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NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT JOHN EVANS

Hello Fellow Enthusiast,

As we head into a new season of riding we do so with great anticipation. We think back to the trails behind us and the adventures that have made up years past. We remember the days of getting lost in the majesty of the scenery that we pass through. We remember the times of break downs and on trail repairs. The times when we have used a soda can to hold a ball joint together or some rope and pine pitch for a tire plug. True Story. We remember the ones we have rode with that we no longer can ride with and their words of wisdom to us. We remember the therapy of just riding and not thinking of anything else or riding and putting life into perspective. We remember with great fondness the trails of yesteryear and all the memories they hold. So it is with great anticipation we put those tracked vehicles away and dust off our BIKES and ATV's. With great anticipation we are getting our old machines serviced and ready to go. For some of us we are deciding, out with the old and in with the new. To you with new machines the anticipation is almost uncontrollable. No matter where you find yourself this heading into this new year of riding I ask that you exhibit self control. No I didn't just use bad language. Our **trails are closed till after mud season** and we plead with you to be self-controlled so that our trails have time to dry up. As soon as we possibly can we will open the trails and let people know. The trail closure signs are up and we will take them down when the trails are ready.

It is also that time of year to renew your membership and get involved in the club. Our clubs around the state are what makes our sport possible. We often take for granted the huge privilege we

have right outside our front door. The trails we ride on and the places we have to go are made possible only by volunteers like others and myself. So I ask you to volunteer where you can. Now with that being said we have a bunch of projects ahead of us for this summer. I was reading in my Bible this morning in Joshua 10 where the people of God had a huge task ahead of them. The leader of Israelite people prayed for the sun to stop. The sun stopped for a full day giving them enough time to complete their task. I am not going to pray for the sun to stop so we can complete everything on our to do list. There are however some days that I wish there were more hours in a day to get everything accomplished. It will take multiple days to complete our projects but I look forward to improved riding for us all to enjoy. I want to quickly thank all our club members who have and still volunteer a ton of hours to make riding possible. I appreciate you all!

Fellow Enthusiast,
John Evans

Next Club Meeting

This next month's club meeting will be our **17th Annual Club Meeting**. The date is **Thursday May 4th** and will be held at the Strong Legion Hall. It does not seem possible that we have been around for 17 years. There are not very many members left that were at the 1st meeting so long ago. Anyone that still belongs, **Please Stand up!** We would like to see you all at the next meeting to take a bow. We will be having a Pot Luck Supper before the meeting. That starts at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

Election of Officers

We will be having our Elections this month. Bill Birden, Joe Burnham & David Smith will present a

slate of Officers for us to vote on. Please come and vote, and show your support to the club.

2017 Strong Parade

The date of this year's Strong Parade is going to be Friday June 23rd. Line-up is 5:00 pm up at the North end of town. We hope there will be a good turnout for this year's parade. The theme is going to be.....

" GAMES PEOPLE PLAY"

Bottles & Cans

As always Les has his truck at the meetings to collect them. All money from this recycling goes into our Equipment Fund.

Dues

Just as a reminder, May is our dues month. Our dues have not increased in many a year so it is still a bargain. The dues help with the trail system here in our area. These dues also get you membership to ATV Maine.

