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August / September / October 2015 Newsletter

From the President

Thanks to everyone for helping make this riding season a great one, especially our dedicated volunteers, officers and Board of Directors! The club recently purchased another tractor to assist with trail maintenance, a 55 hp CaseIH utility with loader. The tractor is helping to make short work of projects which used to take longer, or, require a member provide a tractor to assist. Also, the club purchased an equipment trailer to make moving the tractors & attachments more convenient. Thanks to all who have supported our fundraising efforts over the past couple of years, as without you, these investments would not be possible!

Upcoming Elections:

Officer / Board Nominations will take place at the September meeting; the Club is looking for individuals interested in filling all roles, but particularly President and someone to help as 'Assistant Treasurer' as both incumbents need to reduce their workload relative to Club business. Please come prepared to discuss with any Officer or Director and help your club continue providing a great membership experience!

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.

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.

Best Hand Ride September 19th! –
Sign up at Dad's Diner in Hannibal
9am-12pm or Cato 9am – 11am
Come support the Club for a fun day of riding!

Trails Close on September 25th

Please respect our landowners and do not attempt to ride after this date due to the opening of Archery season

Next meetings



The next **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Tuesday, Sept 1st** at the Clubhouse on Muck Road - **7:00pm**. Officer / Director nominations are on the schedule and please bring a folding chair!

October's Election meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 6th at the IOOB Club in Fairdale 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

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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

News From The Trail

We would like to thank everyone for their patience this season, weather and unexpected trail closures have provided challenges for us all. The club also thanks those who have volunteered to help with maintenance activities - your efforts are very much appreciated!



In advance of the Best Hand ride on September 19th, we encourage anyone who can ride the trails and safely trim brush, etc. to do so. With our regular volunteers only able to do so much, your assistance will be very valuable. Please let Corey know if/where you can help!



ATTENTION:

The club has received complaints from property owners in Fair Haven regarding ATV's riding on the Victory St. sidewalk at a high rate of speed. **WE ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THIS SIDEWALK, ONLY THE ROAD.** Also, creating a public nuisance by speeding (anywhere in the village) could lead to the Club losing riding privilege altogether. If you see someone acting irresponsibly, please alert the club with sticker #/ plate number, or, call law enforcement. If people riding with you are acting irresponsible, show them the right way to respect our trail network!

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

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!