



# Tri-County ATV July 2008 Newsletter

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## President's Message

### Greetings All,

Not much of a summer as yet but the best is yet to come. Sure hope this economy straightens out. It is strangling poor Island Pond.

I had a great experience yesterday, and it made all the hard work and effort I have spent trying to make Tri-County ATV Club a success well worth it. I hope it does the same for all of you who have worked so hard. Two guys rode up to my door on ATVs, both registered and VASA members and wearing Helmets. They had been riding our trails all day, starting over at Rore Brook. They had mistakenly taken the short trail off the Rodrique woods road to my house and needed help getting back on the trail. I gave them directions and a trail map and we talked about the trails they had ridden. These guys were from South Central Vermont and had ridden quite a few of the trails VASA offered and they then went on to say Our Tri-County Trail system was the best they had ever ridden. It made me proud of the work we are doing. Keep up the good work!

The Mt. Washington ride is coming up soon – it is scheduled for August 3. If you haven't made this ride yet, don't miss it. It's well worth the experience.

We were hoping to take part in the July 4th Parade scheduled for Friday, July 4th at 11:00 a.m., but so far we haven't had a lot of interest from you, our membership. If you do have an interest, please contact me and we will try to put something together. WE are planning on having a booth on the common so if you would like to help there please contact me.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the Clyde River Hotel. Please attend and bring a friend. We need all the help we can get.

**Bill Bailey**  
TCATV Club President

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Check out the VASA Photo Contest.  
You could win a prize!

## Vice President's Message

### Dear Members,

There is not a lot new to report. The North trail in Morgan is longer with a loop at the end. We are waiting for a response from a landowner to cross his property. An adjacent landowner denied permission and vented his frustrations about his recent property re-evaluation and the looming taxes to come. He also mentioned that he would be seeking some program to get his property into for tax relief. What bothers me about this is not that he is opposed to ATV's on his land, but getting his property "locked up" in a program. Conservation of land I think we can all agree is a good thing, but most "programs" shut out ATV use usually forever. We need tax relief for our land owners. It's only fair. Maybe some day a land owner will seek tax relief by allowing a trail across their property? Recreation and conservation can work together.

Membership numbers are down from last year. We had a record number of memberships last year partly because the Newport club stopped selling memberships. This year they re-organized and are selling them again. So we expected a drop because of this. I think we will end the year only slightly lower than expected.

I hope to see everyone at Mt. Washington this year. Hopefully we can get a third year in a row of perfect weather. I've never gone up in a car. An ATV looks like the best way to me.

**Thank You,**  
*Ernie Pappas, Vice President, TCATV Club*

### – IMPORTANT INFO –

**Our next meeting will be held on  
Saturday, July 12 at the Clyde River Hotel at  
9:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!**

**Sunday, August 3 VASA sponsored  
Mt. Washington ATV ride.**

Call Bill Bailey or come to the July meeting for more info.  
Tickets must be paid for in advance this year.