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May / June / July 2015 Newsletter

From the President

Riding Season is finally here!!! Trails will be open May 1st with a couple of exceptions. Please see "News from the Trail" for the update on what trails have been opened, changed or still temporarily closed.

Please remember our meeting nights have changed from the 1st Wednesday of the month to the 1st Tuesday of the month. What a great turn out we had at our last meeting at Wheel-A-Way Motorsports. Glad to see everyone there and the added interested in the Work Detail. Many hands make light work. Thanks again. Please see next page for a listing of the next three meetings. ..Also, check out the website for updated photos, etc. from the past year & current news. As always, call with any ideas or suggestions you may have at any time.

Communication is an important part of the success of our Club. If you have any question as to what is currently going on, please visit our website at www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com or Friend us on Facebook at facebook.com/oswegovalley.atv.1

Memberships

Membership dues will remain the same for 2015. Renewal forms went out with our first newsletter of 2015. However, you can find it on our website. Just click "Join" and download the pdf renewal form. If you haven't already done so, please complete and submit for your 2015 stickers. If you haven't renewed by 7/1/15, names will be deleted from the newsletter mailing list.

N&N Redemption has new owners and they are no longer providing stickers for us. If you need one right away, please contact Mike Blasczienski at 806-1933. We thank the Shepard's for providing us this service previously.

Single (individual) Membership: Cost is \$25 and only one club sticker will be issued. Qualifying information for ATV is required. (See next column)

Family Membership: Cost is \$30 and includes **2 adults and 1 child under 18 years of age and must reside in the same household. They must live in the household and be your children. If you have more children, we will issue up to an additional 2 stickers.** Qualifying information for each ATV sticker issued is required.

The club requests a donation in lieu of work details of \$10. If you opt out of this, you will be asked to help out on trails and at other events, including parades, BBQ's and Best Hand Rides.

Qualifying Information – Required for Each Club Sticker: Since late 2012, we now require the following information for each sticker requested:

- Year/Make/Model
- Insurance carrier/Policy Number/Expiration Date
- Plate # and Expiration Date

Stickers for machines must be placed on the left side rear fender next to the seat, or, on header panel below headlight (if visible to passing riders). The application also includes a copy of the club's code of conduct on the back of the membership form. Please read and sign that you have read it. The new application is available on club website to view.

REMINDER: Dirt Bikes are **NEVER** allowed on our trail system and club stickers should never be placed on a Dirt Bike. If you see a bike on our trails, get a good description of the individual and bike (plate if visible), then call law enforcement. **DO NOT** take matters into your own hands, doing so causes problems for both you and the club. Call the law first.

Yea! Trails Open – May 1st

with exceptions

Check Web for up-to-date information.

The Best Hand Ride scheduled for 5/16/15 has been canceled as all trails will not be accessible.

Next meetings



The next **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th, 2015** at Bibbens Sales and Service at 3282 East Brutus St, Weedsport beginning at **7:00pm**. We will discuss trail conditions, trail work that has been done, trail work still needing to be completed and other important matters, so please come & share your thoughts!

June's club meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at American Legion Prior Stock 226, Rochester St, Hannibal, NY at 7:00pm.

July club meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at O'Connors Main Street Pub (upstairs), 559 Main Street, Fair Haven, NY at 7:00pm.

Housekeeping Items

If you have an e-mail address and are willing to receive the club newsletter by email, it would be greatly appreciated due to rising postage & printing costs. Please call/email Regina Lunkenheimer to get set up – 947-6052 or prlunk@citlink.net


Reminder:


Don't forget to use your parking passes when using the parking areas.


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News From The Trail

We would like to thank everyone for their patience this season. The harsh weather at the end of this winter made a serious mess of the trail system. A lot of effort has gone into clearing and repairing our trails to make a safe and enjoyable ride for everyone.


 As of May 1st we will be opening our trail system with a few exceptions. It is important to note that nearly all of the trail surfaces are rough and washed out in areas. We have had stone dropped off in areas where the trails are the worst. Over the next couple of weeks we will be working on filling in washouts and soft spots along the Cayuga County Trail from Cato to Fair Haven. Areas that look to be dangerous have been marked off with stakes and ribbon. Please be mindful when riding near these areas.


 Some of our trails and access points have changed. Specifically our access into Fair Haven no longer crosses the wooden bridge. The trail continues further up the Cayuga County Trail and turns left bringing you out onto Fair Haven Road. You can cross the road into the Fire Departments parking lot. Look for the ATV signs and arrows

 The route through Hannibal has changed. The trails between Mill Street and Oswego Street have been rerouted so please pay attention to ATV trail signs and arrows. The new section of trail is very rough and wet so please ride with caution through there. We will be ditching the edge of this trail in the days ahead so keep an eye out for construction equipment and give them a wide berth for everyone's safety.

 Our access to the IGA and Dad's Diner parking area is temporarily closed. We are working on reconnecting these areas to our trail system.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT DAD'S DINER AS THIS SECTION OF TRAIL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

 For the time being the American Legion Trail will remain closed while landowner requested repairs are being completed.

 Many of the members have asked about trail maps. We have come up with a temporary solution and it is attached. Once all trails are finalized and opened, we will be having new maps made up.

Thanks to everyone who has come to help prepare for this riding season and donated their time and equipment. Lots of work still to be done!!

Trail Etiquette & Requirements

Last year, when riding the trails, I was very happy to see most riders operating in a safe, courteous manner throughout our entire network. Although we all know the basics, it bears repeating the following are hallmarks of good trail etiquette and in some cases, requirements, of the trail system:

Stop means Stop – With helmets, we can't hear cars when crossing roads. Stop & proceed with caution at every road crossing!

Keep Dust to a Minimum – When riding in dry conditions, have respect for fellow users of the trail network and try to keep dust down. Think of yourself as a pedestrian or biker; do the best you can and help all users enjoy their outdoor experience!

Yield to Horses / Bicyclists / Pedestrians – We have a requirement to yield, and beyond being required, it makes good etiquette. Stop and allow horses, bicyclists and pedestrians to pass. In the case of horses & those walking pets, pay particular attention to the persons involved and follow their directions. Horses & pets can be skittish around foreign noises. Be sure to wave as you pass and do not accelerate until well beyond the other trail user.

Hand Signals – Please use hand signals, especially when riding as part of a group. Universal snowmobile hand signals are the best, as many of us ride sleds and understand the system. Think Safety!

Stunts, Donuts, Littering and Excessive Speed are never acceptable - Nobody likes a 'show-off' and the actions of a few can ruin things for everyone. If someone in your group is riding like a clown, or, disrespecting landowners, **you** have a vested interest to help them obey the rules. All it takes is a few unhappy landowners or municipalities to kill our trail network!

When riding in Villages or Public Highways, respect homeowners by traveling slowly and keeping noise to a minimum - Be sure to wave to those you see along your path, as it is much easier to revoke access than it is to receive it. Set a good example for others!

Support Local Businesses during your ride – Please be sure to check out the local businesses along our trails and support them! Small business drives our economy!