



Tri-County ATV Club

September 2009 Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

At last we have found some nice weather this August. It has been good for riding.

We had some members from the Topsham Trail Riders and Duck Pond Ridge Runners clubs come and ride our trails on August 15th. It was hot. We rode Rosebrook and Basil Hill first, and then rode to Morgan for lunch. We utilized our new picnic tables. I can't remember the exact count, but we had around 18 riders. Thanks to Andy for organizing the ride.

We are having our annual cookout coming up Sunday, September 6. We plan on holding our club meeting at 11 a.m. At noon we plan on riding our new trail north into Morgan, returning around 2 p.m., then have lunch. You can show up any time after 11 a.m. Dave has been hard at work to ensure the new trail is ready to ride.

We attended a public hearing in Island Pond recently about the future management plans for some state lands in the Kingdom. The meeting was hot, the acoustics were poor, and there was little to no presentation about what was being planned. There will be more meetings to come and I hope the people in charge do a better job at hosting the meetings. Currently, ATV's are not allowed on state lands, but we were there to express our interest and make contacts.

Our last day of riding this season will be Monday October 12. Please do not ride past this date and please ask others not to as well. This will keep our hunting landowners happy.

Thanks again,

Ernie Pappas, TCATV Club President

- TCATV CLUB INFO -

Our 3rd Annual Ride-in and BBQ will be held on Sunday, September 6 at Bill Bailey's on Route 111 in Morgan. The business meeting starts at 11 a.m., followed by the Ride-in, and then the BBQ lunch. Hope to see you there!

Vice President's Message

Dear Riders,

Well weather starting to improve trails are starting to dry out, and that's a good thing. I was finally able to ride the trails with a few friends the past couple of weekends. Some work still needs to be done, but we're moving in the right direction.

The Williams trail has been completed and the excavating is all done. With the lack of rain, everything has been drying out rather quickly. If the weather continues the way it has we will be riding on it soon.

I hope to see all our members including landowners at our September barbecue. It will be a good time.

Thanks,

Dave Beloin, Vice President, TCATV Club

Treasurer's Report

Hi Members and Friends,

Not much of a summer, but hopefully you all made the most of it. Our trails are going to require a lot of maintenance next spring to get them back to where they were before this summer, I hope all you members will pitch in and give us a few hours of trail work.

Our membership stayed steady this year, with just a small increase. The trail into town is on hold at this time. Our trail to Holland and on into Derby should be open next spring. The Derby/Newport club finally has all their permissions in line. Nice work guys. None of these advances are easy, and you can thank your leadership for all the work they do. You would not believe the amount of time all this takes. Ernie often drives up here in the middle of the week to attend various meetings. This is on his own time and gas. Thank you Ernie, and the other short list of active members that we have. If not for you, we would still be riding a very short trail system, instead of what we have. Again thank you all very much. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Thanks,

Bill Bailey, Treasurer, TCATV Club

Summer is winding down and the 4-wheel season will be ending all to soon.

Looking back and looking ahead. Looking ahead there is the club's annual BBQ Sunday the 6th of September. There's up to 6 weeks left of good riding yet, maybe a little more. We now have more trail to ride, conditions permitting, up to Holland. All the clubs are getting closer to each other. Green Mt. Mountain is up to Lowell and BorderLine Ridge runners are almost down to Lowell, We are getting closer to them and on it goes. Be supportive and help when you can because that means the sooner we connect with other clubs the sooner the whole VASA organization becomes a Statewide trail system. And after a couple of clubs get connected the whole ATVing thing in Vermont will take off and we'll be able to ride and ride.

This past month some members rode up Mt. Washington, with high skies and visibility so clear you could see four states and into Canada. The only negative and it was small, was 40mph winds at the very top. Our club hosted the Topsham club and we rode all rode for many hours and had a picnic near the end of the ride at one of our new tables. Also some of us visited and rode our neighboring clubs trails; Borderline Ridge runners, they now have a spur trail to a restaurant, the Duck Pond Ridge Runners, have a little bit of every thing, Top of the World club in Concord and they have a combination of nice trails and use town roads to connect them and hosted their annual fun day in August as well, and we made contact with the Radar Ridge Runners a newer club and they are coming a long near us as well. There's a new club in the Danville area as well. So if we all keep plugging we'll be riding all around the Northeast Kingdom in our near future. **Riding into the sunset...Andy Aldrich, TCATV Club Public Relations**



You're Invited
**Tri-County ATV Club
3rd Annual
Club Ride-in
and Barbecue**

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- Who:** You (TCATV member) and guest
What: Annual TCATV Club Celebration
When: Sunday, September 6 – Meeting starts at 11 a.m., followed by the Ride-in, then a Barbecue lunch.
Where: Bill Bailey's house at 2172 VT Route 111, Morgan VT (802-723-4148)

Come see and RIDE our NEW 3-4 Miles of Trail to Holland.

Help is needed, please contact Andy Aldrich 802-467-1073 aaldrich@pshift.com. Bring a choice of beverage or salad or desert to share. Contact Andy to co-ordinate the dish/choice. Need help with set up and clean up, raffle, door prizes, etc. Need help with tables and chairs and BBQ(s). Bring your ATV, Pot Luck choice, family, significant other(s), and ATV friends with their ATV memberships for this and next year and information available at the BBQ.

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