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TRAILS & TALES

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Lucky Hupper's Annual Fall Fund Raiser Ride & Bar-B-Q in Anson

NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT BILL BIRDEN

Autumn is here and some of our best riding is upon us, the prettiest time of the year to ride.

Our yard sale was a success and all had a great time. Richard provided some fine cooking with some special concoctions where "The Barb Breakfast" was discovered. (way too many ingredients to list). We sold most of our Stuff and we are again looking for good items for next year. We now have a place to store it.

Joe, our Trail Master and crew have been working on trails and building bridges. They have gotten a lot of work done this year.

The Department of Conservation, Maine Forest Service, in cooperation with the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, is planning a Landowner Appreciation Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 15, 2011. The purpose of this day is to give back to those landowners who so graciously allow recreational activities on their property by identifying and cleaning those areas of illegally dumped trash.

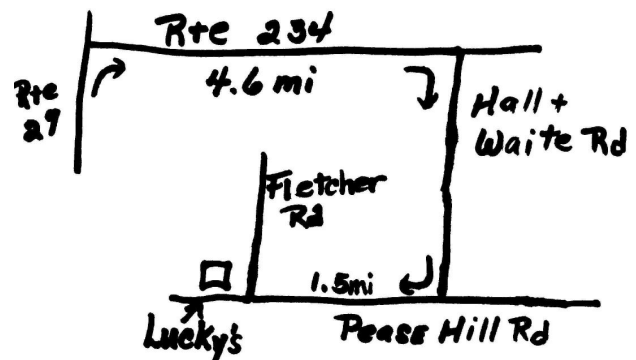
If you would like to help in this endeavor in our area, please call myself at 207-684-2234 or Allen Hamlin at 207-491-5998.

Landowner/Member Supper

Saturday, October 22nd is the date of our Annual Supper. It will be a Pig Roast done by Charlie Snell. Members are asked to bring Salads or Desserts and also something for a Door Prize if you can. We are hoping for a good turn out this year. Please contact myself at 207-684-2234, e-mail vab@tdstelme.net or Allen Hamlin at 207-491-5998 to make your reservations.

Lucky's ride is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th at 9:30 am, good food at noon and music after lunch. You should bring a salad or goodie to share. All money raised will go to the [Make a Wish Foundation](#). Map to Lucky's is included here. The address is 693 Pease Hill Rd in Anson.

Directions to Lucky Hoppers



As with all rides, don't forget snacks, drinks, goggles and rain gear etc. It is always a wonderful ride.

Can & Bottle Drive

Les reports that we have taken in \$807. so far this year. We are still down about \$200.00 from last year's collection. Bill will have his pick-up at the next meeting for your stash. Don't forget to bring them to the meetings. All the money from this collection goes into the Equipment Fund.

15th Annual ATV Toy Run

Starts at the Whistle Stop Trail Head in Farmington. Rain or Shine. Register 8:00 to 9:45. Leave at 10:00 for Canton then back to Jay for a free

Bar-B-Q lunch. There will be Raffles and prizes. Bring a new toy or a cash donation. The Western Maine Community Action group will distribute all toys locally.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Strong American Legion Building. 6:00 pm for a Pot Luck Supper and followed at 7:00 pm by our meeting. Hope to see you there.

Another interesting story that has nothing to do with ATVing

“Hauling water at 40 below”

I was born in 1931 on a potato farm near Presque Isle in Aroostook County, Maine. The power lines stopped about three miles from us, so we didn't have running water or electricity until 1947. A cousin and I were responsible for providing water for both the barn and the house.

In addition to bringing water to the household barrel next to the sink, we watered the livestock every morning before school, and again in the evening. We had a little Briggs & Stratton engine hooked to the well pump, and pumped the water through a long hose.

When temperatures dropped and the hose froze, we had to haul the water in buckets—hard work when it was 30 or 40 below and the snow between the barn and the well house drifted 8 feet deep.

If we'd had Child Protective Services in those days, our parents would've been arrested for child abuse. But to us, we were just doing our part to keep a roof over our heads and food in our bellies. I wouldn't trade that experience for anything. But you can see from my address that I now live someplace much warmer.

Edwin Staples, Sierra Vista, Arizona

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