



Club News — June 2023

NEWS

We received word from the State of Maine on June 10 that our request for a Municipal Grant was approved for much of the funding amount we requested. This is a reimbursement type of funding for monies we spend on trail maintenance. We are grateful to the Penobscot County Commissioners - our Municipal partner/sponsor - for working with us on this venture. For more information be sure to read Treasurer Melissa's important memo on Page 3.

Trail Master Randy and President Vinal appeared before the Town of Milford Select Board on June 6 to petition for an increase in ATV speed limit on County and Call Roads. The Board voted and granted an increase from 15 mph to 25 mph "*where there is no sidewalk*", that being from the named road intersections with Pine Street, continuing further eastward out of Milford. All other in-town access roads shall remain at 15 mph.

Similarly, roads maintained by Penobscot County have now been approved for an increase to 25mph as well. However, roads in Hancock County (Myra Road for last 1.5miles± and the gravel road into Nicatous) remain at 15mph per our permission agreement with Hancock County.

We are thankful for our local business partner Alexander's Mechanical Solutions who have agreed to let us use their gravel parking lot as a Park & Ride location, on the weekends. With the number of employees they have and with trucks coming and going during the weekday hours, we decided that park & ride on weekends only was best for both of us.

And, don't forget that the County Road Market is also an official Park & Ride location and a great place to stock up on supplies before heading out for a day on the trails.

We had our first annual open house event at the clubhouse on June 3. Coffee, donuts, homemade sweets, hot chocolate, soda and chips were served up. A good number of folks stopped by throughout the day for food and great conversation.

During the Open House, we had raffles for a lightly-used yard-size chainsaw [donated by Avery Saw Shop] which was won by Fuzzy Cyr, and a patriotic cornhole & beverage tub combo which was won by Creag Tuttle. Hourly door prize winners were: 1) \$10 value scratch cards—Randy Ramp; 2) Air pump and miscellaneous wheeler items—Danielle Gray; 3) \$25 gas card—David Wesinger; 4) Air pump—Vern Cunningham; 5) \$10 value scratch cards—Armand Bouchard; 6) \$25 gas card—Peter McKenney; and 7) \$25 Firehouse Subs gift card—Mary Hood. Congratulations to all our winners!

During the Open House, trail masters Randy and Dave spent their day building directional and information kiosks for our trail system. Five were placed at strategic intersections with the help of RMTR member Creag Tuttle that day, and since another five have been placed. Thanks so much, guys!

Discussions are ongoing to create a new trail that connects Milford and Bradley via a via public recreational land. The primary challenge is the need for a 100' bridge over Great Works Stream and of course the environmental permitting associated with such a project in this type of location. It is our understanding that active community member Brian Wilcox has been involved with the entire process since concept and was instrumental in getting the project off the ground. He plans to continue to work on getting the project approved (hopefully) and we will assist however we can.

At the beginning of the season, Trail Masters Randy Brown and Dave Soucier, along with volunteers, assessed some of the RMTR trail system for any winter/spring damage and for needed signage during the week prior to American Forestry Management (AFM) opening up their gates to the 50+ miles of our trails on the lands they manage. AFM opened their roads on May 15. At that time, we were able to finish our trails assessment. Found were two severe washouts at culvert crossings and a number of sign needs. Thankfully, AFM repaired the washout damage. We were told harvesters would be using the roads for logging during the summer, so as always, watch out for logging trucks and other vehicles when out wheeling. All other trail damage was repaired or adequately signed as caution by our awesome trail masters and volunteers. All our trails were deemed passable and safe to ride. They officially opened on May 22.

FUTURE EVENTS

We need volunteers to make these happen! If you have interest as a volunteer in helping to put one or more of these events together, please reach out to us!

ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE TENTATIVE AS OF THIS NEWSLETTER WRITING

- ATV Maine Safety Trailer visit for KIDS! Fri, June 30, 6:00pm
- Scavenger Hunt Ride Sun July 2 (2-3hr ride, 50'ish miles)
- Gun Raffle – Maine Military June 28 – Jul 5 tentative
- Cash Calendar Daily \$\$ winning drawing July 17-31
- Poker Run Sat July 29 (2-3hr ride, 50'ish miles)
- Club Ride and cookout Sat August 5, ride noon, cookout 5:00pm
- Cookout at the Clubhouse Sat August 12, 12noon
- Public spaghetti (or other) supper Sat, Aug 26, 4:30-7:00pm
- Full moon evening club ride Fri, Sep 1, 8:00pm (start at Alexander's)
- Others TBA

**A QUICK NOTE FROM THE TREASURER
(WE NEED MONEY)**


I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their tremendous support. When the new officers started in April there was less than \$100.00 in the account. As of May 31, 2023, the club is current on all payables, this includes power, property insurance, property tax, 2022 Hancock County grading, ATV Maine membership, and trail liability insurance. This has been made possible by membership submissions, miscellaneous donations, and sponsorships.

Expected payables in the future include the 2023 Hancock County grading, continued ATV Maine memberships, and of course trail maintenance. As will be reported we were recipients of a Department of Conservation municipal grant. The funding approval is up to \$36,000 with the club match of \$4,000. We are extremely hopeful through membership contacts we will be able to meet the \$4,000 match with donations, fundraising, and in-kind work.

If members have fundraising ideas, we welcome you to bring them forward. The officers have been crazy busy the last few months and would love to see members take an active role in planning and executing any fundraising events. We have a great clubhouse nicely situated on a vast trail system with a lot of connectivity. There are many trail events that members could organize that would not only raise the much-needed funds but also create a fun time with long-lasting memories.

The current cash balance, including accounts payables for June is \$1391.86. We need this to grow and we need your assistance. We have created an easy online donation QR code which is displayed below. Of course, we always welcome cash and check donations. This is a great club with great opportunities. Together, we can make this even better!!! See you on the trails!!

Best Regards,



Melissa L. Doane



**Rocky Mountain Trail
Riders QR Code**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
AND APPRECIATED**

FUN FACTS

- As of 6/13/23, we have 131 memberships, which include 20 Business/Sponsorships.
- Our current Membership Application is now available with online payment! There is a \$1 convenience fee in addition to the normal fee for your appropriate membership type. You can pay with a credit card or PayPal.
- We now have a real live website at www.RMTRMaine.org Check it out for information on becoming a member, club news and newsletters, upcoming events, our sponsor listing, minutes of all meetings, a local trail map and other information.
- And check out our Facebook page for continuous news and updates on www.Facebook.com/RMTRclub
- Future monthly club meeting dates are: June 19, July 16, Aug 21, Sept 18, at 6:30 p.m.

OUR BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS AND SPONSORS

A huge ***Thank You*** goes out to all of our business members and important sponsors!! Without them our club would likely not be viable. Please patronize them. See the following page!

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