



# TRAILS & TALES

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## NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Anybody ready to ride? This is probably one of the most frustrating times of the year for us as riders. I don't know about you but it is like when I was a kid and got a new bicycle for Christmas. I just could not wait for spring to come so I could ride it. I know some of you have gotten new toys this year and can't wait to ride them. You are waiting for the trails to open and itching to ride. You like my son, on a daily basis are asking, when are the trails going to open. I guarantee they will open! When I don't know, we are still waiting for MUD SEASON to get over and things to dry up a little. Just the other day I checked out one of our trails and there was still snow on it. I thought to myself, I could ride my sled still. Nah, it's all put away in hibernation for the summer. Please stay off the trails till we open them and we will open them as soon as possible.

There is an opportunity for us to get a little riding in before the trails open again this year. We are planning to do some roadside cleanup. Each year we try to clean up the trash and debris on the sides of the road in Strong and you can be a part of it. Just please contact me and I can get you the permission slips and where needs to be done. This is a really great way to show our community that we care and to foster good community relations. It is also an opportunity to get a little riding in and spend some time with one another. A group of us will be planning to head out from my house (84 N. Main St.) on Saturday April 30th. If you would like to join us just show up at 9:00 and we will divide and conquer from there.

We look forward to another great season. The season looks like it will be getting an earlier than usual start. We have some projects lined up for this coming summer and as always we can use more

volunteers to help get the job done. I have heard often times from those around that we (meaning the club) need to do this or that on the trails. We are all fellow riders and volunteer and it takes everyone doing their part to keep the trails open and rideable. Just so you know the role of complainer is already filled and we are looking for help in other areas. I hope together we have a great season filled with memories of times spent with family and friends. Times of laughter and times of new adventures. In the end time just to get away and enjoy the outdoors. I hope there will be lots of stories from this summer from all who ride our trails that begin with, "Remember that time....."

Your President, John Evans

## Next Club Meeting

Our 16th Annual Meeting will be held at the Strong Legion Hall on Thursday May 5th 2016. We will be having a Pot Luck Supper starting at 6:00 pm followed by our meeting at 7:00 pm. We hope you will bring something good to share for the meal and join us for a great meal.

## Election of Officers

Bill Birden and Richard Carpen (our nominating committee) have been busy getting a slate of officers together to present to us. We hope you will come to vote.

## Bottles & Cans

Les has been to Farmington a couple of times so far this year to return bottles and cans. Our garage is filling up again for another trip. Also his truck is

always available for your returnable bottles and cans at all of the meetings. He will pick up locally if you give him a call at 652-2227 or [bssnell@tds.net](mailto:bssnell@tds.net) Or you can always drop them off in our garage when you are going by.

### *Hats & Shirts*

We still have Hats and T-Shirts and Sweatshirts available with our logo on them at all meetings.

Just as a reminder, May is the month that our dues are due. The dues have not increased in many years, so that is a goood thing!!! Single membership is still \$20.00. Family membership is still \$35.00 and this includes all of your children under the age of 18. Business Sponsorships are still \$30.00. These dues also gets you membership to ATV Maine.

