



TRAILS & TALES

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NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT MELISSA AUSTIN

We want to let everyone know that the trails in Strong are open for the season !!!!!Take a ride.

The Annual Meeting on May 6th had a good attendance and super Pot Luck Supper. As always a lot of great food was brought to the meeting.

The Election of Officers was held and the results are as follows:

President-----Melissa Austin

Vice President-----Joseph Burnham

Secretary-----Betty Snell

Treasurer-----Lewis Collins

Directors for the club are as follows:

Three year terms expiring in 2013:

Thomas Piekart I and Jack Pedano.

Two year terms expiring in 2011:

Barbara McCarthy and Peter Johnson.

Three year terms expiring in 2012:

Tom Piekart II, Russ Kondratiuk and Pastor John Evans.

The following hold other positions:

Trailmaster-Bill Birden

Safety Officer-Tom Piekart II

ATV Maine Rep.-Les Snell

ATV Maine Rep. (Alternate)-Melissa Austin.

The Trail Grant Application has been submitted to the Department of Conservation. We are eligible for \$5,500.00 again this year and also \$500.00 for landowner relations. Trail work must be completed and paid for before we can apply for reimbursement of actual costs incurred so please keep track of all your time and equipment used.

Roadside Clean-up

Our 6th Annual Roadside Clean-up went off as scheduled this year. We held a Scavenger Hunt Contest and the following were the top winners:



Getting instructions for Roadside Cleanup

1st Place: Bob & Chris Knowlan

2nd Place: Cordell Ellis

3rd Place: Shawnee Ellis

It was a beautiful day and we had a great crew and really got a lot done. Every street and road in Strong was cleaned up this year. A thank you goes out to all who showed up. It makes for a very positive image for our club. It was a great job done and we especially want to thank the Town of Strong, Beal's and Alden Wattles for the use of their Dumpster's

for this task. Also thanks to all who worked so hard to clean up the outlying streets and roads prior to the scheduled clean up day. Without your help we could not have accomplished nearly as much. We as a club can be proud of what we have accomplished.

Our can & bottle drive is off to a good start. With what was taken in at the last meeting and what we got from the roadside cleanup we are up to \$555.00. Les' truck will be at the next meeting to take your bottles and cans. Les also deserves a big thank you for doing all the work counting and returning them to Beal's for the club.

Our next meeting will be June 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Legion Building in Strong with a Pot Luck Supper starting at 6:00 pm.

Our Club Rides for June 2010 are as follows:
Sunday June 6th. We will be riding to Salem.
Saturday June 12th. We will be riding to Madrid.
For all of these rides, we will meet at Hutch's Bridge at 9:00 am. Bring your lunch, drinks, bug spray etc.

PARADE REMINDER

Don't forget the **Town of Strong Parade on Friday evening, June 25th**. We will be lining up in the parking area by Hutch's Bridge at 5:00 pm. Get your machines polished up and join us. There will be other events and concessions in town also.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Dues are now due for 2010. They are \$20.00 for an individual and \$35.00 per couple. If you have any questions or need an application you can call Betty at 207-652-2227 or e-mail her at bssnell@tds.net

WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating our website. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

LANDOWNER APPRECIATION DAY

Tentatively we are looking at Saturday, July 17th to have a Landowner Appreciation Cookout. We will have more info in our next Newsletter, so stay tuned.

In Memory

On Monday, May 3, 2010 Andy Pratt passed away at his home. We are all deeply saddened to hear the news. Every year we held our Annual Yard Sale at their house and his wife Dawn would like to keep that tradition going. So we hope to see you out in support of our sale Labor Day Weekend 2010. More information on the Yard Sale will be in future newsletters.