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July / August / September 2018 Newsletter

From the President

We've made great strides this year! Trail access to Village of Hannibal to the Library parking lot and reopening of the trail from Dad's Diner to Oswego Street. See details under Trail Information!!

Important Announcement from NYSORVA

Safety is very important to NYSORVA as well as our Club! We encourage all riders to take safety seriously and take an ASI approved safety course. Either the free online class or hands on ATV Rider course. Please check it out at <https://atvsafety.org/atv-ecourse/>. Click on the age appropriate Register Here button for the online class you wish to enroll in. Do not click the State Certification. Youth riders, age 16 and younger are still required to attend an ATV Rider Course. To enroll go to <https://atvsafety.org/atv-ridercourse/>. Our club will receive a \$1.00 off NYSORVA membership for each taken. Thanks!

We have a new FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section of the newsletter, website and facebook. Check it out!!

Memberships

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.

Thank you to all who came out to buy and help at the Daytona 500 Chicken BBQ in February!!! Another sold out year for us. We do appreciate your support once again.

PLEASE NOTE OUR DAY FOR CLUB MEETINGS. THEY WILL BE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Except for two holidays this year. Schedule will be posted on our website and in newsletters. **Next meeting will be at Sandhill IOOB, 1770 Sandhill Rd, Martville. Monday 7/9/18 at 7PM. PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING IS THE 2ND MONDAY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY.**

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.

Trail & Map Information

Dad's Diner parking lot is now reopened. We do have access from there over to Oswego St, behind Top's market. Unfortunately, the Landowner of the Tops property, not Tops, has not given us permission to access the store. We will continue to work on this.

Access to the Village of Hannibal has been granted on a **TRIAL** basis. We have access now from the trailhead on Oswego Street to parking at the Public Library for now. From there, you can walk easily to the pizza shop or Hannibal Quick Mart (**thanks to Susie for all her help with the memberships!!**)

Maps Need Your Help by Hugh Howes

The map committee could use your help to collect more raw data for conversion to a new map of our club trails. If you'd like to help, just use your cell phone while riding on the trails. Free apps are available to track your GPS coordinates while moving, whether walking, bicycling, boating, or ATVing. The app I like to use is Trail Tracker but others are in your app store too. There will of course be a learning curve involved but once you have the track data it can be exported out (emailed) and used to make a printable map. For conversion to a map, your raw data file must be in KML or KMZ format, so check for that when choosing a phone app; some won't work. Please email your file to OswegoValleyATV@hotmail.com. The map committee will then add your track to work already done and eventually we will all have an up-to-date map. Happy Trails to You!

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 Hugh Howes to get set up
585-750-3194 or
oswegovalleyatv@hotmail.com

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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@hotmail.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)

7/9/18* Sandhill IOOB Club-1770 Sand Hill Rd, Martville

8/6/18 O'Connor's Mainstreet Pub-Fair Haven

9/10/18* Em & M's Diner, 934 Co Rte 7, Hannibal (Formerly Debz Diner)

10/2/18** American Legion-Hannibal

*2nd Monday of month.

**1st Tuesday of month.

In-Season Stickers / Trail Access Questions

Mike Blasczienski (315-806-1933) is the in-season contact for those needing renewal stickers for 2018, 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!

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.

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@hotmail.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!