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## January / February / March 2015 Newsletter

### From the President

Happy New Year! Daytona 500 is right around the corner, which means our BBQ, spring and the riding season will begin soon!!

**Our meeting nights have changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.** Please see next page for a listing of the first four meetings. ..Also, check out the website for updated photos, etc. from the past year & current news. As always, call with any ideas or suggestions you may have at any time.

We are continuing to work on new access to Fair Haven. Unfortunately, the access in 2014 has been shut down to us by one of the new landowners and the bridge on S Lake Street has been removed. We are all working diligently and will update on the website and next newsletter as to the new route.

**Don't Forget! – Club Fundraiser Chicken BBQ at the Hannibal Legion on Feb 22nd noon til gone – See next page!**

### Memberships

Membership dues will remain the same for 2015. Attached is a renewal membership form. Please complete and submit for your 2015 stickers. Also it will be available online.

**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.

## Important Dates

### Daytona 500 Chicken BBQ – February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please help the club by supporting its annual fundraising BBQ, held this year at the Hannibal Legion from noon until gone. Anyone interested in helping out with the chicken BBQ and can't make the February meeting please contact Jermey or Patl to get you on the list to help. Please be sure to leave phone number so we can call and provide details closer to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome. More help we have the easier it makes things for everyone.

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

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

#### Next meetings



The first **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015** at the Hannibal American Legion at 226 Rochester Street, Hannibal beginning at **7:00pm**. We will discuss trails, the BBQ and other important matters, so please come & share your thoughts!

**March** club meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at IOOB Club, Sandhill in Martville at **7:00pm**.

**April** club meeting will be held on **Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>** at WheelAway Motorsports on Route 57 in Fulton at **7:00pm**.

**May** club meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>** at Bibbens Sales and Service at 3282 East Brutus St, Weedsport 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 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.

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

### 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!