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## April / May 2013 Newsletter

### From the President

With the weather we've been having, it's hard to imagine spring will be here in only a few short weeks. The plus relative to a delayed warming is fruit farms, vineyards, and others susceptible to a hard freeze after a period of above-average temps are in much better shape than last year.

Trails open on April 15th, conditions permitting. Be sure to check our website for updates, as we've had to delay opening due to weather-related issues in the past. As always, but especially early in the season, be respectful of our trail network & landowners by minimizing damage. Also, if you spot unsafe conditions, please alert Harold or I so we can get the issue resolved. It's also time to make sure your renewals have been processed, so be certain to send in the membership form today, or, bring to the April meeting. There will be a period before & after the meeting for you to renew.

### Memberships - Recap

During 2012 we had a couple of frustrating issues with our memberships. Although few in number, they have caused a great of frustration to our club. We would like to prevent these issues from happening in the future, so here is the 'low down' once again:

**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 up to 3 sons/daughters under the age of 18, all of which must reside in the same household.** 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.

## Important Dates

### **Trails Open – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

(conditions permitting) – Check Web for up-to-date information as 15<sup>th</sup> nears

### **Monthly Club Ride -**

### **Best-Hand Ride - May 18th**

Details to follow, mark your calendar!

### **Next meetings**



The third **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Wednesday, April 3rd** at the Hannibal VFW beginning at **7:00pm**.

The **May** club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 1st** at IOOB Club - Sandhill Rd. (Martville) **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 Barb Reith to get set up - 591-4414 or mjbj730@hotmail.com

## **Reminder:**

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

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## **Trail Expansion Update**

As many of you are aware, we have been working to assess feasibility of expanding our trail network into Red Creek. Randy Turner, one of our club members, has been instrumental in helping with this effort over the last couple of months. At this point, we are continuing to evaluate the possibility, which includes gaining access to a long stretch of road into the village and a good, safe ingress/egress point. We continue to be optimistic expansion could become reality later this summer, after public hearings, votes, & private landowner support.

## **Committees**

As we discussed at our February meeting, the Club is looking for some new faces to help us with various committees in 2013, developing a new group of 'leaders' for the future. The committees we would like to see formed are tentatively as follows:

### **Trails & Maintenance**

Establishing a committee of trail boss volunteers and others who will assist with trail work and monitoring. Harold plans to discuss at April meeting

### **Fundraising**

Group of members interested in managing the fundraising process, from planning events such as the Best Hand rides, writing grants to staging major annual fundraisers.

### **Community Outreach**

Group of members interested in managing our participation in local events such as parades and coordinating representation at other ATV-oriented events.

### **Operations Committee**

Members who are interested in assisting club officers & the Board with certain matters related to general operations.