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February / March / April 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Hope everyone had a great holiday season, hard to believe we haven't had the customary 80" of snow already this winter. I would really like to thank our dedicated volunteers, officers and Board of Directors for a great 2015 riding season and here's to another in 2016!

Please make it a point to join us for club meetings this year and share your thoughts on how we can continue to make membership a great experience. Also, I am personally inviting everyone to our winter fundraiser, the Daytona 500 barbeque on February 21st at the American Legion in Hannibal. As you know, this is an important fundraiser for your club and selling out is important – just think, a couple of dinners on behalf of each member would more than take care of our allotment. Better yet, come have some fun and help your friends with the event!

Memberships

Membership dues will remain the same for 2016. Renewal forms are included with this newsletter, however, you can find the form on our website, too. Just click "Join" and download the pdf renewal form. If you haven't already done so, please complete and submit for your 2016 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.

Daytona 500 Barbeque – 2/21/16

Noon til Gone – American Legion
Hannibal, NY

Trails Open on April 15th

Weather permitting. Please check for updates on Facebook or the Club website. Please respect our landowners and do not attempt to ride until trails are officially opened.

Next meetings



The first **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Tuesday, February 2nd** at the American Legion in 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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

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)

Subject to cancellation due to weather or location change. Watch our club website or Facebook for any changes

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| 2/2/16 | American Legion – Hannibal |
| 3/1/16 | Sandhill IOOB Club – Martville |
| 4/5/16 | Bibbens Sales – Weedsport |
| 5/3/16 | American Legion – Hannibal |
| 6/7/16 | Club Building – Muck Road |
| 7/12/16 | Wheel-A-Way Motorsports – Fulton |
| 8/2/16 | O'Connor's Pub – Fair Haven |
| 9/6/16 | Club Building – Muck Road |
| 10/4/16 | American Legion – Hannibal |

Important Dates:

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| 2/21/16 | -Daytona 500 BBQ
American Legion – Hannibal
Noon til Gone |
| 4/15/16 | - Trails Open (Weather Permitting) |
| 9/25/16 | - Trails Close for the Season |

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!