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May / June / July 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Thanks to everyone who helped support the Daytona 500 BBQ, either helping with preparation or purchasing dinners, very much appreciated! The club was stuck with about 70 halves, killing the value proposition for a fundraiser like this. Going forward, we will all need to figure out how best to make the event the success it has been for the last several years...Disappointing for sure....

We have not scheduled our annual 'Best Hand' rides as of yet due to parking challenges with loss of the old 'Dad's Diner' parking lot at the corner of Route 3 / 104 in Hannibal. The club is working to resolve parking & trail re-routing issues and hopes to have events later this year – stay tuned to the website for details...

Also, with riding season in full swing, be respectful to our landowners and fellow riders – access to private and public property for riding is very difficult to arrange and lost in an instant when people are acting foolish. Don't be the person causing us to lose trails to some of the areas we've worked so hard to access...

Memberships

Membership dues will remain the same for 2016. 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 2016 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.

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.

Trail & Map Information

As many of you know, trail re-routing and land access issues have eliminated the Dad's Diner parking area and made access to the IGA unallowable at this time. The club is working through these challenges and once direction is clear, new maps will be available. Apologies for the inconvenience, but issuing old maps in many cases is worse than issuing no maps at all.

Also, please be aware the Legion Trail is closed through June 1st.

Next meetings



The next **regular meeting** of the season will be held on **Tuesday May 3rd** at the American Legion in Hannibal - **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 Regina Lunkenheimer to get set up – 947-6052 or prlunk@citlink.net

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@yahoo.com

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

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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@yahoo.com

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

Meetings (All start at 7pm sharp)

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| 5/3/16 | American Legion – Hannibal |
| 6/7/16 | Club Building – Muck Road |
| 7/12/16 | Wheel-A-Way Motorsports – Fulton |
| 8/2/16 | O'Connor's Pub – Fair Haven |
| 9/6/16 | Club Building – Muck Road |
| 10/4/16 | American Legion – Hannibal |

In-Season Stickers / Trail Access Questions

Mike Blasczienski (315-806-1933) is the in-season contact for those needing renewal stickers for 2016, 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!

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!