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June / July 2013 Newsletter

From the President

Thanks to everyone who helped make our May 18th 'Best Hand' ride a success! We had 141 participants, great weather and much fun throughout the day. Also, thanks to the sponsors allowing us to stop at their places of business; from what I've heard, many of the sponsors had good business from the ride as well.

Recently I've seen ATV's riding the renegade trail along State Route 3, some of which were actually riding on Route 3 at a high rate of speed. Please remember, this renegade trail is not part of the Oswego Valley ATV Club network and you may be ticketed for riding it. Just because your buddy heard from a friend it was part of our trail network doesn't make it so. Do Not invoke the Club if you are stopped on this trail.

Please be respectful to property owners with residences, etc. close to the trails. Dust season is upon us and riders are responsible for being sensible in these areas.

Hannibal Trailer Park - Take Note

During the 'Best Hand' ride, a day with members & non-members alike enjoying the network, complaints were received about speeding through the trailer park east of State Route 104. Signs will be erected at private property trail crossings reminding riders to go slow through this residential area and be respectful of a 15 mph speed limit. At the complaints were made to elected officials, the situation has attracted un-needed attention for the Club and we need to work to make sure no further complaints are made. Use your heads, these are people's homes and we're fortunate to have pass-through access. Thanks!

Two final thoughts - Please support the sponsors who support the club, many have commented on how business from our members is very much appreciated. Second, please be respectful when inquiring about another rider's membership status, riding style, etc. The Club is in the customer service business and we all have a stake in our appearance to others. This goes for Officers and members of the Board as well. Thanx - PM

Trail Insurance - Please Read

As discussed at the last regular meeting, the Club has been forced to seek a new insurer for its trail network, effective June 9th. After Regina Lunkenheimer's exhaustive search for another carrier to continue coverage at present limits, we resigned to new coverage with lower per occurrence and aggregate liability limits. Coverage equal to that offered by our prior carrier is commercially unavailable. Many clubs are facing the same predicament as Oswego Valley and the new insurer, offered through NYSORVA, is studying feasibility of enhancing the policy.

What does this mean for the Club & Landowners?

The trails will be insured with no gap in coverage, albeit at a lower limit. The \$1million / \$2million (occurrence / aggregate) is still a substantial policy and provides good protection to all involved.

Important Dates

Next meetings



The third **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Wednesday, June 5th** at the American Legion in Cato at **7:00pm**.

The **July** club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 10th** at the Hannibal VFW. This meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday due to the 4th of July holiday.

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 Issues

Please let Harold Phillips, Trail Coordinator, know of any unsafe trail conditions you encounter. We plan to add stone and gravel in spots on our eastern (private landowner) network in the coming weeks, as well as working on a couple of problem areas on the county trails.

Insurance (con't)

We have written to both counties with whom the Club has trail leases (Oswego, Cayuga) asking them to accept our new policy as a replacement for the expiring coverage, as our leases are specific in terms of coverage requirements. There is a possibility either one or both counties may not accept our new coverage and cancel the leases, impacting a significant portion of our - trail network - Cato to Fair Haven, East to Hannibal.

Although we are hopeful this does not occur, it is a possibility and as these matters go, it could happen with little advance notice. Should this occur, the Club will e-mail members and update the website / Facebook accordingly.

Please understand, the coverage issue is not related to any claims on our network. Also, many thanks to Regina and her team at Eastern Shore Associates, a premier insurance agency with the right contacts, for working tirelessly to place new coverage consistent with our current policy. If these folks can't put something together, nobody can.

Trail Expansion - Update

As I'm sure you can understand, the Club has needed to put expansion of the network to Red Creek on hold pending our discussions with Cayuga County related to insurance. Assuming the County is supportive of our new policy, this topic will resurface later this fall as we work on renewing our contract with the County. Special thanks to member Randy Turner who has helped us as a liaison this spring, something we hope to leverage later this year for next season. Thanks again, Randy!

Trail Interruption – Please Read

During the coming weeks, a culvert will be replaced on the Peanut Trail (Bland Farms – east end of muckfield) as it has collapsed and limited draining of the muck. Once started, this replacement is expected to take a few days, which means our trail network will be cut in half at this creek. Please check the website & Facebook for status updates, as we'll try to get them posted prior to work commencing. Since the ATV club is not in charge of the project, it may start before we get notifications out, and if so, please accept apologies in advance.

Special Thanks

Pat Marra would like to extend a special thank you to all those who help keep Jim Marra's memorial looking nice. For those new members who aren't familiar with Jim, he was a founding member and long-time president of the Club, a genuine friend to many who is missed dearly.

Riding in Fair Haven

Couple of members have mentioned problems when riding in Fair Haven, specifically, being told by Law Enforcement we did not have permission to be in the Village. Jermeij contacted the Mayor who has since taken a copy of the local law allowing access to the NY Park Police, which should hopefully resolve the issue.

However, do not attract undue attention to yourselves while in town. Be respectful, drive slow, make as little noise as possible. This is a multi-use resort town and access has been a huge benefit to the Club & its membership!