent directly to a funeral home.

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.



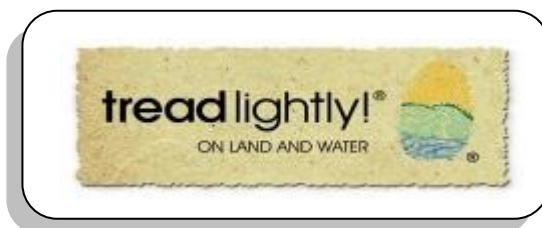
*Your ATV Maine membership includes \$3,500.00 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance*

Any questions or concerns about letters or phone calls from AIL agents, feel free to call Shane Knowles,

207-318-9572

Landowner Guideline Suggestions

- ♦ Whenever possible, ask permission in person.
- ♦ The first minute of the interaction with the landowner is the most important. The immediate impression a user makes will set the tone and will have a big impact on whether the landowner grants permission or not.
- ♦ Don't act like you have a right to use the property; you don't.
- ♦ Make sure you follow any specific directions from the landowner. If the landowner limits use to a specific road, stay on that road.
- ♦ Even if the answer is no, be polite. A landowner might change their mind in the future.
- ♦ If you are using someone's property and see trash left by someone else, pick it up. Few things irritate landowners more than finding garbage, bottles, etc. left behind.  
(Tom Doak, SWOAM)
- ♦ Ask what the club and/or ATV community could do for them; i.e. bridges, brush clean up, harvest roads, etc.  
(Kelly Rogers, Coburn Mountain ATV Riders)
- ♦ Before and after pictures of trail maintenance work that the club has done on their trails. This might help landowners understand that the club intends to take care of the property.
- ♦ Express concern to the landowner for environmentally sensitive areas that might be impacted by a trail.
- ♦ Agree to size and type of any bridge that may be needed on landowner property.  
(Dave Phillips, Friends & Neighbors ATV Club)
- ♦ Give the landowner contact information for at least two club members if a problem or concern does come up. (Todd Merkle, Rockwood Blue Ridge Riders)

**ATV Maine Club Liability Insurance**

Jeff Mitchell or Deborah French

[jeffmitchell@unitedinsurance.net](mailto:jeffmitchell@unitedinsurance.net) or [deborahfrench@unitedinsurance.net](mailto:deborahfrench@unitedinsurance.net)

United Insurance

Tilton Agency

2351 North Belfast Avenue \*\* Augusta, ME 04330

(207) 620-3604



Submitted by President Dan Parlin Of the Topsham Trailriders  
ATV/Snowmobile Club



## ***All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Laws and Rules***

### ***TITLE 12, CHAPTER 933 5-A.***

Operating a truck, pickup truck or passenger vehicle on an ATV trail. A person may not operate a truck, pickup truck, or passenger vehicle on a designated ATV trail that is not on a gravel road system unless authorized by the landowner or landowner's agent, or in an emergency involving the safety of a person or property. For purposes of this law, "pickup truck" and "truck" have the same meaning as in Title 29-A section 101, subsections 55 and 88 and "passenger vehicle" means a self-propelled 4-wheel motor vehicle designed primarily to carry passengers on public roads.



This young man drove over our trail # 5 damaging several bridges and got himself stuck. Warden Bob Decker from Maine Warden service gave him a summons for Criminal Trespass. The young fellow also has agreed to help repair the bridges. He has repaired the damage at a great cost to himself!

**THIS IS WHAT NOT TO DO ON OUR TRAILS!**





**News from your friends at  
Acadia Area ATV'ers  
November 2014**



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

Since my last article we've been a busy group. Bridge fixing (again), trail riding (again), a pot luck supper before our meeting (again), and thoroughly enjoying this great state of Maine. A group of our members decided to add another overnight excursion and this time we headed to Abbot and spent Friday and Saturday night at the Balsam Woods Campground. What an incredible time we had. This was our second weekend in as many years there but this time we explored some different trails. Don't quote me, but, I believe Friday we left in the morning and set up camp around 2:00 ish. Immediately we decided to head out to The Forks (nine of us). Yes, we made it. The trails were a bit on the bumpy side, but, we did make it. We are always a hungry crew so we stopped at the Inn by the River. I'm not sure they were prepared for such a big group but the food was incredibly wonderful (marvelous even), service was superb, and the staff very hospitable. This would be a great place to stay and ride from I'm sure. We returned just in time for a campfire. Saturday found us (a group of twelve) headed to Greenville and on to Kokadjo. Sunday we (six of us) opted for another short ride after packing up which took us on the Kingsbury Falls Loop. Oh my, oh my, what trails. Pretty well marked too! I believe we went through trails supported by: Abbot Explorers ATV Club, Cambridge Cruisers ATV Club, Moosehead ATV Riders, Moose Alley ATV Riders, Lake Moxie ATV Riders, and probably missed some too – sorry!



Kingsbury Dam  
(Always trying to capture a nice view)



Angel (left)? Devil (right)?  
(Forever hunting for images in a campfire)

Since hearing about our other trail rides, one would have found us going to Grand Lake Stream, Dover-Foxcroft, and hopefully this month (weather permitting) a ride from Molasses Pond to Cherryfield (Scovils Millside Dining) for lunch. There we are, heading for food again. Hmmm. Yes, we do seem to have a pattern. Trails are in great shape for Acadia Area ATV'ers and although our ATV riding season will be forced to come to a close pretty soon, it has been an incredible year with great trails, adventures, and new friendships, not to mention the miles we have put on our ATV's and hopefully supporting area businesses in the process. Seriously though, join us on one of our rides for a good time, or see what we have been up to, by visiting our web site at <http://www.acadiaareaatvers.com/> to read our monthly newsletters.

M & M for Acadia Area ATV'ers

# TRAILS.



The first of its kind in the ATV industry, the T.R.A.I.L.S. grant program was launched in January 2006 for ATV clubs, associations and grassroots groups. ATV riders and the trails they use are the lifeblood of the sport and Polaris Industries Inc. aimed to create a program to help. The T.R.A.I.L.S. program makes funds available to national, state and local organizations in the United States to ensure the future of ATV riding.

T.R.A.I.L.S. stands for:

- **T** = Trail Development
- **R** = Responsible Riding
- **A** = Access
- **I** = Initiatives
- **L** = Lobbying
- **S** = Safety

The grant program encompasses two main objectives – promoting safe and responsible riding, and preserving access. Funds can be used by organizations for trail development and maintenance projects, safety and education initiatives, lobbying and other projects to increase and maintain land access.

#### TIMETABLE:

Grant requests received at Polaris by March 1 and September 1 will be reviewed by the Polaris T.R.A.I.L.S committee by the end of April and October respectively. Notifications will be made no later than 30 days after the end of the month of review.

#### GRANT GUIDELINES:

Grant funding is limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per request. Organizations can apply for either monetary or product as long as it does not exceed \$10,000 and may apply for two grants per year. All organizations must be 501(c)(3), 501(c)(7) government or non-profit organizations.

If the grant is approved, a Results Report will be required as follow up to the project. In order to be considered for a new grant, ALL previous grant programs must be completed with a result/progress report.

Grants will not be paid in full until receipt of a Final Summary Report. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) will be held until the final report has been received.

*Please note: The TRAILS Grant Program does not apply to Fire and Rescue Organizations.*

Further information on this program can be found here: <http://www.polaris.com/en-us/company/trails-application.aspx>



### *Pine Tree Trail Riders' 2 Day-200 Miler!*

September 27th and 28th! Fall in Western Maine! Sweet trail and Seven glorious mountains! Could it be any better? - if you add in sunny, 70-degree weather!

This fundraiser ride to benefit The Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing was hosted by the Pine Tree Trail Riders. Saturday morning, the guests from home and away were treated to some fast, loamy, two-track winding alongside a swift flowing river. The trail soon grew more interesting, pitching up a steep, bouldery wash and culminating with more than a mile of granite step-up ledges to the peak of Streaked Mountain! The westerly view towards Bethel, including Patch Mountain (another one of the days epic climbs) was stunning!

The ride started in Buckfield, at Coopers Field, at nine am Saturday morning. Five groups of riders headed out in all different directions, choosing trails to best entertain their new friends. After 100 miles or more on one of the finest and largest trail networks in New England, all 60 of us arrived at the Sunday River Ski Resort for a banquet, raffle, fun, stories, and some much needed sleep! On Sunday we struck off in the general direction of Buckfield, running more trail and hitting some more mountain climbs. A barbeque back at Coopers Field sent our guests off towards home, proclaiming that "it was their best ride ever!"

Maine riders are indeed fortunate to have the support of thousands of private land owners, Maine Officials-Division of Parks and Lands, ATV Maine, more than a hundred ATV Clubs across the state, and thousands of volunteers who create and maintain the trail system. The Pine Tree Trail Riders would like to thank these groups, without which our event could not have happened. Specifically, we thank and acknowledge the hard work from the following ATV Clubs: Oxford Trail Riders, Boghooters ATV Club, Xtra Mile ATV Club, Peru ATV Club, Woodstock ATV Club, Black Mountain ATV Club, Trap Corner ATV Club, Roxbury Riders ATV Club, and the Pine Tree Trail Riders. Terrific ride! Worthy cause! Many thanks to all!

Pine Tree Trail Riders



## Message Board



### State Safety Courses:

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



If possible, have a bullhorn at your events to announce the importance of safety before a ride begins and all events are chem-free.



### Next ATV Maine Meeting

Airline ATV Riders Club

December 13, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



LOCATION: City Side Restaurant, North Brewer Shopping Center, 393 North Main Street, Brewer

### DIRECTIONS:

Coming from the North, on 95, take Exit 185, Broadway in Bangor, Rt. 15. Take a left at the light on Broadway; go through 6 lights, cross the bridge. At the top of the hill, take a left at the light - North Brewer Shopping Center is on the right, approximately 2 miles from Exit 185.

Coming from the South, on 95, take Exit 395-E, #182-A crosses Veterans Memorial Bridge on 395. Take Exit 4 to South Main Street, Rt. 9. Take a right, about 2 miles, to North Brewer Shopping Center on the right, approximately 2 miles after Exit 4.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Colony Motel

649 North Main Street

Brewer -- 207-989-6275

Quality Inn

750 Hogan Road

Bangor -- 207-942-7899

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in August, of 2010, legislation was signed, bringing significant changes to the Massachusetts Recreation Vehicle Laws pertaining to young riders. Among the new provisions are educational requirements for young riders and age restrictions for operators of ATVs and UTVs. "No person under the age of 16 ½ shall operate a recreation vehicle across a public way unless directly supervised by an adult. No person age 14 to 16 shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or recreation utility vehicle with an engine capacity greater than 90 cubic centimeters. When operating 90cc or under, they must also be directly supervised by an adult. No person under 14 years of age shall operate an all terrain vehicle or recreation utility vehicle. The supervising adult must be 18 years or older and must be sufficiently close to the operator at all times to maintain both visual contact and verbal communications with the operator. The supervising adult shall be held responsible for any operational offenses of the minor." This is in a state where trails to ride are decreasing each year.

From the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission  
<http://www.atvsafety.gov/safetytips.html>

Like other activities involving high speeds and heavy machinery, riding an ATV can be risky. To help stay safe, follow common sense safety tips. Take knowledge to the extreme and learn more about these important tips for safer riding:

- Get trained
- Wear a helmet
- No children on adult ATVs
- Don't ride tandem
- Don't ride on pavement
- Don't ride under the influence

#### [Do not permit children to drive or ride adult ATVs.](#)

Children are involved in about one-third of all ATV-related deaths and hospital emergency room injuries. Most of these deaths and injuries occur when a child is driving or riding on an adult ATV. Children under 16 on adult ATVs are twice as likely to be injured as those riding youth ATVs.

Protect our children. Parents of children who are ATVer are to be fully involved in what is happening to their children in the sport of ATVer, to do the things which protect the children and protect the future of the sport. If parents are not involved on a personal level, children will get seriously injured and killed. The statistics from these injuries and deaths will eventually bring the state and federal levels of government to bear on the sport. This has already happened with youth size ATV manufacturing.

ATVer is a growing individual and family sport. Let's make sure it continues to grow with the safety of our youth in mind—They are the future of the sport. They need to be educated and trained the right way from the beginning, not through hindsight. They need to be on an ATV which is the correct size for their age. They need to take an ATV Riders Safety Course with you, the parent. They need to ride only when you are there to fully supervise that activity. Hindsight does not cover a "Failure To Think" when it comes to our youth. Be the positive example, not the negative one. Let's be the example we really want them to follow.

***Remember to ride safely, tread lightly, and respect the landowner's property.***

Submitted by Terrence D Sinclair, RN, RNFA, CNOR



# GRAND OPENING

November 22nd  
9am-3pm  
door prizes, raffle,  
snacks & drinks

*Shawn's*  
*All Season Sports*



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Rd.  
Shapleigh, Maine  
(207) 324-1874



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and kid's sizes.



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Happy Thanksgiving from All of us at ATV Maine

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