

# Topsham Trailriders First News Letter of 2009

## At the January 18 meeting.

We voted to put David Laflower in as our vice President and Naomi Tilton is our Treasurer.

### Your President: Mark Dalton

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### Vice President: David Laflower

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## **The following people are on our broad of Directors**

### Linda Laflower

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If you have any question please feel free to call any one of the people above.

### Ben Tilton

Is going to be our Trail masters 63 Zion Rd West Topsham VT 05086 Telephone Number, 802- 439-6503

It is to bad that only seven people make all the discussion for everyone in the club.

We talked about some of the things we hope to do this summer.

### Please check out the VASA web site.

[www.vtvasa.org](http://www.vtvasa.org)

Check out the thing about the Topsham Trailriders club. Then go to clubs then Topsham Trail riders Check out each of the five tides and sees the things that we can now put on their web site.

### **A Word From Your Vice President**

Dear TTR Members:

Another riding season is fast approaching and I want to welcome everyone to the trails.

I also want to remind everyone that with ATV riding there is responsibility. Volunteering to work on trail crews is crucial to maintaining safe and open trails. It seems that every year getting folks to assist on trail work is very difficult to do. I ask that you sincerely consider volunteering when the word for a work crew goes out, and not leave the work to the same few who do volunteer on a regular basis.

When riding, please obey the signs, ride only legal trails and remember to carry out what you carry in.

See you on the trails! \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President

David LaFlower

### Note from the Secretary Anah Tuttle

What is Vora here are a few things you need to know about it

We are an organized group that represents ALL motorized recreation in the state of Vermont. Which Includes VASA, The CCC of VT (Cycle Conservation Club), and VJA (Vermont Jeep Association). These groups came together with the assistance of NOHVCC- The National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council

## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Vermont Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Association (VORA) is to work cooperatively to create and sustain environmentally compatible land use opportunities for off-highway recreation vehicles, and to promote responsible recreation for all generations.

to form a unified groups and create a strong voice to attain legal, and safe riding opportunities for Vermont families.

Vora is a volunteer organization that works diligently on issues such as:

- Access to State Lands
- Ancient Roads
- Information to interested
- Assisting town with allowing motorized recreation access
- Landowner Relations
- Government Relations
- Providing parties via a comprehensive website and print materials
- Promoting responsible recreation
- Promoting environmentally friendly recreation

Vora is a brand new organization, which needs volunteers and funds to attain our goals. Please join this organization today to support our efforts. ANYONE can join even if you don't own as off highway recreational vehicle. The fee schedule is as follows: Individuals: \$10.00 year, Businesses: \$ 25.00/ year, Organizations: \$25.00/ year. For more informants please check out the web site [www.vtvora.org](http://www.vtvora.org). To join ask Anah for paper work. I will be very happy to help anyone do this because I think it is very inpointment to get us the right to ride on state land

### **Things to think about Doing!!!**

Once the snow has left, we will need small armies of volunteers to bring our annual ritual of getting the trails ready for the riding season. This is without a doubt the most intense trail work of the year. I like to refer to as spring – cleaning, because you never know what you'll find around the next Corner and we know most all the trails will need some work of some kind.

Trail workdays can be fun Club activities because we get to see friends we have not see in a while. We are all working for the some common goal, all working together to get the job done. The next time we ride the trails we can say it was all worth it.

After all it's what we have all been working towards and been looking into making a statewide ATV trail System. We all need your help we can't do it without all of you. Please help your club this season.

The more hands on deck the less work everyone has to do and the faster it gets done.

Please Remember when the snow is all gone don't just jump on your ATV because the weather has changed or because you have the new 2009 access trail sticker on your ATV please wait till Mother Nature has that time to dry out the trails so we may have minimal effect on our natural environment. Thru, giving us all a better name as ATVerS. Thank You!!!!

### **Thing to help out your town with!!!**

Lets all participate in Green up day any town you live in ask to use your ATV to help pick bags Trash and To use so you make be able to do long price on roadside on your ATV. At the same Time If you see out there all tire out pick them up and give them a ride back to the starting place for we do not want anyone out in trouble. Let the folks in your town know we will donate our help and ATVs to the rescue Squads and fire.



Here is a group of the Topsham Trailriders riding in the rain.

### Four Wheeling

- What many see as excessiveness, I see as Necessity.
- What many see as too expensive, I see as Priceless.
- They call it maintenance. I call it Caring.
- They say, "Why replace a perfectly good part?"
- I say, "If it were perfect, it wouldn't need replacing. I call it wounded.
- They see scratches. I see Memories.
- They'll take the low road; they'll take the high road.
- I'll take a little of both and a lot of space in between.
- They say I am destroying the Earth, I say I am becoming part of it.
- They look at it, feel it, taste it, breathe it, and wear it on my face
- When they take away the trail, they take away my air.
- They say we are different. I say, they are right!

### **Here are a few things to keep in mine when out riding!**

Please Stay on Marked trails!  
Practice "carry in, carry out"  
Do not drive, or pursue wildlife  
Tread Lightly

**Thank You Landowners for the  
Generous use of your land to offer a  
Fun, family sport!!**

We have tee shirts for sale



This is what the back of the tee shirt looks like.



This is the front of the tee shirt. We can get them in a lot of colors. The cost is \$15.00 each. We also have hats for sale for \$10.00 each



If you would like one let us know call Anah at 1-802-439-5674 or Naomi at 1-802-439-6503



**W**e all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

**That's my story and I'm sticking to it!**

**Hello Everyone!**

**VASA's annual Mount Washington Ride is scheduled for August 2, 2009!**

**All tickets this year will be sold at the base of the mountain by VASA the morning of the ride. No tickets will be sold in advance.**

**Please remember that all participants need**

- a valid photo ID drivers license,
- current VASA 2009 membership
- current Vermont or New Hampshire registration
- all passengers are only allowed on **FACTORY 2-UP MACHINES**
- all must wear a DOT approved helmet
- tickets must be purchased with **CASH or CHECK only! No credit cards accepted.**

**Ticket Prices:**

**\$20.00 Operator Tickets**

**\$7.00 Passenger Tickets**

**Please pass this information along to your members! Attached is a PDF poster you can print to pass out or hang wherever permitted, or forward to your members.**

**If you have any questions please contact the VASA office.**

**Q: How is an eye doctor like a teacher?**

**A: They both test the pupils!**

**Ben & Naomi Tilton, Mark Dalton, Trevor & Brandon Bosska, Steve & Chris Paul, Mary, Jr & Anah Tuttle at Betsy's Balcony on Birdseye Mountain in Rutland VT**



## Riding Gear

For nearly all outdoor activities, proper equipment and clothing add to the experience. Skiers wear apparel designed for protection against the elements, flexibility of movement and style. Fly fishers wear waterproof boots and waders to give them freedom to move into a stream. Each activity has its own special requirements. ATV riding is no different.

ATV riding requires protection for head, eyes, hands and feet against occasional spills, flying debris, or contact with foliage. The same gear makes riding more comfortable with less fatigue. For the minimum comfort and protection, check out the [Working Rider](#).

For the ultimate in style and protection, check out the [Recreational Rider](#).

## Here are a few things we all need to know and do to make us safe and to have a good time out on the trails

### Before you ride

#### *The ATV Safety Institute's Golden Rules:*

1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.
2. Never ride on public roads - another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age.
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
8. Take an ATV Rider Course;

## Respect the Outdoors

Awareness of environmental concerns has been growing for decades. It has affected how we relate to the outdoors. It affects those of us who use off-road vehicles, and it affects those of us who manufacture and sell off-road vehicles. We all have a stake in safe, responsible riding and land use.

To keep riding areas open requires good relationships between public land managers, private land owners and others who share the land such as riders, campers and hikers. In most cases common courtesy and consideration of their interests is all that is necessary to ensure that everyone can enjoy the area. Here are a few tips to consider when you ride:

- Learn about the area you will ride in. Contact the public land manager or private property owner to ensure that you understand area restrictions and have permission to ride there. Get maps of the area, and stay on trails if they are provided.
- Keep your ATV quiet. ATVs are designed to be relatively quiet while still delivering maximum performance, smooth engine torque and spark suppression. Excessive noise stresses wildlife, and annoys property owners and other recreation users. It also contributes to your own riding fatigue. Less noise means you can ride farther more comfortably.
- Obey trail markers and closure signs. There are many reasons why an area may be closed to ATVs including the existence of fire hazard, refuge to wildlife or plant life and safety hazards for ATV riders. The reasons may not be obvious. If it is posted as closed, stay out.

- Always leave gates and fences the way you found them. This is especially important on private lands where livestock may be kept.
- Leave the area as clean as you found it. If you see litter, pick it up and carry it out on your ATV. Carry a rolled up plastic trash bag and a couple of bungee cords on your ATV. Why not leave the area cleaner than you found it?
- Be courteous to others you may meet on the trail. Always give right-of-way to hikers and horseback riders. Pull off the trail and stop your engine for horses. In most areas, horses are not permitted on trails unless they are accustomed to vehicles, but don't take a chance. The rider will likely talk soothingly to the horse. It doesn't hurt for you to do the same to assure the horse you are no threat. Horses respond very positively to a calm, human voice.
- Approach livestock or wildlife on the trail slowly. In some parts of the country, range cattle pass the afternoon under shade trees along a trail. If you startle them, they may run directly into your path. Give them time to react and give them as wide a berth as possible.
- Whenever you talk to a landowner, take your helmet off. The helmet can make you appear to be intimidating and unfriendly. Be friendly and honest in all your discussions with the landowner & you are there as their guest.

You will find the answers on the next page

### ATV Quiz

1. Reaching that magic height to go on theme park rides is a major milestone for any kid. There are similar milestones to ride an ATV. What is the minimum age recommended to ride an ATV with a displacement over 90 cc?

6 years old

12 years old

16 years old

2. Which sport does NOT require a **Helmet**?

- A. Football
- B. Motocross
- C. BMX
- D. Mountain Biking
- E. Opera
- F. Skating
- G. Inline Skating
- K. ATVs

3. Why does an ATV have such a large seat?

- A. To Carry a Passenger?
- B. To Carry a Backpack?
- C. To allow the rider to use body English to balance the ATV?

4. Which of the following surfaces are suited to an ATV?

- A. Paved roads
- B. Dirt roads
- C. Off-road trail and "fire roads".

We have 20 clubs in VASA and around 600 miles of trail to ride

Here is a list of the clubs and what country there are in and who to contact if you would like to go ride with them.

Addison County

**Champlain Valley Explorers**

Dan Heath telephone 802-453-2082

Bennington County

**Bennington Trail Conservancy**

Mike Lynch telephone 802-856-7294

Caledonia County

**Caledonia All Terrain Travelers**

Ross Gouin telephone 802-472-5105

**Duck Pond Ridge Runners**

Larry Simpson telephone 802-626-8949

Chittenden County

**North Country ATV Association**

Steve Carlin Telephone 802-893-2883

Essex County

**Tri County ATV Club**

William Bailey Telephone 802-723-4148

**Top of the World ATV Club**

Lincoln Paquette Telephone 802-695-8139

**Radar Ridge Runners**

[rrratv@yahoo.com](mailto:rrratv@yahoo.com)

Franklin County

**North Country ATV Association**

Steve Carlin Telephone 802-893-2883

Lamoille County

**Green Mountain ATV Riders**

John Lavanway Telephone 802-253-4691

Orange County

**Topsham Trailriders**

Anah Tuttle Telephone 802-439-5674

**Northeast Trail Blazers**

Stuart Nutting Telephone 802-222-9258

**Westshire ATV Club**

Bruce Durkee Telephone 802-333-9351

**Orange County Cruisers**

Ryan Dodge Telephone 802-439-3645

Orleans County

**Borderline Ridge Riders**

Andre Geoffrey telephone 802-873-3587

Rutland County

**West Rutland ATV Sportsman's Club**

Dave Mason telephone 802-775-2204

**Birdseye Mountain ATV Club**

Washington County

**Central Vermont ATV Club**

Jon Pallas Telephone 802-883-2270

Windham County

**Southern Vermont Trailriders**

Lloyd Church Telephone 802-874-4073

Windsor County

**Central Vermont Quad Runners**

Paul Morse SR Telephone 802-234-9648

**Reading All Terrain Sportsmen**

Dennis Allen Telephone 802-484-9751

## A Reminder

You can be a member of VASA for only \$ 10.00 and a member of a club for \$15.00 without having an ATV

To be a member of VORA its \$10.00 all you have to do is let Anah Tuttle, 14 harts rd Topsham VT 05076 or [anah@tops-tele.com](mailto:anah@tops-tele.com) know and she will be very happy to help you.

Please think of the landowners first when you are out there having a good time on your ATV. These are the people who open up their land to us so we can have a place to ride. So please say thank you when you see them and ask if we can do anything for them and please treat their land with respect.

### Answers to the ATV Quiz

1. 6 years old (no this is the minimum age for under 70cc)  
12 years old (Try again this is the minimum age for 70 – 90cc)  
16 years old (Yes this is the minimum age for 90cc and larger ATVs of course, there are other consideration such as size, strength and maturity that you should consider.)
2. Football (beside the perfect place to plaster the team logo, a helmet greatly extends a football player career!)  
Motocross (nope. You don't see the pros riding without a helmet!)  
BMX (Sorry, Try again,)  
Mountain Biking (Barreling down a rock strewn forest trail with no helmet I don't think so!)  
Opera (o.k. it's not a sport but check out the helmet, can centuries of Viking divas be wrong?)  
Skating Boarding (knee pads, elbow pads and a helmet try again)  
In line Skating (same knee pads, same elbow pads and same helmet)  
ATVing (this is ATV safety org. did you think we were going to forget the helmet!? All these sports require a helmet. They may each have other specialized safety equipment, but all agree on a helmet to protect your most important asset--- you head)

### 3. To Carry a Passenger?

Never! Never! Try again and see why.

### To Carry a Backpack?

No. You need to be able to move around the seat a backpack or anything else strapped to the seat would get in your way of safely riding a the ATV.

### To allow the rider to use body English to balance the ATV?

Yes you have to move around a lot and use your weight to control the ATV. Passengers get in the way of this, and open you up for an accident

### Paved roads

No. Don't even think about it ATV's were not designed for paved roads nor are they legal on paved roads

### Dirt roads

No. ATV's were not intended to compete with other vehicles for road space. ATV stands for "All Terrain vehicle," but it means all off- road terrain.

### Off- road trail and "fire roads".

Oh yeah!! This is where they belong and this is why we ride em.