



Tri-County ATV Club

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

This years riding season will end on October 13. Thankfully, the rain stopped so we could ride before the season ended.

I have been busy checking the trails and seeing who is out riding. I was surprised to find mostly VASA members. Non-members are mostly local people and some non-residents with camps. The locals didn't know they were on VASA trails or had special permission from the landowner they can't remember the name of. The non-residents just didn't have time to buy a membership yet or were only going to ride once this year. Just about all these "trail poachers" didn't have state registrations either.

I spoke to a family at the Rosebrook Hill parking area on September 5th. They said they left a note for the club on the kiosk. They were on their second day of riding and thought our trails were some of the most fun and well signed trails they have ever ridden! The family told me that the day before they were in Island Pond at a local business asking how the ATV trails were, and they were told that the trails were really bad and the individual recommended going to New Hampshire to ride. People do not come to Island Pond to be told to go to NH. They come to see and experience IP. Maybe next people will be told to make their purchases in NH to save money on the sales tax.

The goals Bill, Dave, and I have set out to achieve with trails is to keep ATV's in the woods and provide a "four wheeling" experience. Some people love it and some do not. A challenge to one person is too rough for another. I hope people realize that some of the VASA trails in the state are mostly on roads. Nice and smooth with little challenge. If that's your style, you have options with your membership. Remember, you own an all-terrain vehicle. If the trails are too rough, try smoother ones or doing some pushups.

At this time the Derby club has met with our club for trail permissions. The Radar Ridge Runners are getting closer to us also. This is why we need access to town for gas, food, etc. We need to show more local support for the use of Meadow and Creamery streets. The residents of those streets gave support, but the selectmen feel we need more. People need a trail destination and Island Pond is our goal.

There were four big trail projects this year. Half were maintenance and the other half were adding more trails. Trail maintenance will be a priority for next year.

Our membership numbers are the same as years past. Even with a down economy, the club is strong. I would like to thank those members who have been joining year after year. You are the core support of the club.

Thank you to all the businesses that support us, especially Brighton Motorsports and Ming's. They sell our memberships and we should make it a point to support them too.

I have often heard comments about how nice our newsletter and web site are. A big thank you to Ronna for all her time making that happen. Two other people who deserve a thank you are Mark and Phyllis Clough. They attend all the monthly meetings for VASA. That requires lots of driving even when it is at night with ice and snow. Mark will be stepping back from that obligation and the club will need to replace him. Snowmobilers should thank Mark too, for all his help with the snowmobile club. Thank you to Andy for trying to get us motivated and participate in club events. He offers a valuable resource for planning events that we should take advantage of. Then there is Bill and Dave. Those two guys spend many hours promoting and managing the club. Don't forget the landowners. They make it all possible.

Thanks again, **Ernie Pappas,**
TCATV Club President

Treasurer's Report

Hi Members and Friends,

What little summer we had is over and fall is here. Hope you all enjoyed the short summer we had. Tri County ATV Club had a pretty good summer overall and I think we accomplished quite a lot with not a lot of help from many of our members. I cannot stress enough the need for help from all of our members. We have about 10 members we can depend on to do all the work required to build and maintain trails. If everyone pitched in, the work would be easy for all and we could accomplish a lot. We need all of you to help to keep us successful. Please think about helping out next year.

We have done a lot and next summer we will be able to ride north into Holland and Derby and hopefully south into East Haven and Burke. We've come a long way. We are also going to continue with our fight to get our trail into downtown Island Pond. I think the selectboard is being shortsighted in not allowing this trail to be opened. Hope you all have a good winter and I look forward to seeing you all next spring

Thanks,
Bill Bailey, Treasurer, TCATV Club

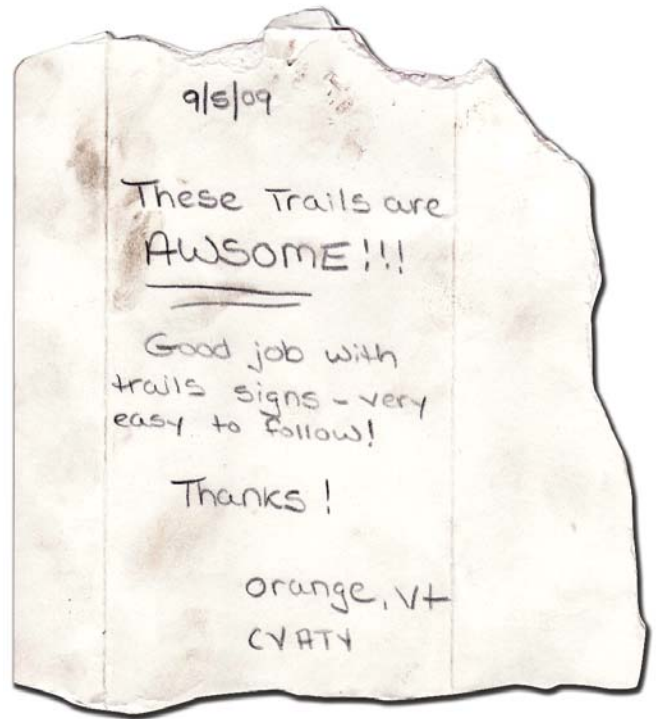
The season is nearing its end and the frost is on the pumpkin.

Snow is around the corner. Life in Vermont it is ever changing. We had a good year all things considered. A few more members. A few more miles of trail which we'll open next spring with a little more work trimming and pruning. Those of you that attended our year end BBQ got a preview ride and what a view; 3 states and 2 countries and the best view of Lake Seymour I've ever seen. The BBQ was well attended with a great abundance of; food, drink and merriment for all.

We've got a trail ready to go into Island Pond too. Lend your support getting this approved by the town as we need a smidgen of a village street for it to all come together. Then we have access to the village and it's services, particularly food and gas.

We visited neighboring clubs and saw how they were doing. We are all getting closer. The Derby club is getting closer to having permission to connect to our north side. And there is the town of Lowell to connect them on their south side to the Green Mt. club who's now up to Lowell. The East Haven club is almost to the Concord club on their south, and we've both got a ways to go to connect us together but things are coming slow but sure. Any help you can give will make it come sooner. We also rode up Mt Washington again this year. This is a State VASA sponsored ride. So get out and get one more ride in and we'll get together again next spring.

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



Thank you note found on Rosebrook Hill kiosk.

Vice President's Message

Please check the website soon for Dave's end of season letter.

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