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Each spring, *The Maine Sportsman* magazine, in partnership with Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, hosts the State of Maine Sportsman's Show at the Augusta Civic Center. Last year, more than 8.000 folks were in attendance.

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Our social night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This month the social is being held on April 10th. We will dining at Pat's Pizza located at 112 Pleasant Street in Brunswick.

Join us for a meal at Pat's Pizza! Please mark our Facebook event if you are coming so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!



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Notes from our President - Jenny Little

Hello Trailriders.

It's officially Spring folks which only means one thing – we are even closer to riding season! Before you begin your season though, please be sure to renew your annual club membership with Topsham Trailriders as they expire at the end of April 2024. Our forms can easily be acquired on our website (www.topshamtrailriders.com) by navigating to the *More* tab and clicking on the *Club Documents*. Or, if you prefer you are welcome to remit an email to in-



<u>fo@topshamtrailriders.com</u> and we are happy to send a form to you. We appreciate all of the folks how have already renewed their dues and please know that your contribution goes a long way and helps us improve our trails.

We are also very busy preparing for the upcoming Maine Sportsman Show held at the Augusta Civic Center. The show this year will kick off on Friday, April 19th and will continue until Sunday, April 11st. TTR will once again have a booth during the show which has generously been sponsored by MOMS Topsham. The show is a great opportunity for folks to renew their annual club membership, pick up a 2024 trail work and ride schedule, or better yet come and meet TTR! When you do head to the Sportsman Show please stop by and visit with us!

As always be safe and we will soon see you on the trails!

Jenny







March Social 2024 at 104 Main Public House in Topsham!





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EVENTS

ATVing/Snowmobiling

April 10th — TTR Monthly Social Night at Pat's Pizza in Brunswick at 6 pm.

April 13th —East Side Trail Work Party (Tentatively) Please be ready to work for 8:45 am. Check the Facebook event and our website for more info!

April 19-21—TTR Heads to the Maine Sportsman Show in Augusta — Come visit with us to renew your memberships!

April 27th — TTR Membership Drive at MOMS Topsham

April 28th — TTR Trail Work Party— Please be ready to work for 8:45 am. Check the Facebook event and our website for more info!

April 29th — Monthly Club Meeting being held at the Topsham Fair Exhibition Hall located at 54 Elm Street, Topsham at 6:30 pm. **IMPORTANT—WE ARE RETURNING to MEETING on MONDAY'S!

All are welcomed to join us!

Notes from the Ride Coordinator

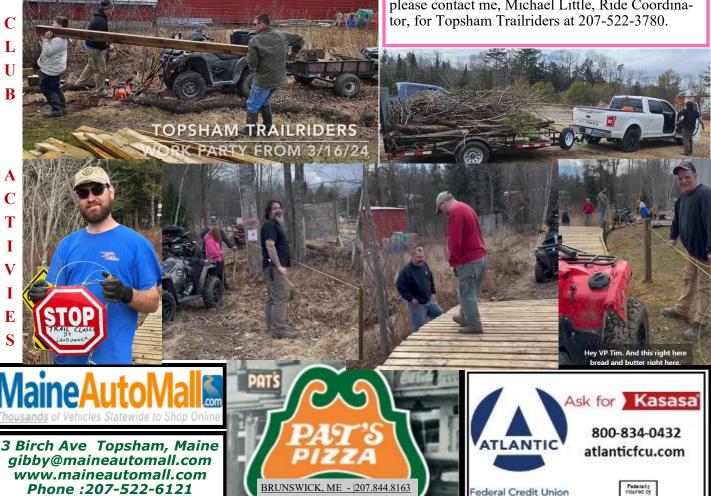
The riding season will soon be upon us but first we need to do some much needed work on our trails. I am happy to say that Topsham Trailriders recently held a



trail work party and it was a very productive one. I am hopeful that all of our future work parties will be as successful as our first one.

Also, just to keep everyone on the same page as of March 26th, only 67 days remain to our first out of town ride provided the conditions allow for it. The ride is Ken Snowdon's Memorial Ride which is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st when we ride from Pittsfield to Greenville.

As a reminder, our 2024 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page so please check them out. As always if you would like to help during any of these events please contact me, Michael Little, Ride Coordinator, for Topsham Trailriders at 207-522-3780.



Charlie and Sam working together!

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR TOPSHAM TRAILRIDERS MEM-

BERS:

Dues. The annual club dues for members

is Thirty Five dollars (\$35.00) per year

for either an individual or a family. Club

memberships are due before April 30th of each year. The annual dues for Business members is One hundred fifty dol-

lars (\$150.00) each year and is due by

the Last day of April of each Member-

ship year.

Also, if you have not received an email from us than we do not have your email



Trailmaster Charlie Parkinson 207-319-5142

THE TRAILS ARE EXPECTED TO REOPEN MID MAY / EARLY JUNE PROVIDED WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS PERMIT IT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO SET DATE FOR THE TRAILS TO OPEN. MANY FACTORS AFFECT THE TRAILS OPENING DATE WEATHER, TRAIL DAMAGE, AND MOST IMPORTANT OUR LANDOWNERS.

Please note that there are two trail work parties scheduled during the month of April. The first one is for Saturday, April 13th and I am fairly certain that this work party will be held on our East side of our trail systems. The other work party date is for Sunday, April 28th and at this time I suspect we will be building bridges on our West side of our trail system. If you would like to join me please arrive by 8:45 am and be ready to work for 9 am. Additional information about these work parties will be added onto our Facebook page as well as the TTR website. Anyone is welcomed to join us during these work parties. Please do not hesitate in contacting me with any questions.

THE USE OF ATV'S ON A CLOSED TRAIL DURING MUD SEASON IS CONSIDERED FELONY TRESPASSING.

The Maine sportsman show is this month hope to see you there

If you see any-one on the trails or getting ready to head out on the trails please inform them the trails are closed till they dry up. I will remove all the signs and chains as soon as they are ready for use. The trails are a wet mess. The east side of town has some erosion that needs to be fixed. We are working on getting the west side trailhead rerouted to open this year and fix some other problems on the trails.

Assistant Trail Master (s) James Belanger (Winter) Sam Bulmer (West Side) **Brad Hoskins (East Side)**

If the trails are posted as closed and the entry way is blocked then the trails are closed to all motorized vehicles period. Going around or through the barriers and riding the trails anyway is felony trespassing and jeopardizes the use of all trails, all individuals caught doing so can deal with the Game Wardens.

The Trails are going to need a lot of work in order to prepare them for the opening of the season

this year. We will start doing trail work on the weekends weather permitting. All are welcome and encouraged to help the trail maintenance crew prep for opening day. We will have some working weekends over the next 2 months so if you can spare some time please give me a call.

THINK AND DRIVE

- 1. Make sure your registration is up to date. Properly attach your Registration stickers.
- Check your helmet. Invest in a new one if it's damaged by any dents or cracks.
 Give your ATV a twice-over. Check that all equipment, including brakes, lights, engine, and tires are in good condition and function-
- Familiarize yourself with local regulations and bylaws regarding ATV usage.
 Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, waterproof matches, a whistle, insect repellant and sunblock, a flashlight, spare fuel, tea or coffee, water/water purification tablets, duct tape, signal mirror, tool kit, first aid supplies, rope, flares, spare keys, a sharp knife, and/or compass.
- 6. If your children want to ride, ensure they have completed the ATV safety course. If you haven't ridden before or could just use a refresher, do the same. Don't let your children use adult-sized ATVs.
- 7. Consider taking a first aid course. It doesn't hurt to be prepared.
- 8. Get vourself in the mindset for a great riding season. Have fun!

Golden Rules for Safe ATV Operation

- Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.
 Never ride on public roads another vehicle could
 Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
 Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle. 2. Never ride on public roads - another vehicle could hit you
- 5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age.

Age 6 and older Under 70cc

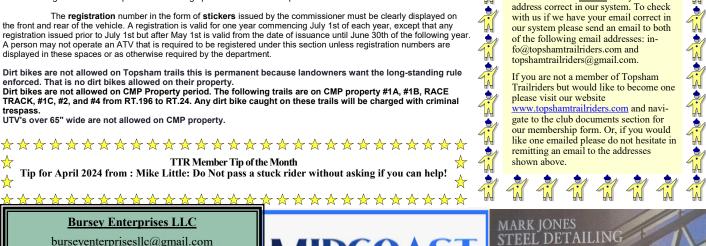
- 6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys. 7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- 8. Take an ATV Rider Course; to enroll call toll free (800) 887-2887.

Permission required. A person may not operate an ATV on the land of another without the permission of the landowner or lessee. Permission is presumed on designated state approved ATV trails or in areas open to ATVs by landowner policy. A landowner may limit the use of a designated state-approved ATV trail on that landowner's property through agreements with the State or an ATV club to address environmental, public safety or management concerns. Written permission of the landowner or lessee is required on cropland or pastureland or in an orchard. As used in this subsection, "cropland" means acreage in tillage rotation, land being cropped and land in bush fruits, and "pastureland" means acreage devoted to the production of forage plants used for animal production.

The registration number in the form of stickers issued by the commissioner must be clearly displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. A registration is valid for one year commencing July 1st of each year, except that any registration issued prior to July 1st but after May 1st is valid from the date of issuance until June 30th of the following year. A person may not operate an ATV that is required to be registered under this section unless registration numbers are

Dirt bikes are not allowed on Topsham trails this is permanent because landowners want the long-standing rule

UTV's over 65" wide are not allowed on CMP property.





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The Board of Directors meet on the Last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM See our Facebook Page for Location!

****NOTICE****

This Newsletter is the official publication of the Topsham Trailriders ATV/Snowmobile Club Inc. 2003. WE MEET AT 6:30 PM OF EACH MONTH SEE OUR FACE-BOOK PAGE FOR THE LOCATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING!

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