



Tri-County ATV Club September 2008 *Newsletter*

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President's Message

Greetings All,

Well here we are at summers end. The leaves are turning and school is back in session. It seemed like a very short summer.

We had a pretty good summer in spite of all the rain. Most of our trail objectives have been met. We are almost to the Williams Road heading toward Holland and we have reworked many of our other trails. We have accomplished a lot but have much more to do.

Because of the lack of help we are not planning any new projects this year. We still hope to complete the trail into Island Pond but that's it for this year. Not many people are showing up to work on trails lately. This past weekend we had planned to accomplish a lot we had even gone out and rented machinery to help with trail work. However only three people showed up to work. They did work 12 hours on Saturday and if they had had more help could have accomplished a lot more. Because of the lack of help not much was done on Sunday. Ernie, Dave, and Andy did do a lot even being short handed. Every weekend its Ernie and Dave and sometime one or two others (usually the same one or two) out there trying to get things done. Members, we need more help!!! Most of our members have done absolutely nothing. There is money available from VASA to build trails but the rules say the work has to be done primarily with volunteer help.

We are planning a chicken Barbeque on Saturday, September 13th with a Poker Run. Hope you can all make it. We had a great time last year and hope this year will be even better.

Another ride up Mt. Washington is being planned for this fall foliage season, we will keep you posted.

The NCAA club of Milton is currently planning a trail from Montgomery to connect to BRR of Newport's trails in Newport Center, if we are able to connect to BRR trails in Holland we would have a trail from Island Pond to Montgomery, Stay tuned!

See you all at our next meeting on Saturday, September 13th which will be held at my house, 2172 VT Route 111, Morgan. The meeting will start at 12:00 and will be followed by the poker run and barbeque, Don't miss it...Hope you can all make it, and remember, if you don't RSVP by September 8th you will get hot dogs instead of chicken. See you there.

Sincerely,
Bill Bailey, TCATV Club President

Vice President's Message

Dear Members,

Our next meeting will also be our party. Let's hope the rain is gone for that Saturday. So far it looks like our weather is back to normal. We had posted on the web site to stay off the trails for a while because of all the rain. Most people stayed off the trails. Some did not.

I went for a walk on a very wet Saturday with my dog on the Bear Trap Loop trail near my camp. The dog started barking and I saw someone in the woods. A man and a yellow Honda were waiting for his friend to return with a rope to tow him. Unlike his friend, he did not make it through a mud hole and the motor filled with water. Neither were TCATV club members and said it was their first time on the trail. I asked them to join the club and they said they would.

The trail work across from the Route 111 parking area was started. Myself, Dave, and Andy, worked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. We rented a skid steer and had gravel delivered. The skid steer threw its track after the first 20 minutes. The rental guy came and showed us how to put it back on. He said that has only happened twice in three years. He assured us we were not too rough on it and it wouldn't happen again. We worked on the trail all day, stopping for our free lunch delivered by Bill. Around 5 p.m. we got the machine stuck in the mud. Bad. After about an hour I got my ATV winch hooked up and we got the skid steer out of the mud. I still cannot believe the ATV made the difference and got that heavy machine unstuck.

The next day, Dave and I were tired but felt we should try to finish. We headed for the woods with the skid steer after cutting more trees and it threw the track again. After getting the track back on and totally exhausted, we parked the machine. If we got into the mud and threw the track or got stuck again, we would have each had a heart attack. We had found our limit.

Ronna and I have updated the mailing list to try and save the club time and money. If you have an e-mail address, please let Ronna know so she can e-mail you the newsletter instead of paying for postage.

Remember the last day of riding is the second Sunday of October. This year the date is October 12. We chose this date to please two large landowners who are avid hunters.

Thank you,
Ernie Pappas, Vice President, TCATV Club

- IMPORTANT INFO -

Our next meeting will be held on
Saturday, September 13 at noon at
Bill Bailey's on Route 111 in Morgan.
It will be followed by our annual
cookout. Please RSVP by September 8!

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