



CLUB NEWS

July/August 2023

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Our next monthly meeting will be August 21, 6:30pm at the clubhouse. We will be collecting your bottles and cans to help pay the bills. Bring them with you!

At our July 17 we had a well-attended club meeting, prior to which we had a great BBQ, attended by many, with cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips, soda, homemade coleslaw, and homemade cowboy beans made by member Joe Larson. THANK YOU to all who showed up for your support and donations. Please check Facebook and the website (RMTRMaine.com) for the minutes of our July meeting.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SPONSORS UPDATE

A dozen or so additional folks have become a valued RMTR members since our last newsletter. Membership is now up to ~130. We'd love to see this number continue to grow. Can we make it to 150?

We are pleased to announce two more **GOLD** sponsors, who recently donated to our club. They were Debbie and Randy Ramp and Owen J. Folsom, Inc. Without our value sponsors we would unlikely be able to run our financial affairs. **THANK YOU!!**

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Since our July meeting, much has been happening - some of which is behind the scenes. Read on.

- Efforts are ongoing to find a solution for a connection between Milford and Bradley. It does not appear possible that it will be a trail, but most likely an Access Road, aka: Route 178. This will involve approval from MDOT and a public hearing. Signatures are being sought from local residents.
- We have submitted our first financial reimbursement request from the state's Municipal Reimbursement Grant program! Approved amounts will be dispersed to our partnering Municipality, the Penobscot County Commissioners and then be passed on to us. Allowable expenses are only for trail associated costs, not for club operational expenses, and include items such as contractor work performed on the trails, materials used to maintain the trails, equipment rentals for trail maintenance, etc. We also get reimbursed for the time volunteers put in to maintain the trails, as well as certain equipment used at that time.
- Speaking of trail maintenance, a LOT of work of late has gone into maintaining our trails. Most of the activities have been brush clearing, tree removal and signage. Thank you for all the volunteers who have worked on our trail system!! You stepped up to the plate to help.
- We recently have assigned our trails a Trail Number. The trail numbers run in the '700' series - 701 thru 705. We kept one N/S trail previously numbered as 512, since it appears on many already printed maps. Speaking of that, be sure to get your hands on a new map of the RMTR local trails. This letter-size map is available to you free, online on our FaceBook page or website, or can be picked up at the clubhouse anytime we're open.

EVENTS- PAST AND UPCOMING

- The planned for ATV training/safety course for young riders had to be cancelled after the weather forecast once again this year, threw us a curve ball and it decided to rain. We had a decent number of people who signed up their sons and daughters. A number of folks wished this would have met the state requirement for youth under the age of 16 to operate an ATV on public trails. That course is offered by the state and available openings are rapidly filled up. Maybe next year RMTR can arrange to be a host club for this state-run training.
- We will be hosting a **Bigfoot "Scavenger" Hunt** on 9th and 10th of September, 3:00-6:00pm, with registration at the Clubhouse or Alexander's and finish up at the Clubhouse only. Fee is \$10/ATV. There will be prizes, raffles and fun. Join us for this event. Invite your friends!
- See us at this year's **Old Town Riverfest** on Sept 23 Yes, we will have a booth setup offering prizes, raffle opportunities, membership info, trail maps, etc. **And** we will be riding our ATVs in the annual Riverfest **parade!** So watch our FB page for more info on that neat happening.
- A hamburger/hotdog (etc) **BBQ and Joker/Poker Run** is on the schedule for September 30, 11:00am to 6:30, with lunch time cookout at 11:00-12:30 and dinner time BBQ at 5:00-6:30.
- Tentatively, we are considering a **Blue Moon club ride** on August 30, rain date Aug 31, and possibly a **BBQ and chili cookoff** event, that will be open to the public, sometime this fall. Stay tuned!
- And finally, on October 21, we will be having the annual **Land Owners Appreciation Dinner**, inviting all our land owners and our sponsors to a free catered meal to show our appreciation for their involvement in RMTR affairs. Members and their guests are invited to join for a nominal charge (to cover food and prep costs - we hoping \$10 or less)

THINGS TO KNOW

- * RMTR Website is www.RMTRmaine.org
- * RMTR FaceBook page is www.facebook.com/rmtrclub
- * Available **Park and Ride** locations are :
 - Our RMTR Clubhouse, 143 Cross Rd, Greenfield
 - County Road Market, County Rd, Milford
 - Alexander's Mechanical Solutions, 1462 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield (weekends only)
- * Our regular monthly meetings are held on the **THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH** at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse at 143 Cross Road, Greenfield. Come join us!
- * Memberships are \$12 for Associates (primary membership in another club), \$22 for Primary (member & spouse), \$30 for Family (member, spouse & children under 18), \$50 for Business (includes a Primary Membership and business card ad on club newsletter).
- * Premium Sponsorships (which include a Family Membership with business card ad on club newsletters and special recognition) are available: Silver—\$100; Gold—\$200; Platinum—over \$200.
- * Our mailing address is P.O. Box 183, Bradley ME 04411.
- * Contact emails are:

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Without agreeing landowners, we would not have the 83 miles of trails that we have ... so THANK a LANDOWNER, and ride respectfully.