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MOOSE ALLEY RIDERS ATV CLUB, INC.

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Hi Everyone!

We had a good turn out at our first meeting of 2010 on April 8, in Bingham. Members were paying their dues and purchasing Moose Alley apparel and you could feel the excitement in the room as we started our new season.

Our trailmaster, Bruce Cates, thrilled us all by announcing that our trails are now open. He states that there may be a few wet spots but 75% to 80% of the trails are in good shape. Withee Pond is still closed and there is a culvert washed out on Frank Savage Road but you can get around it with your ATV. Pleasant Ridge trails are in "very good shape" and have been extended an extra 4 miles on Carry Pond Road. There are plans to install gates on the rail bed and the new trail behind the fish hatchery held up good through the winter. The bridge on Cross Road from Mahoney Hill Road to Solon-Brighton Road was redone and is now 65" wide for ATV traffic only. Our thanks go out to Dale Dunlap, Bob Adams along with Bruce Cates who worked on this project. Volunteers are a vital part of keeping our trails open and safe. Speaking of volunteers, there's more work to be done and Bruce asks that if anyone could volunteer some time to please call him at 207 672 4494.

Bill Lombard, our ATV Maine representative, came chockful of information from his last ATV Meeting in which Dan Mitchell was elected President. Bill reports that Dan is already putting together some great plans and ideas, one being an internal audit and he also would like to foster new clubs with more participation to attend the ATV Maine meetings. Bill states that the Downeast rail bed will tentatively be completed by October 2010 and MATS (Maine All Terrain Trail System) will be in place by year's end. Our trail route numbers will be the same as the MATS - 107.

ATV Maine will sponsor rides this season to support Camp Capella. There will be news coverage on radio and TV and that will help our ATV'ers get the message to participate in great rides for a good cause. The ATV Maine newspaper has not proven cost effective so there will now be an E-newsletter. Everyone with a registered email address will receive a newsletter in his or her inbox and for those who do not have email there will be copies of the newsletters at the monthly meetings. Please make sure your email address is up to date. Please contact Tena Ireland, our membership chairman, with any changes with your address, phone number and emails. Her number is 207 431 1875.

Our President, Jeff Ireland, presented Appreciation Plaques to Joe Albuit (exiting president) and Walter Laroue (exiting treasurer) for their dedicated service to the club over the past years. A big THANK YOU to Joe and Walter from all the members for your much-appreciated time and work.

We had a guest, Cyndee Gagnon, who introduced herself as the new president of the Upper Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. She filled us in on the following upcoming events:
May 8th - Beautification Day - Please call Cindy at 207 672 4191 if you can help scrape, paint or rake. Work will be done on the Chamber Building, Library and Church Parsonage.
June 5th - Car show and Barbecue
July 3rd - Family Fun Day at Bingham Motor Inn - there will be a free bus ride to the Forks for fireworks that night.
July 31 - River fest - 3-day Fishing Tournament, Parade and Duckee Derby race.
September 18 - Scavenger hunt ATV ride More info to come as events draw near.

There is good news for everyone who is interested in participating in an ATV Safety Course. On May 15, 2010 at the Keystone Lodge in Solon, Craig Gerry will be instructing an all day course on safety. Kids from the ages of 10 to 16 need to take this course to be able to ride the trails with their parents or guardians. The course is not just for the kids - adults are welcome too. The time is from 8 to 4 so bring a lunch and there is a donation of \$5.00. It's great to finally have this safety course in our area. Advanced registration is required and space is limited. For more information call Tena Ireland - 207 431 1875.

Moose Alley Riders Club will be hosting the winter's ATV Maine meeting on December 11, 2010. It will be held at the Keystone Lodge in Solon and talk has already begun about the menu.

We are now on Facebook and working on Twitter. Come and visit us.

RIDES

May 1 - John Williams Memorial Ride to Dam departing Kennebec Service Center at 9:00am. Surprise ride to follow. Bring a lunch.

May 22 - Bingham to Kingsbury Pond lead by Jack Liddell. Meet at the Kennebec Service Center at 9:00am. Bring a lunch.

June 26 - Moonlight ride from Kingsbury Dam to Overlook led by Conan Furber. Meet at 9:00pm.

July 4 - 2nd Annual Al Langley ride to Greenville. Leaving Kennebec Service Center at 8:00am or meet at the triangle. Jeff Ireland will lead this ride.

Officers and Club Contacts:

Jeff Ireland - President 207 696-3200

Steven Barrette - Vice-President 207 635-2105

Suzanne Morris - Secretary 1-203 233-1239

Conan Furber - Treasurer 207 242-7208

Bruce Cates - Trailmaster 207 672-4494

Joanne Barrette - Newsletter 207 635-2105

Bill Lombard - ATV Maine Rep 207 672-4823

Tena Ireland - Membership Chairman 207 431-1875

Frederica Melcher - Sunshine Club Rep 207 672-4853

Steven & Joanne Barrette - Business Memberships 207 635-2105

Next meeting on May 13, 2010 at the Keystone Lodge, Solon at 7:00pm.

SUPPORTING BUSINESS MEMBERS

Business Name	Business Number	E-Mail	Web Page
Abbott's Small Engine Repair	696-8052		
Bingham Motor Inn	672-4135	binghammotorinn@yahoo.com	
Breezy Acres Camps & Guide Service	643-2920	breezy1@tdstelme.net	www.breezyacrescamps.com
Brownie's Auto Service & Sales	474-3582		
Cozy Camps Rentals	672-4191		
Dad's Trailside Bed & Breakfast	643-2181		www.dadstrailside.com
Donahue's Old Bluff Cabins & Guide Service	672-3933	oldbluff@msn.com	
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Economy Trophy	696-5548		
Evergreen's Campground & Restaurant	643-2324	info@evergreencampground.com	
Forest Hill Greenery	696-3720		
Herrick Construction Inc.	876-3123		
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