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June / July 2014 Newsletter

From the President

First, thanks to everyone who helped make the May 17th 'Best Hand' ride a success – from volunteers, business partners, and participants we could not have done it without you! The club had north of 100 paying participants and a great day for riding. Trails were a little wet in places, but given the rains leading up to the event, conditions were generally decent. Thanks again!

Continuing a trend from the last couple rides, many participants were new to our trail system and/or new members. Consistently, comments focused on the quality of our trail network and how much fun folks had during the ride. Another theme related to trail signage, something most of us take for granted as we have ridden the network for many years. Based on feedback, the club is planning to review signage and also add a couple of waypoint markers to help folks navigate through the network.

These signage updates will be completed by mid-summer, as the Club will need to assemble an order, etc. Also, based on comments from the ride, our map has been enhanced (thanks Joe!) to make reading it easier, specifically the trails east of Hannibal.

Finally, as mentioned to the Board prior to our last meeting in May, I am not seeking re-election and plan to step down at end of this term. The experience has been truly rewarding - from serving alongside the core leadership group to assisting members, I have been humbled to see the sacrifices made in support of our organization.

My decision is largely influenced by having a hectic schedule, preventing me from doing many of the things I feel are important for the Club. Also, I've always been a believer in succession and leadership evolution, due to the new energy which generally comes with a smooth transition.

I'm making this announcement today in hopes a solid handful of members are willing to contemplate helping the club

in an 'Officer-Level' role for 2015 & beyond. We have a very talented Officer / Board corps and I would not be surprised to see one of these great folks step forward with a desire to lead the Club next year. However, one thing is certain - none have the ability to hold two positions at once.

Please contact me (or any Officer / Board member) to talk about the various roles. The strength of any Club is the strength of its membership, so please come forward and volunteer your skills in support of our organization!

Trail Work – Fair Haven

The Club will be making repairs to the trail heading into Fair Haven in the coming weeks, hoping to fix some of the ruts & low spots in the woods. Until then, please be careful and cautious while riding the trail! Rick will be looking for help shortly, so keep track of our FB page and website for more details.

Next meetings



2014 Club Meetings (all at 7pm)

June 4 th	Cato Legion
July 2 nd	Hannibal VFW
August 6 th	Wheel-A-Way – Fulton
September 3 rd	Clubhouse (Muck Rd)
October 1 st	IOOB Fairdale

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 Pat Marra to get set up - 564-6619 or p_marra@yahoo.com

Please display parking pass at designated parking areas!

Use hand signals when riding when encountering oncoming traffic – It's easy & same as used when riding snowmobiles!

Ride with headlights on, allowing others to see you!

Update - Village of Hannibal / Village of Cato

Long story short, we have not been successful as of yet in either case **meaning those who ride in and around the villages are violating the law.** Please be mindful of the image you cast, as repeated incidents involving folks riding illegally will likely impact our ability to gain access in the future.

Cato:

The Club discussed access with both the Mayor of Cato and Town Supervisor of Ira. Ultimately, any solution utilizing Village streets is tabled for the time being due to liability concerns. There may be alternatives, but for now, access is unlikely during 2014.

Hannibal:

The Club discussed access with the Mayor and Board, presenting a petition from local businesses. Although there may be some future flexibility, gaining access in 2014 seems unlikely. In this case, unnecessary ATV-related incidents are influencing the discussion, so please show respect to the Village and avoid riding the streets illegally.

Raffle Tickets

As a reminder, we still have quite a few raffle tickets to sell and everyone would like to draw the winners before the season is completely over. If you haven't bought one, please do so. If you have, what better way to improve your odds by purchasing another!

As I've said before, if each member took responsibility for only three tickets, all would be sold. I don't believe this is too much to ask. Buy one, sell two – think about it, we could have this done by July 4th if everyone wanted to pitch in just a little!

This is a great fundraiser, so please help us make someone (hopefully you!) happy when their name is drawn from the barrel!