



Tri-County ATV Club

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Newsletter

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President's Message

Members and friends,

Well its mud season so spring can't be far behind. Time to get your ATV dusted off, serviced and ready to ride. Our first meeting of 2009 is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at the Clyde River Hotel at 9:30 a.m. We will have complementary coffee and snacks available and you can order a breakfast from the menu at a nominal price. Please plan on attending this very important meeting, we have a lot to cover and a lot to do. Our annual election of officers will be held at this meeting. I will be stepping down as your President and Ernie Pappas has decided to run. Ernie has been with the club for a long time and I think he will do a great job as President. If you have an interest in this office or any of the others please contact me and we will put you on the ballot.

The 105 crossing has finally been approved by the state. We are planning on extending our trail system into Charleston this summer if we can get some support and approvals in place. We also have a lot of trail work to do on Basil Hill and also some work north of Rt. 111. We would like to put picnic tables and perhaps a port-a-potty in a couple of places on our trail system. Any other ideas you may have can be discussed at the meeting.

VASA has purchased a building in So. Barre that will serve as State headquarters. This is a big undertaking and a lot of thought went into the decision to take this step. I think it a big step forward for VASA.

Danny Hale and I had the privilege of representing VASA at the NOVACC conference held in Houston, Texas last month. This meeting was attended by off highway riders from all over the country as well as Canada. They all seem to have similar problems putting trails in place as we do. I also had the chance to ride an ATV in Sam Houston National Park. The ride was very good, much like riding in Vermont but without the hills. The meetings were informative and I met a lot of people with the same concerns and problems we have right here in Vermont.

I hope to see all of you at our May meeting; we need your help and support to make this year a success.

Sincerely,
Bill Bailey, TCATV Club President

Vice President's Message

Dear Members,

I would like to thank everyone for their continuing support for the club. The land owners first, and then the members. Without the generous landowners, there would be no members.

We are gearing up to open the trails Saturday, May 23rd. As usual there are many maintenance projects we need to get done before that date. Dave Beloin and I will be making a list of projects. From years past I have found the club has the most help for the first five weeks and then the enthusiasm fades. We are going to do our best to harvest that energy. Please come to at least the first couple meetings to help out.

Some people tell me the trails are too rough for them, others say they are great. Most of the people who say they are too rough have never helped work on them.

Members who work on the trail get a discount. Come to the first meeting or purchase your membership from Bill to get the discount or contact him later.

Please remember that Vermont has age restrictions for children on ATV's. Some of our trails are on town roads. Kids under 12 cannot ride or cross the road. Kids 12 to 16 must be accompanied by someone over 18. 16 year olds and older are okay for the road.

Here is the link for Vermont ATV laws.
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=23&Chapter=031>
See you at the meeting,

Thank you,
Ernie Pappas, Vice President, TCATV Club

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Hope to see you there!

Check out our website anytime
www.tricountyatvclub.org

also visit www.VTVASA.org to see what is happening around the state of VT.