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MOOSE ALLEY RIDERS ATV CLUB

August/September 2015

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday
September 10th.
7:00 PM, at the
Keystone Lodge
in Solon.

TRAIL REPORT: Our trails are still holding up well! While we have had a lot of heavy rain now and then, we have been fortunate to miss a lot of the devastating rains like those received between Abbot and Parkman, and also DownEast. During the week of August 16th, during what was probably the hottest two days of the year, Ron Frazier led a crew that built a beautiful low-angle ramp out of huge old telephone poles and pressure treated planks up over the nasty ledges on "Ron's Trail" in Caratunk, between Heald Stream Bridge and the Baker Dimmock Rd. This must be seen in person to be appreciated! A lot have people have avoided this trail in the past and it is much, much better and safer now! In consideration of our snowmobiling brethren, it was built 12 feet wide in order to accommodate a groomer and drag. You really should take a ride and check it out! Thank you to Ron and the other members that worked on this (in no particular order) Glenn Dow, Walter and Cynthia Laroue, Clint & Helen Buzzell, Terry Vigneault, Richard Frazier, Mike Taylor, David Campbell, Jack Foulkes, Al Lawrence, and Jerry Tanger.

UPCOMING EVENTS/RIDES

(MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

Sunday September 6th The Madison-Anson ATV club are going to leave the Solon Park & Ride at 8am and head to Lexington, to the Happy Horseshoe Campground to attend the Annual Lexington - Highland Snowmobile Club's Chicken BBQ fundraiser. Anyone from any other clubs that would like to join us - please do. This is probably one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for these folks, so let's help them out!

Saturday September 12th – Elephant Mt. Meet at 8:00 Bingham Park n' Ride. (Check facebook/hot line for possible change)

Sunday September 20th – Veteran's ride and cookout from Pine Grove Lodge to Breezy Acres. Ride starts at Pine Grove Lodge at 9:00 am.

Sunday September 27th – Jackman-Pittston Farm Ride (Destination may change – check facebook/hot line)

Saturday October 10th - Ride to Greenville

POT OF GOLD drawing was held at the August meeting. Maine Lakeside Cabins were drawn but not present at the meeting. The Pot of Gold for next meeting will be \$30.00. Members must be present to win.

50/50 drawing was won by Rick Peterson. Several Door Prizes were given out at the meeting. Thanks George and Sue for providing them.

The Meeting in Bingham was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Cris Goodwin. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted. New members were welcomed and introduced to everyone. Correspondence from Pine Tree Camp & Society was read thanking us for our donation from our Francis Smith Memorial Ride.

Cris said that he had not heard back from the ATV co-ordinator on dates for the safety class yet.

Cynthia reported that the next ATV Maine meeting would be Saturday August 15th in Buxton.

Jeff is resigning his position of Trail Master effective December 31, 2015. The club will be looking for a new Trail Master if anyone is interested in applying. The Trail Master is an appointed position by the Board of Directors of the Club. Jeff said he would be willing to help them get started as time permits.

The Dead Water Bridge re-planking is done. It took about 4 hours but still a little more work to do. Had help from some members of the Snowmobile Club as they also use the bridge.

The bridging for the ledges on Ron Frazier's trail was started on Monday August 15th. It has now been completed and makes for a much easier passage through there. Thanks to all that helped on these two projects.

Discussion on maybe purchasing a chain saw for the club to use on the trails. It was decided to table the purchase for now.

Still looking for someone to handle Club apparel. Please let us know if you would be interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting September 10th in Solon – Hope to see you there.

Jeff Ireland is stepping down as our Trailmaster as of Jan.1, 2016. If you or someone you know would like to be the new Trailmaster please contact one of the officers of the club. We are not looking for just a warm body to fill the position, this is one of most if not the most important job in the club and we need someone committed to the task. Jeff has stated that if someone comes forward before Jan, 1 he is willing to do some on the job training with that person as time permits

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Cynthia Laroue will head the Nominations Committee for the election of Officers and one Director. Please see her at the next meeting if you would like to be an Officer/Director. Please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours which goes towards our grant. Labor Logs will need to be given to Clint Buzzell at the end of the season.

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