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January / February / March 2018 Newsletter

From the President

Let's make this new season one of our best!! Let's get everyone out to the meetings and participation in Club events, especially the upcoming Chicken BBQ Fundraiser.

The club meetings for 2018 have been set. Please try to make as many meetings as you can and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can make being a club member a positive experience.

Our annual winter fundraiser, the Daytona 500 Chicken BBQ is set for February 18th at the American Legion in Hannibal. This is our biggest fundraiser and is very important to the success of the club. Please email us if you are able to lend a hand during the event. We need people Saturday morning and day of event. The BBQ starts at Noon on Sunday. This would be a great opportunity to meet some of you while we support our club at this event.

Memberships

Membership dues will remain the same for 2018. 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 2018 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.

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. **First meeting will be at the Hannibal American Legion on Monday 2/5/18 at 7PM.**

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

As many of you know, trail re-routing and land access issues have still eliminated the Dad's Diner parking area and made access to Top's unallowable at this time. The club is still working through these challenges. Good news, we may have new maps this riding season. Apologies for the inconvenience, but issuing old maps in many cases is worse than issuing no maps at all. Please note some other trail sections have also closed due to new landowners. One is the old Sawyer property near Rathburn Rd.

Next meetings



The First regular meeting of the season will be held on **Monday-February 5th** at 226 Rochester St, Hannibal, NY. - **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 Hugh Howes to get set up
585-750-9682 or
oswegovalleyatv@hotmail.com

Help Wanted

Are you Facebook savvy??? You are exactly who we need!!!! Please contact Hugh at 585-750-9682.

We are also looking for a Newsletter editor to compile quarterly information for our Newsletter. Contact Regina at 315-243-3377.

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

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@hotmail.com

Also, feel free to contact us regarding topics you think may be of interest to the membership mention at one of the meetings listed below:

Meetings (All start at 7pm sharp)

- 2/5/18 American Legion – Hannibal
- 3/5/18 Malone's Irish Hideaway-Barker Rd. Oswego
- 4/2/18 Bibbens Sales & Service-Weedsport
- 5/7/18 TBD Check website calendar
- 6/4/18 American Legion-Hannibal
- 7/9/18* Sandhill IOOB Club-1770 Sand Hill Rd, Martville
- 8/6/18 TBD Check website calendar
- 9/10/18* Club Building – Muck Rd Hannibal
- 10/1/18 American Legion-Hannibal

***Second Monday of month**

In-Season ATV 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.

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 public County 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 public users, 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!