



TRAILS & TALES

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News from our President John Evans

Hello Fellow Riders and Club Members,

By the time you get this letter Spring will have sprung. Now the real question is will the snow be here till June or will we get another crazy out of season heat wave that melts it all away. With some record warm temperatures in the middle of the winter anything is possible. We are looking forward to another great season of outdoor adventures.

We have slated for this summer a couple of trail projects, roadside cleanup and hopefully lots of riding. With the first two your help would be greatly appreciated. We are still a volunteer organization and it takes all of us doing our part to keep the trails open and maintained. We are also looking forward to making good use of some of our new equipment to work on our trails. We are hoping that the new bush hog and backhoe will allow us to work smarter rather than harder.

It is also that time of year again to renew your club membership. This is not a requirement to ride on our trails but it is greatly appreciated. It shows us that others recognize and appreciate the many hours of work that go into providing trails to ride on.

With all that being said I will end with a short story. I was telling some a few weeks back that I witnessed a miracle. My son and I were out grooming some of the snowmobile trails and had noticed that a section we share with the ATV Club was getting rather grown in. So having a little time and a chainsaw with us we decided to make another pass through with the groomer and stop and trim some trees. As it always happens cutting a few branches here then leads to a few over there, which in turn leads to a few more up there. So needless to say we had been cutting brush and throwing it out

of the trail for over a mile and well over an hour. We kept moving the groomer ahead and thought we had the end in sight. I fired up the chainsaw, now on its second tank of gas and went to cutting again. I wasn't too long into it when I noticed a few riders pull up and stop. Now this is where the miracle happened. Much to my surprise they took their helmets off and began to help my son remove brush from the trail. After they helped for about 20 minutes we finished up that section and I got a chance to thank them. I found out they were not from around here but greatly appreciated all the work that went into giving them a place to ride. For us it was an encouragement and for them it gave them an opportunity to participate even if it was for just a short time. I told them if we all did a little like that it would make all of our work a little less and allow for more riding.

Your President, John Evans

1st Club Meeting for 2017

Our 1st Club Meeting this year is scheduled for **Thursday, April 6, 2017** and will be held at the Nazarene Church Undercroft at 84 North Main St. because the Legion Hall will not be opened at that time. It will be a combined meeting with the Snowmobile Club.

We will be having a Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 pm before the meeting at 7:00 pm if you would like to join us.

Scholarship Information

Applications for the Sandy River Riders ATV Club Scholarship are due by April 30th. We will award one scholarship this year to be paid the second semester to the attending school of the lucky winner.

These are limited to a one time only per student and they must be a paid up member of Sandy River Riders or related to a paid up member of this club.

For more information or an application, contact Betty at 207-652-2227 or bssnell@tds.net

There is also a scholarship available thru ATV Maine. I also can get those applications and Info and are due by June 1st.

[Can & Bottle Drive](#)

Les is still taking donations of bottles and cans to benefit our club Equipment Fund. You may call Les or Betty at 207-652-2227 or bssnell@tds.net if you need info or need Les to pick up locally. Les has his truck available at all meetings for your donations.

[Trails](#)

As a reminder to you all.....All trails are closed to all ATV's until they are opened by the clubs. This is **Thru Mud Season !!!** Trails will be posted until weather and soil conditions are O.K. to open them. Remember, that if you ride on closed trails it could cause us to lose permission and closure of trails.

Please Respect the Land and the Generosity of Our Landowners.

State Laws now provide for severe penalties and fines for riding on closed trails. All riders are encouraged to obtain a copy of the ATV Law Book and become familiar with the laws. These books are available at all Town Offices.

[Join a Club, It helps pay for upkeep of Trails!](#)



*"I think we've been out here too long!
Our wives have put out a missing
person report. Half the state is out
looking for us."*

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