



# Oswego County ATV Club

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## From the President - Steve Cronk,

As things have gotten underway for this riding season, I have been asked several times about places to stay of our trail system. The Comfort Zone Bed & Breakfast is right off the trail heading to Pulaski and right off State Rte. 13. You can follow a very interesting side trail to this location. Along the way you will encounter many surprising and odd things among the trees. Look closely so you do not miss anything. Len and Cookie Green have been long time sponsors of the ATV club and we thank them for all the years they have sponsored the club. They have reasonable rates, are conveniently located, close to Salmon River Falls and the Salmon River Fish Hatchery, great for seasonal fishing trips, they are open year-round. Look them up on their website or Facebook. You will not be disappointed!



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## **From the Vice President – Brad Hilton**

We are more than halfway through the 2021 season, the club faced some trying times in 2020, and the past off season. New rules and efforts had to be made to keep the club going. A lot of effort was made and continues to be made. The board knew the changes for 2021 would not be accepted by some, and the club would lose some members. How many exactly remained to be seen. However, to date the club has seen a change that has made us proud! The club has grown beyond our expectations. The club was met with a great respect by so many due to the changes, thanking us for the new changes. The club gained past and new members who had not joined due to the disrespectfulness of some past members and persons on the trail system. To this I would like to thank this clubs board, the members, the landowners, the business owners, our County Officials, and our County Sheriffs Dept. that worked to make 2021 one of the clubs proudest! Having Sheriff Deputy Atv Patrols on the trail system has been a **Huge** success. Deputies have been patrolling the trail system by both vehicle and Atv weekly since April 17th. The past issues and complaints have dropped significantly. At present the board continues its efforts to meet our goals of increased Atv Recreational riding. We are working on both present and future routes of our trail system! All in all, this club, your club came to a crossroads, and chose the one to increased success!!

### **Changes for 2021**

Due to situations and circumstances that occurred during the 2020 ATV riding season, which created numerous complaints and unsafe situations to our landowners, area residence, businesses, and members, it became imperative that the club make severe changes for the upcoming 2021 riding season or face losing several trail systems forcing the club to shut down!

#### **Effective Rule and Membership changes approved by the Executive Board, beginning in 2021:**

**1-NO** machine with a dry weight of over 1,500lbs (with a 7% Margin of Error\*) will be allowed on the trail system. \* Margin of Error gives members time to upgrade machines as future legislation is pending for a NYS maximum weight limit of 1,500lbs

**2-NO** machine over a maximum width of 70" (seventy inches) allowed

**3-NO** tires with a maximum tire lug depth of more than 1.5" (one and a half inches) allowed

**4-Absolutley NO** dirt bikes allowed

**5-NO** exhaust systems with a decibel level over 90 db.

**6-No** use of loudspeakers or loud music while on the trail system

**7-Maximum** speed limit is **25mph** on the trails and roads legally open to ATV use

**8-All** trails **CLOSE** at 9pm, **NO** nighttime riding is allowed

**9-NO Alcohol or Drugs** allowed on the trail system, **NO** riding while impaired by **Alcohol or Drugs**

## **Memberships:**

**Single: \$35**, 1 machine only

**Family: \$45**, up to 3 machines only, \$10 for each additional machine, maximum of 5 machines for family membership

**\$5 increase in membership pricing is to cover the cost of law enforcement expenses**

Each application **WILL** require, machine year, brand, model, color, UTV dry weight total, plate number (if legally registerable in NYS). ANY application **NOT** containing all information, will not be processed.

All machines allowed on the trail system **MUST** have the yearly membership sticker placed on the front left of the machine, so it is visible.

Riding on a membership receipt will no longer be allowed.

Replacement stickers will be **\$10**.

1-day passes are **ONLY** for the month of September, **\$15**.

## **Trail Workers:**

**1-**Will be responsible to report or fix any equipment failure

**2-**Any equipment used will be made ready for the next day. This includes, fluids checked and filled as needed, chains sharpened, tools and equipment taken out for use are put back where it belongs, tools and equipment are kept clean, tools and equipment storage areas are kept clean

**3-**With landowner permission, gates will be placed at all trail heads, work details will be conducted once the trails system closes, to make sure all gates are closed and locked, perform any necessary repairs to damage on the trails.

**\*Note:** The club needs more trail workers, as well as trail bosses for work details. Currently most of the trail work is being done by 60+ year old persons.

## **Oswego County ATV Club news from May and June**

All meetings are held the third Saturday of the month, 11am and at the clubhouse property in Altmar. Everyone attending must sign in. If you have questions about any discussions during the meeting, please raise your hand, when called upon, state your name. Thank you!

Mays meeting was attended by 72 and June was attended by 43, thank you to all who attended.

## **Trail Updates:**

The trail to Pulaski has been rerouted, please follow the new route, it does not go to "At the Trestle Pool" Lodge any longer, do not go that way!

Trail to Williamstown is still in the works, watch for updates.

Kevin's Trail is permanently closed due to disrespect to a landowner.

The Nevermore Trail is closed until planned work can be completed. Once work is done, the trail will be reopened. This trail needs a lot of work

The Barclay Trail will be closed during the week for bridge repairs, it will be open for weekend riding. This is only until all bridge work is completed

**Trail Work:**

Trail workers are out on the trails, fixing holes, putting up signs, trimming, etc., making sure the trails are safe. If there is an issue on one of the trails, let someone know so it can be handled. Please contact a trail boss if you can come out and help. We need more people to help with trail work. Most of this work is done by older members.

**Trail Patrol/Sheriff Patrol:**

Our regular trail patrol has been out on the trails under the direction of Brad, making sure machines have stickers, members are wearing helmets, following the rules, etc. The Sheriff Patrol has been out as well, and it has made a difference already with the patrolling of our trail system. There have been some tickets written and a couple members removed from the club. The club is no longer going to tolerate breaking the rules, riding unsafe, destroying property and disrespect, either to landowners, other club members, board members, residence, businesses, other members of the public, pedestrians, and the like. The club has gotten a lot less phone calls and complaints since the Sheriff Patrol started. If you see them on the trails, be sure to slow down, stop if instructed to do so and be respectful. They want everyone to be safe and enjoy riding.

**Memberships:**

Memberships are mailed after payment methods have been cleared, whether it's a check, money order, PayPal, etc. All applications are reviewed for completeness, accuracy of information for machines, that rules are signed in agreement, addresses, phone numbers, etc. If something is not complete, this delays the mailing of your membership card and stickers. This applies to online memberships as well, these are also printed and reviewed. Please allow some turnaround time to get your stuff, there is a small number, mainly Becky, trying to take care of memberships. You cannot sign up online and use PayPal on a Friday if you want to ride Saturday. We do not do the riding on receipt any longer. Plan accordingly! Becky is very accommodating when it comes to making sure you get your stuff. Call her to arrange getting your stuff sooner, the club now has a secure drop box as well that is checked on a regular basis. You can use this to drop off applications and payments. Be sure to place all in an envelope, don't put it in there loose.

**Training Course:**

Wayne Slate is once again doing the training courses for this year. All classes so far have been full. He will hold more throughout the season as interest increases. New this year: \$50 refundable deposit will be required to sign up for courses. When you show up, deposit will be returned. If you do not show up and do not contact Wayne to let him know you will not be able to make it, then your deposit becomes non-refundable and will be used for supplies. There have been a lot of people signing up and then not showing up, this takes away from someone else who wanted to sign up, but the course was full, as well as time taken away from Wayne and those who help him do the courses. Thank you, Wayne and all your helpers for teaching our new riders how to be safe and ride safe out on the trails!

### **Bryan Parker Memorial Senior Award:**

Congratulations Steven Cooper from Pulaski High School! Steven was our first senior recipient of this award. Steven was awarded \$1,000 to help with his future plans in diesel mechanics and heavy equipment operation. Congratulations Steven and all the graduating seniors of 2021! The Bryan Parker Memorial Senior Award is presented each year to an eligible senior in honor of Bryan who was a longtime supporter of the ATV Club. Bryan supported the club in many ways over the years, never hesitating to help out in any way he could. When we needed something, Bryan was always raising his hand and saying, "I got it".

### **50/50 Winners:**

May – Bob Pizanto (spelled wrong?), \$110, Bob is a new member, congrats Bob!

June – William Halsey, \$96, William donated his winnings back to the club for the landowner dinner, Thank You William, very generous!

### **The Other Stuff:**

**Maps:** new maps are in the works to reflect closed trails, new trails, and existing trails. These will be available at a later date. In the meantime, the club has purchased some maps printed on paper in color, that members will be able to obtain at meetings and Altmar Union Station.

FREE!!

**Barriers:** have been purchased to be placed at all trail heads. These are concrete and will be spaced at a width of 70", if you don't fit, don't go around them and you most likely shouldn't be on the trails as this is the width limit for the trails. These barriers will be chained closed at the end of the season or if a trail closes before.

**Political Ride:** was held by the board and a few members, just to get our local dignitaries out on the trails so they were able to see firsthand what our trails are like, how things are run or handled, the peaceful and beautiful areas we have for our members to enjoy. Everyone had a great time and were very pleased. This may help get more trails to other areas in the future. Thank you to everyone who came out to take a dignitary for a ride and to our dignitaries for taking the time out of their busy days to see and enjoy what the ATV Club has to offer.

**Sponsorships:** will resume for local businesses in 2022. If you own a business, know of a business or you would just like to sponsor the club, contact the club secretary Leslie Waters. Thank you to all our sponsors for your continued support. Watch for upcoming letters.

Thank you to our newest sponsor Rusty Roof Inn, Williamstown. Angie has been working with the club to get a trail to Williamstown along with Omega Wire. Watch for updates. A group dinner will be planned there at a later date.

**Voting** for open positions will be held in April 2022, membership approved to keep all positions the same and to allow members the ability to have 4 months of membership in to be able to vote. All positions will be open for nominations. Contact Leslie if interested in a position.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> – Leatherstocking Club Chicken BBQ**

**TBD – Christmas Card making**

**August 7<sup>th</sup> – Safety Course**

**14<sup>th</sup> – Landowner/Worker Dinner, Clubhouse**

**21<sup>st</sup> – Kids Fun Day, Bryan Parker Memorial Training Center Pavilion, Hogsback Rd**

**September – 11<sup>th</sup> – Williamstown Fire Dept Parade, details coming soon**

**Special Needs Ride/Free Fishing Day – moved to June 25, 2022, details are being worked out, watch for updates, looking for more race car drivers to bring cars, sponsors, contact Becky**

Watch for future events

**It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of another long-standing member of the Oswego County ATV Club family, Board Member, Edwin (Jr) O'Neil, after a long illness. Our condolences to his entire family and friends. He will be truly missed!**

**A celebration of life will be held at a later date**

**Reminders:**

Helmets on, lights on, ride on! Trails close at 9pm, speed limit is 25mph, no drugs or alcohol.

**Oswego County ATV Club has and always will be "A Safe Enjoyable Ride for ALL!"**

**4 A Good Feelin' Go 4 Wheelin'**

**Next meeting – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Clubhouse**

**Until then.....stay safe, stay healthy**

**Officers:**

President – Steve Cronk 315-298-3312

V. President – Brad Hilton 315-480-5104

Secretary – Leslie Waters 315-243-6058

Treasurer – Claudia Gamble 315-298-4829

**Board Members:**

Mike Ortman 315-591-7606

Rudy Reyes 315-399-9656

Jr O'Neil 315-439-4591

**Others:**

Memberships – Becky Hilton 315-298-6081, before 9pm, not before 8am, she works

Campground – Mike Ortman 315-591-7606

Web Site – Nate Johnson 1-585-723-9362

Clothing – Lyn Beadle 315-486-3002

Newsletter – Jen Pieropan 315-625-7456, leave a message

**Work Details:**

Boss – Steve Cronk 315-298-3312, call ahead

Trail Coordinator – Mike Ortman 315-591-7606

Trail Boss – Wednesday, Bobby Eggerling 315-668-6672 & John McGrew 315-387-5415

Trail Boss – Tuesday, Mike Beadle 315-486-3002

Any, and all information contained in this newsletter was accurate at the time of publication and printing. Changes will be made accordingly to upcoming newsletters.

All trails close at 9pm, trails close for the season September 30<sup>th</sup>

**Newsletter is being reformatted, sorry for the messy look.**

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<b>Kickin' Cans</b>	<b>Richland Hotel Bar &amp; Grill</b>
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<b>Earl Becker Sand &amp; Gravel</b>	<b>11 North Bar &amp; Grill</b>
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