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January / February / March 2013 Newsletter

From the President

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2012 is in the books and '13 has begun; seems like every year goes by faster and faster! One of the good things about changing the calendar is the Daytona 500 is right around the corner, which means our BBQ, spring and the riding season can't be too far behind!

As I mentioned in an e-mail blast to our membership in December, I plan to ask quite a bit from our membership in 2013. As you know, the lifeblood of any volunteer organization are 'volunteers' and our organization is different than most, as it exists to provide us all opportunities to ride ATV's on a good, safe and expansive trail network. Stay tuned.....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- PM

Don't Forget! – Club Fundraiser Chicken BBQ at the Hannibal Legion on Feb 24th 11AM til gone – See next page!

Memberships - Recap

During 2012 we had a couple of frustrating issues with our memberships. Although few in number, they have caused a great of frustration to our club. We would like to prevent these issues from happening in the future, so here is the 'low down' once again:

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 up to 3 sons/daughters under the age of 18, all of which must reside in the same household.** 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 24th

Please help the club by supporting its annual fundraising BBQ, held this year at the Hannibal Legion from 11am until gone. Anyone interested in helping out with the chicken BBQ and can't make the February meeting please contact Jermey or Phil 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 24th. All are welcome. More help we have the easier it makes things for everyone.

Yea! Trails Open – April 15th

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

Next meetings



The first **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Wednesday, February 6th, 2013** at TC's Place in Cato beginning at **7:00pm**. We will discuss committees, trails, the BBQ and other important matters, so please come & share your thoughts!

The **March** club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 13th** at O'Connors Pub in Fair Haven beginning 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.

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Trail Expansion – Red Creek

The club was approached by Gary Duckett, Cayuga County Parks Commissioner about utilizing the western spur of our existing Hojack Trail. Doing so would allow us to close in on the Village of Red Creek, where destinations could include Pit Stop (Gas/Food), Pizza Shop and restaurant at the Red Creek Hotel.

For this to be feasible, the club needs a Trail Champion with relationships in the immediate area to explore landowner & municipal access adjacent to the Hojack line, allowing us to have access to the Village. We also need to keep in mind the Wayne County Line comes into play and access to the Village of Red Creek is likely only possible via Dry Bridge Rd to Canada St, as State Highways (104A) are off-limits save for perpendicular crossing. Without a 'Trail Champion' this expansion will not be possible; call Phil, Harold or Jermey to discuss your interest in being a 'Champion' for a potential new segment of trail.

Thinking about a Lewis County Permit?

Make sure you renew with us first to receive a discount!

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!