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"Stay on Trails or Stay Home"

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AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING

The next **regular meeting** will be held at the Half-shire Historical Society in Richland, NY at 11 AM on **August 18**, 2007. The building is the old school building in Richland.

Also, our **September meeting** was scheduled for 9/22 at Li'l Dominick's Restaurant in Central Square. However, due to the unfortunate fire at this restaurant we have **rescheduled** this **meeting for Sunday, 9/23, 11 AM before the Appreciation Dinner at the American Legion in Altmar, NY**

This will be the *last meeting of the season*. Watch for information on the first meeting in March, 2008..

Li'l Dominick's is one of our Club sponsors and we wish him good luck in rebuilding his popular restaurant

Mark your calendar !

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The future of the Club depends on help from the membership. The community needs to see the support given to the Club. New volunteers are always encouraged and welcome.

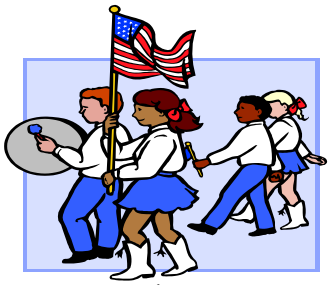
There are so many places your help can be used, from distributing signs for our events, to making reminder calls, or solicitation calls, or helping mark our trails on new maps, or helping on trail work. We just need to know when you are available and

how you can help. Remember our best form of advertising to the County and local communities is to be an active and well supported Club. Please pitch in and help whenever you can.

I will be taking a leave of absence starting September 30th until the Spring season begins. Enjoy the fall and winter seasons. See you all in the Spring.

Steve Cronk, **President**

UPCOMING PARADES



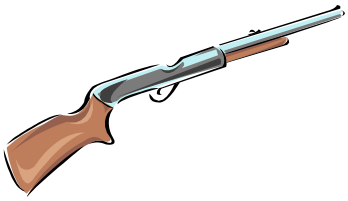
August 4th in Pulaski

We need 100+ machines in this parade to show our support. This parade is in memory of Jamsie Green. Come and join us. The parade starts at 6 PM, with line-up on Delano Street at 5 PM. Parking is available at the National Grid building, Sandy Creek side of the sawmill on Route 11, and Gaffney's property all just outside the village of Pulaski. Allow enough time to unload and be ready to line up by 5 PM.

August 18th in Williamstown

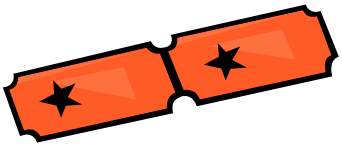
This parade starts at 6 PM with line up at 5:30 PM. Parking is available at the Elementary School, on Cox Road, and the American Legion, on County Rte. 17, in Williamstown. Please allow enough time to unload and be ready to line up at 5:30 PM.

GUN RAFFLE



Club sponsor The Great White North Trading Post in Williamstown has again donated a rifle for the Club to raffle. Les Huntley has given us a CVA Wolf 50 caliber break action black powder rifle. Thanks Les. The winner of this rifle is Floyd Hammond of Phoenix, who says "he will enjoy the rifle". The drawing was held at the Pig Roast on July 21st.

LOTTERY TICKETS



1. The *225 Ticket Raffle* sales are going well, but we still have 31 tickets to sell before September 9th. Contact any Board Member or Officer to get one of these tickets.

Each ticket is $50. This can be paid all at once or in 5 payments of $10 each April through August.

The prizes for these tickets are:

1st Prize **1** drawing of **$500**
2nd Prize **2** drawings of **$250**
3rd Prize **5** drawings of **$100**
4th Prize **10** drawings of **$50**

The drawing for this raffle will be held at the Kasoag Lake Park in Williamstown on **September 9,** 2007 from **1-5 PM**. A chicken BBQ and all the fixin's will be provided to each ticket holder and a guest. The Trudell's "Still Kickin Band" will provide the music.

The biggest money winner will be drawn first. The seller of the top prize winning ticket, if he/she has sold a minimum of 5 tickets, will receive $50. ***You <u>do not</u> need to be present to win.***

Over 195 of these tickets have already been sold so you need to contact any of the board members listed on the front page of this newsletter to get a ticket or come to the next meeting. Only 225 tickets will be sold.

SPONSORS

For additional information on all of our sponsors, see the attached sponsor sheet**. Please support the sponsors who support us.** They are a very important part of our Club.

HOSPICE RIDE

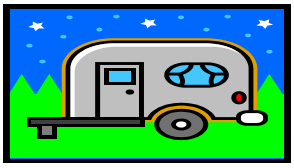
The Club is again hosting "A Ride for the Cure" on August 11th. Sign up and line up is at 11:30 at Little Lukey's Store in Altmar on Rte. 13, during the Camp Out weekend. The ride begins at noon. There will be a refreshment stop during the ride. The ride will end approximately 4-5 PM and cover 45-50 miles.

A minimum donation of $5. is required for each rider. Last year the club raised $1000. and this year's goal is $1250.

You do not have to ride to donate. Any contribution is welcome and can be mailed to the club at P.O. Box 296, Altmar, NY 13302. Please mark any donation check with "Hospice Donation" and make them payable to the Club. All donations will be mailed as a lump sum after the ride.

We look forward to seeing you all and hope to raise the bar this year and collect more needed funds for Hospice in Oswego County.

CLUB CAMP OUT



Our camp out this year will be held on Little Lukey's Convenience Store property which is on Rte. 13 in Altmar. The camp out is scheduled for August 10-12th this year.

BENEFIT RIDE

September 15th is the Club's benefit ATV ride with all proceeds helping the Defiance Fire Dept. to buy a rescue ATV. The unit will be used when there are ATV related accidents or illnesses on the Club's trails and also would help with other off-road calls, including getting to anglers who need assistance along the Salmon River.

The cost for a benefit rider is $10. each. The ride will originate at the Defiance Fire Dept. building in Altmar. **Sign up begins at 9 AM and runs until 11 AM. After sign up each rider you will draw the best of five cards out of seven to begin the ride. The ride consists of over 45 round trip miles of trails and 11 stops. Fat Nancy's, Ponderosa, Wilson's Grocery or Richland Hotel, Orwell Diner, Altmar Hotel, Little Lukey's and the Salmon River Inn are some of the stops. A card can be picked up at each stop. All riders must return to the fire barn by 5 PM.**

The one and only prize is **4 - Goodyear ATV tires or $250 cash.**

OR

There will be two check points during the ride. At these check points water, etc. will be available from the local firemen. Gas will be available at Little Lukey's in Altmar and at Fat Nancy's in Pulaski.

Upon finishing the ride there will be a chicken BBQ available at the Defiance Fire Dept. building. The public is invited to attend the chicken BBQ. The BBQ will run from noon on and is open to the public. The firemen will also have hot dogs and hamburgers with salads and salt potatoes available for sale.

We hope to see all members there to enjoy the ride and help the local firemen get the ATV rescue unit. ***Showing our Club support on this event is <u>very important</u>.***

If you cannot attend you can mail donations to the Club at P.O. Box 296, Altmar, NY 13302. Please make the check payable to the Club and mark "Benefit Ride" on the check.

APPRECIATION DINNER

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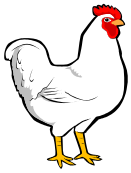

This year's Appreciation Dinner to landowners is again being offered to the public as a steak bake or chicken BBQ. The public is welcome, but all landowners who have been invited will be treated to a dinner for themselves and a guest. The date of this event is September 23rd from noon til 3. At 3:30 a club ride will take place as in the past. The September Club monthly meeting will be prior to the dinner at 11 AM. All activities will be held at the Altmar American Legion in Altmar. Mark your calendars and bring your appetites so you can all end the season with fellow ATV enthusiasts and enjoy the day.

During the Oswego County Fair this year there was an exceptional group of women, Joyce Blasczienski, Martha Becker, Phyllis Cronk and Sye O'Neil, who did a lot of cooking for all the fair workers. There were also a group of grandkids who were ever willing to distribute water to all the workers. The Club wants to recognize all these people for helping make the Fair a great experience for all who

worked parking cars during the fair.

Another mention should go to the Sandy Creek Big M Market for their help in making purchases so easy and their overall help.

Thanks to you all! What a pleasure the whole fair experience was with your help.

The 50/50 Raffle winner at the Pig Roast was Rick Morey, the Club's thanks go out to him for donating a portion of his winnings back to the Club. Thanks Rick.

WORK DETAILS

A reminder to all members; weekly work details are held at 9 AM and 4 PM on every Tuesday, (weather permitting). For the location of the work detail stop at Little Lukey's to check the caulk board there in the pavilion or at the Club property on County Rte. 22.

PROBLEMS TO WORK ON

1. **During the parade at the Oswego County Fair it was noted that some members were wearing only hard hats while riding their ATV's. We must all wear our DOT approved helmets while riding our ATV's anywhere. You need to remember we represent an up and coming sport and the public is watching. We need to set the example of proper attire for all ATV'ers.**

2. **There have recently been two burglaries in the Village of Altmar. We members of the Club and citizens of the neighborhood need to be on alert to such activity. We must all be watching and reporting all suspicious activity to the proper authorities. One of the places burglarized will be opening as a new business soon and our trail borders this property. Let's help make the owner feel more secure in starting a business in Altmar.**

CLUB MAPS

Many people ask where you can buy club maps. The most convenient location is Little Lukey's Convenience Store in Altmar where you off-load your ATV's and buy gas.

The other location to find our maps is through our club clothing sales person, Sye O'Neil. She is at every function and brings with her not only all the latest clothing choices, but maps.

The cost for our 2007 maps is $3. per copy. They are somewhat changed from the 2006 version. New trails are always being worked on, so things do change.

CLUB SECRETARY POSITION

Mary Gaffey resigned from the Secretary position in June. We are now looking for a replacement. Please call Steve at 298-3312 with suggestions or interest intent. This is a very important position and cannot remain unfilled.

The Club would also like to thank both Mary and Dave Gaffey for all their dedicated work for the last five years. Without their help the Club would not be where it is today. Thanks and good luck to them both in the coming years.

"Leave private property as is, such as beaver dams, gates, cables, ribbons, posted signs, etc."