

TOPSHAM TRAILRIDER'S NEWSLETTER

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SOCIAL NITE AT PONCHO VILLA



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It's almost June and I hope to see some warm weather to dry up some of our trails. Our trailmaster opened the trail on the East side of town to the Murder Road. The West side needs some dry days so our trailmasters can actual ride it to check the damage from winter and all the rain! If a trail is closed please don't go on it or we will lose them.

We are looking to expand trails on land located at the west side of Dave Anderson's property. He has given us permission to do this project. We will need lots of help with it once the rain stops! Dave has been a long time supporter from the very start of the club serving as Trailmaster for many years. Tim and Charlie are now marking up the new trail and planning what will be needed for bridges and such. Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page where we will schedule some work dates.

My wife and I made it to our camp in Lincoln and the good news is we had very little damage from the winter. Trails are still closed in this area with many roads impassable. Please be careful as the mud is thick in some areas of the state and if there are signs up that say "trail closed" DON'T GO ON THEM!

On Memorial Day many of our club members will join the Over the Hill Gang club.

Please drive safe and we hope to see you on the trails at some point this spring!. This is Red Tag Day if you have a **RED TAG** on your Newsletter it means you haven't paid your dues for this year. We need you -so please pay up or this will be your last newsletter!

Dan Parlin
TTR President



Dan & Linda Parlin



From FB: 65 plugs 8 zip ties a lot of rubber cement and a rock. Made it 14 miles to the truck and it was still holding air the next day. My buddy kept poking his head out to see if the rock was still there or if we had air. I told him if that rock comes off it's gonna knock his ass out.

WE ARE ON THE WEB
WWW.TOPSHAMTRAILRIDERS.COM



SOCIAL NITE AT PONCHO VILLA

Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (June) 12th will be held at the Topsham Fairground Café Inc. at 49 Topsham Fair Mall Road Topsham. Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!

Topsham Fair Ground Cafe

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Topsham Trailriders

Our 20th Anniversary Party

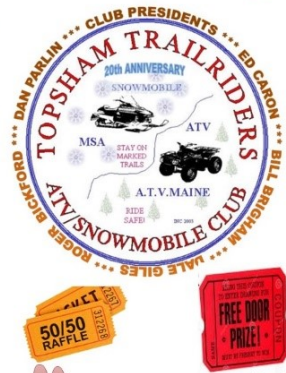
Saturday JULY 27, 2019 - 11AM

Dave's Training Site!

Rain Date Sunday July 28th



BBQ



Come Celebrate our 20 years as a club!



ATV RIDES



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This work done by Volunteers to help the Over The Hill Gang—Thanks to all that helped!



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ATVING/SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURES THIS YEAR THE TOPSHAM

TRAILRIDERS CLUB WILL TRY TO SUPPORT!

May 27 - Memorial Day Parade & Ride Public · Hosted by Over The Hill ATV Riders at 8 AM – 2 PM

JUN 8th **Old Town Road** Sat 8 AM · by Over The Hill ATV Riders

Jun 9th AT 8 AM Ride and Social for United Trail Volunteers

July 13th - Hailey's Wind Tower– Roxbury ATV Club Saturday at 9 AM– 1 PM

JULY 27TH TTR 20TH ANV CELEBRATION

AUG 10th **2019 Allies for Autism Poker Ride** Sat 8 AM Abby Rd, Stoneham, ME ·

AUG 31 **Ice Cream Social - Club Ride.** - Brother Clubs Are Welcome. Sat 6:30 PM

SEPT 21ST FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR ATV RIDE

Oct 5 Turner Timberland Halloween Night Ride

OCT 27 **Fall Foliage Ride** Sun 9 AM · OVER THE HILL GANG

If you have events you want our club to get involved in, please send us a message with the date and info on the event!!

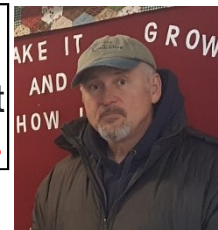
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Trailmaster
Charlie Parkinson
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Trails on the East side of town are open for the season, with the exception of trails past Murder Rd. due to a culvert washout. **The west side of town will remain closed till June.**



Asst Trailmaster
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Operating an ATV in wetlands, marshes, rivers, and streams is illegal in Maine.

Please stay off the trails during and just after heavy rains. This cuts down on the damage that has cost our club a lot of time and money to keep the Land Owners happy. Please ride safe out there on or off our trails, fun is to be had without getting hurt. Enjoy the ride this summer and always respect the land to which you ride on and the landowners which allow us to ride.

Please stay on established trails; if not we could lose the use of the trails all together. Please use **marked bridges** to cross WET, STREAM or Marsh areas on the trails. Failure to do so will result in sections of the trail being CLOSED permanently by landowners.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN, TIME TO REGISTER YOUR MACHINES.

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 displayed in these spaces or as otherwise required by the department.

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.

Dirt bikes and UTV's over 60" wide are not allowed on CMP Property period. This is a CMP rule that the club has no control over. The following trails are on CMP property #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, and #4 from RT.196 to RT.24. Any dirt bike or UTV over 60" caught on these trails will be charged with criminal trespass. To further simplify the width restriction regarding ATV trails which numerous people are misunderstanding:

- (1) Trail Width Restriction is NOT new.
- (2) Trail Width Restriction was NOT created by ATV Maine.
- (3) Trail Width Restriction was NOT created by ATV Clubs
- (4) Trail Width Restriction is NOT a law.
- (5) Trail Width Restriction is NOT statewide.
- (6) Landowners have requested that the EXISTING width restriction be enforced to gain control over what has been overlooked for MANY years.
- (7) Maine Warden Service will document any violations as Criminal Trespass, Title 17, Section 2806, a Class E crime.
- (8) ATV clubs are being contacted by the landowner(s) that this enforcement will affect.
- (9) ATV Maine has only shared this information to help educate those who will soon be on the trails! - This was NOT created by ATV Maine.
- (10) 60 inches is 60 inches



THINK AND DRIVE

1. Make sure your registration is up to date. Properly attach your Registration stickers.
2. Check your helmet. Invest in a new one if it's damaged by any dents or cracks.
3. Give your ATV a twice-over. Check that all equipment, including brakes, lights, engine, and tires are in good condition and functioning properly.
4. Familiarize yourself with local regulations and bylaws regarding ATV usage.
5. Get your emergency kit ready to go, including any or all of the following: blanket, snacks/food, waterproof matches, a whistle, insect repellent 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 re-fresher, 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 yourself in the mindset for a great riding season. Have fun!
2. Never ride on public roads – another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age. The CPSC age/size guidelines are:

Age 6 and older	Under 70cc
Age 12 and older	70cc – 90cc
Age 16 and older	Over 90cc
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only designated trails and at a safe speed.
8. Take an ATV Rider Course; to enroll call toll free (800) 887-2887.

Land Owners have the right to stipulate what can and cannot be operated on the trails that use their property. If these stipulations are not followed the club will lose the use of that land owners property. Individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all trails for everyone.

The Speed limit is 5 MPH on the Trail behind J&S, this is to help the trail stabilize due to soft soil.

The Speed limit is 15 MPH in the power line behind the tattoo shop on Rte. 196, if this speed limit is not followed the trail will be closed permanently.

The Speed limit in residential areas like Bay Park and Topsham Crossing is 15MPH to help keep dust and noise to a minimum.

All ATV trails are operated on privately owned land, individuals damaging or abusing their property will result in the loss of all ATV trails for everyone.

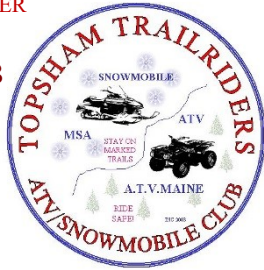
TRUCKS AND CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS IN THE STATE OF MAINE WITHOUT LAND OWNER PERMISSION.

RESPECT LANDOWNERS - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND ONLY MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. RIDE AT OWN RISK.



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**The Board of Directors
meet on the 3rd Monday
of each month at 7PM at
the Topsham Fair
Grounds**

****NOTICE****

This Newsletter is the official publication of the Topsham Trailriders ATV /Snowmobile Club Inc. 2003. WE MEET AT 7PM ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE TOPSHAM FAIR EXHIBITION HALL OFF ELM STREET IN TOPSHAM, MAINE.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR A FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL IS \$35.00 A YEAR. THAT INCLUDES A MEMBERSHIP TO A.T.V. MAINE, AND FOR \$5 MORE YOU CAN ALSO BELONG TO MSA(MAINE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION).

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The next Regular meeting will be June 24, 2019 the **LAST** Monday of each month at Topsham Fair Grounds Exhibition Hall at 7:00pm