



Oswego Valley ATV Club, P.O. Box 153, Hannibal, NY 13074 [www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com](http://www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com)

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## April / May 2014 Newsletter

### From the President

It's hard to believe riding season is just around the corner, especially given the 5° temperature this morning! Seems like a long winter, even by Central NY standards, given the cold weather we've experienced for nearly the entire month of March. Usually we'll get a tease of spring, but thusfar, they have been few and far between.

I'd like to thank those who showed up to help with the Chicken BBQ; another success for the Club, but we definitely were shorthanded. The next event is our May 'Best-Hand' ride and we need more folks to step up and help. If you can help, please contact Jermey, Regina, Rick or I and we'll get you on the list. This event needs some new faces, as some of the folks who work every event will be either out of town or leading large riding groups. This is an opportunity to help your Club by donating a little time for the benefit of all!

### Don't Forget! – Best Hand Ride May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Raffle ticket** sales have been steady, but not brisk. The net proceeds to your club will be \$8,000 after paying out prizes, not bad for a little work from each of the members. We only have 1200 to sell and as they say, the more you play the better your chances. Please ask your friends, neighbors, and family if they want a chance for \$7500 Cash (or, \$9,000 for an ATV purchased from a Club Sponsor) for only \$15. With a little help from everyone, we can get these sold with no problem. An easy way to purchase is via your membership renewal, just specify how many you would like and add to your check – Pat will make sure you receive them!

Thanx & here's to a safe and enjoyable riding season - PM

### It's Membership Renewal Season

If you haven't renewed your membership for '14, now is the time to do so! The forms are fairly self-explanatory, but if you have any questions, please call Pat or any of the Officers. As in prior years, we request non-participating members make a \$10 donation in lieu of work details. These funds are important to the club as they help offset amounts paid to contractors and to purchase supplies.

**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.

## Important Dates

### Best Hand Ride – May 17th

Please help the club by supporting the Best Hand ride on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We need both volunteers to help with the event itself and riders, so plan to attend. Last year we had roughly 140 riders for the Spring Ride and roughly half were members – let's try to break 200 this spring!

#### **SIGNUP (Please read, changes this year)**

- **9am – 11am** at Dad's Diner parking area – NW Corner of State Routes 104 & 3
- **9am – 11am** at Cato Trailhead (formerly TC's)
- **Latecomers from 11am – forward** at Hannibal American Legion on Rochester St. **Contrary to prior years, this site will not be staffed until signups shut down at Dad's Diner and Cato**

**Draw – 4:30pm Sharp** at the Hannibal American Legion; must have 10 stamps.

#### Participating Sponsors – Fair Haven:

- O'Connors Pub – (open for Breakfast until 12pm, then closed for Memorial event for 2 hrs.)
- Bayside Grocery
- Little Sodus Inn (open at 11am)
- Giuseppe's Pizza
- The West End Express

#### Participating Sponsors – Hannibal:

- Deb's Diner – CR 7
- Fairdale IOOB Club – CR 3
- Village Market (Lunch Special for Riders – Sub & Drink for \$2.99)
- American Legion - Rochester St
- Royce's Camping Area – CR 7
- ATV Club House / Muddy Phats ATV – Muck Rd.
- All-in-One Pit Stop – Rathburn Rd

Please, please, please –

- Stay on designated route(s) in Village of Fair Haven (see sign at Bridge)
- Use Hand Signals & Ride safe
- Keep noise & dust to a minimum around other trail users or houses near trailheads

## Yea! Trails Open – April 15<sup>th</sup>

### Weather Permitting

**Be sure to check our website for up-to-date information regarding the trails, as given snowpack and weather, we may need to delay opening to minimize damage on the network. Call an Officer or Board Member if you are unsure whether the network is open before leaving home!**

### Next meetings



#### 2014 Club Meetings (all at 7pm)

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cato Legion
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bibbens Sales – Weedsport (Sweatshirt/TShirt Pickup)
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cato Legion
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannibal VFW
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wheel-A-Way – Fulton
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clubhouse (Muck Rd)
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	IOOB Fairdale

#### **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 Pat Marra to get set up - 564-6619 or [p\\_marra@yahoo.com](mailto:p_marra@yahoo.com)

*Please display parking pass at designated parking areas!*

*Use hand signals when riding when encountering oncoming traffic – It's easy & same as used when riding snowmobiles!*

## Trail Updates

Rick Talamo is the new trail coordinator and he will be reaching out for help in scouting the trails as opening day approaches. Also, feel free to call Rick (or, any officer) to report unsafe conditions along the network.

#### Hannibal:

The club recently attended a Village Board meeting and made formal request for ingress/egress to the Village of Hannibal. The Board is in the process of researching the idea and more should be known over the next couple of months. **In the meantime, riding in the Village continues to be illegal and following the rules will be important if the club hopes to gain access.**

#### Cato:

The club recently made a similar request of the Village of Cato, allowing us a trailhead stop now that TC's is gone. Similar to Hannibal, the Village Board is researching the idea. **Again, PLEASE do not ride off the Cayuga County Trail in Cato to any destination at this time, as doing so is unlawful.**

We will let members know the status of each request as soon as more is known. Showing respect by staying out of town will be important, as will our behavior in Fair Haven. Both Villages plan to discuss the pros & cons with the Mayor of Fair Haven before making a decision!