

## 2023/24 OFFICERS

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## NEWSLETTER, MEMBERSHIP FORMS, CALENDAR OF EVENTS, '24 MAP

Greetings everyone !

The 2024 riding season is almost upon us. How exciting is that? We have **a lot in store for '24**. This being the first newsletter of 2024, it contains an abundance of information. Check it out.

### **THANK YOUs ARE IN ORDER!:**

First and foremost, there are a large number of people, towns and organizations that I want to recognize and offer our thanks. **You may not realize the enormity of others whom we depend on to operate.**

PRIVATE LAND OWNERS: Both individuals and businesses, thank you for partnering with us and allowing us to ride on your properties. Without your approvals to ride, we would be so limited in total trail mileage.

AMERICAN FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC. (AFM): for sharing your haul roads with us.

SPONSORS: Thank you to the many businesses and individuals whose financial assistance was critical.

BUSINESS OWNERS: Thank you for joining us a business member.

TOWN OF MILFORD: Thank you for your acknowledgement of our club as an important bit of your town via many favorable initiatives such as raising the Access Road speed limit to 25, providing much needed financial assistance and agreeing to support our efforts to extend our connection to Bradley via Rte 178.

TOWN OF BRADLEY: For supporting our request that Rte 178 be an access road, pending state approvals.

TOWNS OF LOWELL, BURLINGTON, MILFORD, BRADLEY: for opening your local streets to ATV use.

PENOBSCOT and HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: for allowing us to ride on your roads.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Thank you for being our Municipal Partner for state funding.

STATE and COUNTY: Brian Bronson, state Supervisor Off Road Recreational Vehicle Program; George Buswell, Deputy Director, Penobscot County Unorganized Territory Administration; Eric Sprague, state Recreational Trail Coordinator

ALSO: The volunteers who stepped up on April 8, 2023 to be RMTR Officers, as well as many volunteer members who helped with trail maintenance, event planning, clubhouse cleaning and upkeep, spearheading various raffles, booth staffing, etc.

AND: Previous RMTR officers for your many volunteer hours of years past, your expertise and comradery.

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83 MILES OF TRAILS AND ACCESS ROADS IN MILFORD, GREENFIELD, SUMMIT, LOWELL, GRAND FALLS AND T39MD  
CONNECTING WITH THE BURLINGTON, LINCOLN AND AIRLINE TRAIL SYSTEMS

OUR CLUBHOUSE AND PARK & RIDE IS LOCATED AT 143 CROSS RD, GREENFIELD, ME

***A LOT IN STORE FOR '24***

**THIS YEAR'S EVENTS:** We are always open for your suggestions and ideas on various club rides, fund raising, membership socials, etc. One thing we need to do as a club, is give back to our communities and get more involved. We have planned or are in the stages of planning these events: (in no order)

- \* Community Street Cleanup in April - street(s) to be determined. (Safety vests will be provided)
- \* State-certified ATV Training Course - This year we will meet the requirements for state youth certificate!
- \* Special Rides - Charity benefit rides, poker run, Glowride, Sasquatch Hunt 2, scavenger hunt, etc.
- \* Other rides - full moon rides, night rides, member day trips with and without destinations, etc.
- \* Public relations and exposure - 4th July Parade, Riverfest booth, business partnerships, more?
- \* Fundraising - Raffles, cash calendar, 50/50's, poker runs, etc
- \* Needed Trail maintenance outings - starting once trails open, then all summer long.
- \* Community Food drive - staff a table outside Bells, Hannaford, or maybe On The Run
- \* Social - Cookouts, potlucks, suppers, chili cookoff, annual Appreciation Dinner, etc.

**CURRENT NEWS:**

- \* We will open up our online apparel/swag store in mid-March for you to get your spring RMTR clothing.
- \* This year our trail map will again be updated - this time we're adding distance between intersections and scenic points of interest - water viewing, dams, historical structures, picnic areas, etc.
- \* We will install flood lights in the clubhouse parking lot making nighttime parking and loading much easier.
- \* This year, we will be proposing a change in our By-Laws to provide better understanding of how our club is organized and what the duties and responsibilities are of the officers, directors and members.
- \* We are working on getting a certificate from the state to be licensed for "games of chance", which will allow us to legally conduct Poker Runs, monetary raffles, etc. Hope to hear soon.
- \* As you know, after obtaining support from the Towns of Milford and Bradley, we petitioned the State of Maine last year for an access road authorization to connect Bradley to Milford allowing Bradley residences a better opportunity to connect to our trails. We are currently awaiting a reply from the state.
- \* We are working with Cold Stream Cruzers on possible new trail connections north to Enfield and Lincoln.
- \* We are looking forward to continued growth of our individual, family and business memberships. Pass the word on to your ATV friends and business acquaintances about our active club. Become a member!
- \* **First club meeting of the year will be April 15, 2024 at 6:30pm.** Plan to attend - it'll be great to see you.

**ATTACHED INFORMATION:**

- \*Firstly, enclosed is your **2024 membership applications**. Hopefully we made it easier to understand.
- \*Secondly, is a **calendar of planned events** for '24. As always, dates/times are subject to change.
- \*Thirdly, is an updated **Trail Map**
- \*Finally, you'll find a graphic listing of **last year's business sponsors**. Please patronize them.

**If you are not yet a member of Rocky Mountain Trail Riders ATV Club, please consider joining us.**

It's the perfect way to get involved in the local ATV community, keep abreast of trail updates, have lots of fun with fellow ATV enthusiasts, participate in community events, and more.

**And, your membership helps support our financial needs, both directly and indirectly.**