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## January / February / March 2019 Newsletter

### From the President

Hello all! Think Spring and Think Riding! But first, think Annual Daytona Sunday Chicken BBQ!! It will soon be upon us. Please come out and support your club on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hannibal American Legion.

We have some great news to share for the opening of the trails this year. Our trial run with the Village of Hannibal was a success. The Village approached us and let us know we did a great job and they are extending the opening to the entire Village. Let's continue our great relationship with the Village by obeying all the rules. More to come on the accessibility. See details under Trail Information!!

**We still need volunteers to help with the BBQ. If you can lend a hand, please give Hugh or Ann a call. Let's have another sold out year. Thanks!**

### Meetings (All start at 7pm sharp)

2/4/19 Hannibal American Legion,  
172 Rochester St, Hannibal  
3/4/19 Malone's Irish Hideaway-71 Barker  
Rd, Oswego  
4/1/19 Bibbens -3282 E Brutus St.,  
Weedsport  
5/6/19 Cato Hotel-2517 W Main St, Cato  
6/3/19 Hannibal American Legion,  
172 Rochester St, Hannibal  
7/8/19 Sandhill IOOB-1770 Sandhill Rd,  
Martville  
8/5/19 Brandon's Pub & Grille-559 Main  
St, Fair Haven  
\*9/9/19 Em & M's Diner-934 Co Rt 7  
Hannibal  
10/7/19 Hannibal American Legion,  
172 Rochester St, Hannibal

**\*2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month.**

**Locations are subject to change-check website for correct meeting locations.**

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](http://www.oswegovalleyatvclub.com) or Friend us on Facebook at [facebook.com/oswegovalley.atv.1](https://facebook.com/oswegovalley.atv.1) or, drop an email to [oswegovalleyatv@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR DAY FOR CLUB MEETINGS. THEY WILL BE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** Except for Labor Day. Schedule will be posted on our website and in newsletters. **Next meeting will be at Hannibal American Legion, 172 Rochester Street, Hannibal. Monday 2/4/19 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

Dad's Diner parking lot is now reopened which is at the intersection of Route 104 and Route 3 in Hannibal. We still 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 entire Village of Hannibal has been granted on a **TRIAL** basis. We have access now from the trailhead on Oswego Street down into the Village. **(thanks to Susie for all her help with the memberships!!)**

### **Maps STILL 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](mailto: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 585-750-9682 or [oswegovalleyatv@hotmail.com](mailto:oswegovalleyatv@hotmail.com)

## 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](mailto:oswegovalleyatv@hotmail.com)

Don't forget to use your parking passes when using the parking areas.

## 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.

## Changes to the Membership Form -Please Read-

The membership form located on the club's website is a fillable PDF form. If you have access to a computer, please fill in the fillable form. Even if you renew at Susie's Quick Mart, fill it out ahead on your computer, print it out and take it with you to Susie's (it will save you time).

If you want your information to be correctly read, the fillable form is your best option. Even though you may have very good handwriting, it is better to use the fillable form so that everything is entered correctly into the club's computer records, especially your email address. It will save us so much time because your information is individually entered and if we can't read it then we will try to figure it out or contact you; it all takes extra time and it may not be correct. Also, the upper right corner is no longer for "Club Use Only"; please mark if you are a new member or a renewing member.

If you were EVER a member then you are a renewing member. Thank you.

### In-Season Stickers / Trail Access Questions

Mike Blasczienski (315-806-1933) is the in-season contact for those needing renewal stickers for 2019, 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.

## My Experience Working at Chicken BBQ's

By Ann Howes

I thought it might help some of you who have never worked at any of the chicken BBQ's to hear some thoughts from someone who has. We joined the club in 2016. The first year we planned to go to the chicken BBQ, but it was cold, rainy and far away, so we decided to stay home. The next year I became the Treasurer and my husband became the Secretary so we thought we should work at the BBQ. I wasn't really looking forward to it but we were now club officers so it seemed like the right thing to do. I was surprised how little time it took. I thought that we'd be there all day Saturday and all day Sunday but we only spent some time Saturday morning to set things up and then Sunday morning to finish setting up before we open the doors at 12:00 pm. We were all done by mid-afternoon. It was more fun than I thought it would be because we met people we hadn't met before, there was laughing, along with information on where the best places are to ride, and stories about things that happened on the trail. But the thing I want to tell you is that when we opened the door to let people in, I saw what an important thing we're doing. Yes, we're making money for the club but then I saw the people who genuinely look forward to coming! These are the people who welcome us into their town and to ride their trails. They are the ones that made me feel good about giving a few hours of my time so they could have a good dinner. Besides feeling good about working at the BBQ, you will have put in your club work time instead of donating \$10.00 to the club in lieu of work. So, if you're not into sawing down trees, mowing and weed-eating, here is your chance to do an indoor job and be done so you don't have to do anything in the summer. Not that you couldn't do more if you wanted to. We always appreciate and need help!