



Tri-County ATV Club

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President's Message

Dear Riders,

I have been working with Dave locating boundaries and prospecting new trail in Morgan. One useful trick we discovered was to overlay a tax map image on Google Earth to provide GPS readings. That helped us find property boundaries. Neat stuff. If you have a computer and good internet speed, Google Earth is a free program. Try it.

After the last club meeting, Dave and I placed one of the two donated picnic tables out in Morgan. It is about a ½ mile south of the RT 111 parking area, next to Webster Brook. It is a nice spot to sit and watch for moose or deer. Be cautious of logging trucks on the gravel road from the RT 111 parking area. Some logging is being done on the property, and the owner came close to hitting some young riders with no VASA plates. Signs have been put up to warn riders. We have also completed and signed the new trail up Rosebrook Hill and closed the old one, but there is still more work to be done.

The Agency of Natural Resources meeting in Montpelier was very interesting. I gave a short speech on behalf of the club in support of the ruling that would allow the possibility of ATV trail on state land as necessary to connect other ATV trails. Estimates are that 250 people attended, and about 25 opposed the ruling. Now they are taking written comments. Did you send yours' in?

Lastly, Bill and Dave attended another Brighton Selectman's meeting. There was confusion about where an ATV trail into town was going. The selectmen were told it would only be going to the Kingdom Market, which has been the plan all along.

We will soon be updating our mailing list. If you have not joined this year, please do. If you haven't joined but would still like to receive our newsletter by mail, contact Ronna. If you have gone e-mail, or if your address has changed, let Ronna know that, too, and save the club some postage.

Thanks again,
Ernie Pappas, TCATV Club President

Vice President's Message

Dear Riders,

Well, July is here and hopefully it will dry out soon. I would like to start out by thanking Peter Walbridge and Al and Tom Gioia for helping cut out the Williams trail. We had about 19 man hours into it, which completed the job so now the excavator can finish by digging ditches and installing culverts. Our goal to meet up with the Borderline Ridge runners is getting closer. I would like to also report that the reroute on Rosebrook Hill is completed all signs are in place.

Bill, Ernie and I are still working with the Island Pond town selectmen trying get some streets approved to allow us to get into town. At this time the trail is not approved the town is off limits for riding in with ATV's.

Thanks,
Dave Beloin, Vice President, TCATV Club

Treasurer's Report

Members and Friends,

I don't know about anyone else, but this weather has shortened my riding season. It's still quite muddy on the trails. We have had work parties out working on the trails the past couple of weekends. This club owes a great deal of thanks to Ernie Pappas and Dave Beloin for all the work they have put into keeping our trails usable. They are working almost every weekend. Without them we would have no trails. The next time you see them, thank them or better yet, give them some of your time and help out with the trail work.

We have spent over \$1,500 on trail work, over and above donated materials and donated time (thanks Pete). We now have 40 paid-up members and we have a balance of \$1,883 in our treasury.

By the way, are there any accountants out there? We need to file papers to make us a recognized profit free club. We need to have 501C3 status. Can anyone help?

Thanks,
Bill Bailey, Treasurer, TCATV Club

Our next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, at the Clyde River Hotel.

Summer is Prime Wheeling Time

I hope you all get out this summer and get a lot of wheeling in. This member hopes to visit all clubs in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Contact me if you would like to come along. I'll report back on my visits and news from the other clubs. In some places we are getting close to connecting with other clubs. Lend your support and soon you'll be riding from one end of the kingdom to the other. We'll be looking for ways we can help each other grow our clubs.

Tricounty Club members are welcome to ride in the 4th of July Parade in Island Pond. Arrive around 9 a.m. on Saturday to get organized and ride in the parade. So kick off the mud and shine up your quad and enjoy this day of celebration.

August 2 is the Mt Washington Ride-In and there's a tailgate BBQ after the ride for VASA members.

Local Ride-In project needs Volunteer leader(s). This club project needs member support. At first we'll enjoy meeting other club members and sharing time together. Later on we'll have themed rides and only a year or two away we'll have joint ride ins with our neighboring clubs as we get our trails inter connected. Lend your support.

July 11th club ride in after the monthly meeting. Meet at the ATV parking area in Morgan estimated time is 11a.m. Come to the meeting and ride after or just come and ride. So pack your bags (atv, picnic lunch, and gear). We'll ride a minimum of our northern trails and stop for a picnic lunch.

Riding into the sunset...Andy Aldrich, TCATV Club Public Relations

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