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August / September / October 2016 Newsletter

From the President

This riding season will be coming to an end shortly. Trails will be closing for the season on Sunday September 25th. Thanks to all who have worked on the trails this year. Help has been slim and we have done what we could.

With that said, please be sure to attend our September meeting which will be held at the Club Building on Muck Road in Hannibal on Tuesday 9/6/16. This meeting is extremely important as it will determine the future of our club. As indicated in the letters and emails sent out, all of the officers and a couple of board members will not be running on the ballot for 2017. We need to please fill these positions in order for our club to continue its existence. It has been decided that if no one steps up to fill these positions for the 2017 season, the club will start proceedings to dissolve. Jim Marra poured his heart and soul into creating this great riding opportunity, so please, if there is anyone interested in these positions, please attend our September meeting.

From the President con't:

Please remember to bring a chair for the meeting at the Club building.

The positions that need to be filled for the 2017 season are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Board Members

We have also included in this last newsletter for the season, a letter from one of our members. Please take the time to read and consider coming to our meeting and possibly be nominated for one of the open positions.

Once again, if no one is willing to fill these positions, the Club will start the process of dissolution.

Thank you

TRAILS CLOSE FOR THE SEASON ON SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 25TH

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.

Trail & Map Information

The Legion Trail is now opened and ready to go.

As many of you know, trail re-routing and land access issues have eliminated the Dad's Diner parking area and made access to the IGA unallowable at this time. The club is still working through these challenges and once direction is clear, new maps will be available. Apologies for the inconvenience, but issuing old maps in many cases is worse than issuing no maps at all.

Next meetings



The next regular **meeting** of the season will be held on **Tuesday September 6th** at the Club Building-Muck Road, Hannibal - 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

Newsletter Delivery

The Club is using a new email address to deliver newsletters and it is an unmonitored account designed to help make the delivery process more efficient. Any emails you wish to send to the Club should be directed to oswegovalleyatv@yahoo.com

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

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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

or, drop an email to oswegovalleyatv@yahoo.com

Also, feel free to contact us regarding topics you may think would be of interest to the membership one of the meetings listed below:

Meetings (All start at 7pm sharp)

9/6/16 Club Building – Muck Road

10/4/16 American Legion – Hannibal

In-Season Stickers / Trail Access Questions

Mike Blasczienski (315-806-1933) is the in-season contact for those needing renewal stickers for 2016, or, those requesting access regarding open trails, etc. Please call Mike for either of these needs as he is the 'go-to' volunteer this year!

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!