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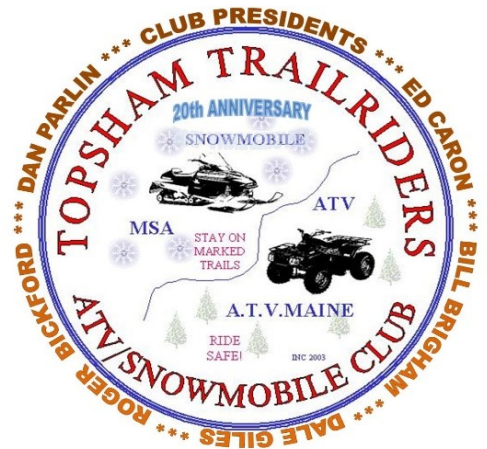
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**Happy
New Year!**

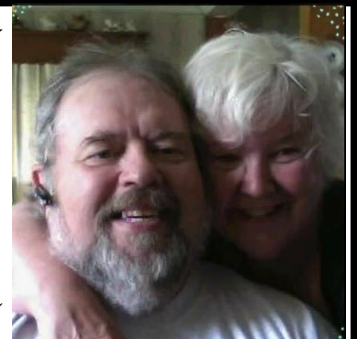


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Notes from our President—Dan Parlin

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Well it's almost Christmas and another New Year is just around the corner. We have lots to be thankful for this year! Our club has had our 20th Anniversary! Who would have imagined! The members of our club have gotten involved in many other club events again this year! We hope that we will have a better club in the future but so far we are hanging in there!



I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and good spirits! You got to think positive that things will work out one way or another! I'm thankful for my daughter Jen's recovery and the chance of seeing her come home by the New Year. My family will get together on Christmas Eve with Jen at the Rehab center! We will enjoy!

If you have family in bad health or just getting older please take the time and make their day and stop by I know we plan to!

I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas, New Year or any Holiday you celebrate!

Ride Safe and have fun out there!

TTR President



Our Social Night is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. This Month (Jan) 8th it's at

Urban Element - 235 Lewiston Rd, Topsham, Maine Topsham. Come and enjoy a night on the town with family and friends!

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PUBLIC BEAN SUPPER AND OTHER SPECIALITES

SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 2020 - 4PM to 6PM

AT THE TOPSHAM FAIRGROUNDS EXHIBITION HALL



**To Benefit the Topsham Trailriders &
the Topsham Fair Association**

EVENTS OF THE PAST MONTH!



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Upcoming Events that TTR will try to support in 2020

Jan 8th 6:30pm Over the Hill Gang monthly meeting!

Jan 11th ME IFW Snowmobile Safety Course

Public · Hosted by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust and Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club

Jan 18th—TTR Public Bean Supper

Jan 20th TTR Board Meeting

Jan 25th **Adrenaline Rush Reunion** - Public · Hosted by Tame the Track Tour Snowmobile Races and Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club

Jan 31 Maine Free Snowmobile Weekend

Public · Hosted by Northern Outdoors and Maine Snowmobile Association

Jan 27th - TTR Monthly Meeting!



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All ATV trails in Topsham are open

The weather has been flip flopping between warm, cold and rain. The water levels on the trails are very high, frozen water holes might seem safe but the ice is less than an inch thick it might support the weight of a person but will not support the weight of an ATV or UTV. Some of these water holes are over 3 feet deep and can cause your machine to get stuck in the ice or flipped sideways. ATV season is fast coming to a close, and the trails will be closing to ATV's/UTV's and snow-mobile season will begin after the first large snow fall. The trails need at least 12 inches of snow to allow for a safe and fun snowmobile ride. I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season. We will be looking for people to help with trail setup and grooming this snowmobile season. Without property owners consent there would be no trails for people to ride. Take the extra time now to look over your sleds and make sure they are ready for some fun in the snow without the headache of being stuck out in the winter wonderland walking when you should be riding.



Asst Trailmaster
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The trails will be closed to all ATV's/UTV's with the exception of tracked ATV's/UTV's registered as snowmobiles for snowmobile season.

ALL RIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY 25 FEET AWAY FROM ALL POWER POLES AND GUIDE WIRES.

THE ATHLETIC FIELDS, PARKING LOTS, AND SCHOOL GROUNDS OF MT ARARAT HIGH SCHOOL ARE OFF LIMITS TO SNOWMOBILES. THE TOWER AREA AND TOWER ROAD ARE ALSO OFF LIMITS TO SNOWMOBILES.

Snowmobiles are not allowed on Trail #1B as this is an ATV only trail. Do your part to keep the trails in good shape by taking it easy on the brakes and throttle. If you find a spot that needs work let us know. I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season

The parking area across from the HS bus garage is hit or miss for parking due to construction. Please use the parking area directly across RTE 201 to park and use bike path for trail access.

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.

Access to and from Lisbon falls on trail #1C is not possible anymore due to a closed gate on the ward rd.



Operating an ATV in wetlands, marshes, rivers, and streams is illegal in Maine. 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 #1A, #1B, RACE TRACK, #1C, #2, 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.

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.

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 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 rehab complex 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 LANDOWNER'S - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS AND ONLY MARKED TRAILS AND OBEY ALL POSTED SIGNS. USE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

RIDE AT OWN RISK.

While riding please wear proper protective equipment and keep speeds at a safe level. Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride Sober.

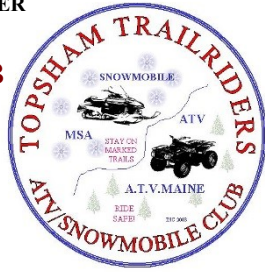
Again, if you're out on the trail please bring a pair of clippers or even a small saw to help cut back the new growth from the trail. Every snip helps.

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meet on the 3rd Monday
of each month at 7PM at
the Topsham Fair
Grounds

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Our Regular Meetings are held on the **LAST** Monday of each month
at Topsham Fair Grounds Exhibition Hall at 7:00pm