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SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION INC**

2018 Mt. Washington

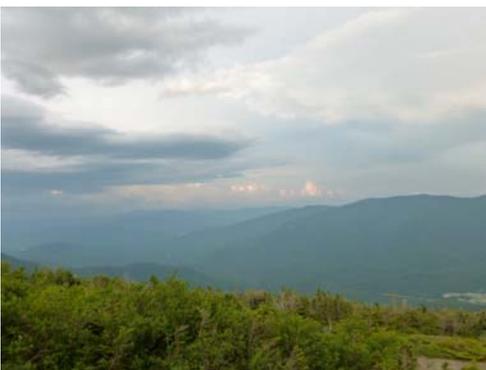
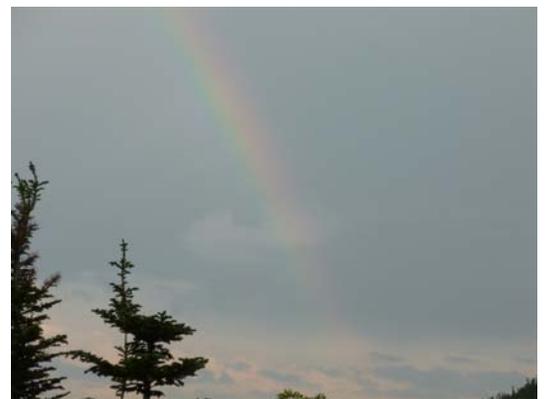
For those who have never done this ride, it's a 16 mile round trip ride up the Mount Washington Auto Toll Road. For two years now, this event has been a sunset ride. Last year we had a great sunset, this year there was a slight difference. Our weather report called for a 60% chance of rain. All indications led us to believe it would be wet and gray; however it was not a total washout.

The mountain staff held a short gathering, filling us in on several facts and a history of the Mountain. It seems as many times as I've been up there, it still remains an educational experience. We went up the Mountain on time. The weather and rain held off for us to enjoy seeing on our ride up a rainbow and

just a few sprinkles. We saw a cloudy sunset, but it was dry. We were able to watch two thunderstorms; one to our west and one to our north. What a sight it is to watch thunderstorms looking down on them.

The ride again was great! Thank you very much to the men and women of Mount Washington for letting us enjoy this great event. Also, a big thank you to Dani in the VASA office for again setting this up for us to enjoy. I suggest if you've never experienced this ride to give it a try at least once. Day or night, rain or shine it's worth every minute every time. Make sure you dress for it. Thank you to the Mountain for having the rest rooms open until 8. Also thank you to the folks driving the vans for not pushing us down. My wife Deb and I were the last ones down and we were allowed to take our time riding down. Over all it was another fantastic Mount Washington VASA event.

*-Lloyd Church,
VASA Vice President*



From the Desk of the President...

Hello VASA, I would like to thank each and every one of you for another fantastic year of riding. In a year where we saw, yet again, record growth, you were all respectful and did a great job promoting our brand of family fun and recreational ATving in Vermont. I personally got a chance to ride with several clubs, and hear from people throughout the state. A big thank you to Green Mountain ATV club, Borderline Ridge Riders, Tri County ATV Club, Lost Nation ATV Club, Northwest Vermont Wheelers, and Central Vermont ATV Club. I rode your trails, met

your members, as well as many of our fantastic landowners, and had a great time on some really outstanding trails. I've attended club meetings for quite a few of you as well, and it's great to see, hear, and meet the folks that are out there growing our sport. For those clubs that I haven't made it to, I will be attending one of your meetings. Lastly, I'll leave you with one request. Vote. Please. We are growing bigger as an organization every year, and we can make a difference with our local representatives. We have support from state agencies, we need to put people under the

golden dome that listen to our needs. Your ATV club should be able to tell you who the representatives are in your area that support you, I've asked clubs to send out info to their members with the specifics. So please, vote. It does make a difference.

Thank you for the support in our sport, see you on the trails!

-Adam Lane
VASA President



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If you do not know where in your town to vote, please view this list of voting locations throughout the state:

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/914243/2018-general-polling-places.xlsx>

Borderline Ridge Riders

Our club has enjoyed an exciting and expanded trail riding season. We ended the 2018 season with a total membership of 668, which is a 35% increase from last season's total of 500. Much of this increase can be attributed to the Can-Am loaner vehicle that was provided by VASA via Walt's Sales & Service to the Orleans County Sheriff Department for its successful trail enforcement efforts, which was highlighted as a front page article in VASA's last news letter.

We have invested nearly \$20,000 for trail maintenance and expansion efforts, and thanks to the generosity of land owners and towns, we now have over 200 miles of leisurely and



challenging trails and highways for members to enjoy. We appreciate the increased number of members volunteering their time to perform trail maintenance and other activities. There are continued trail expansion plans for the 2019 season, and we will post additional business signs at key trail hubs to increase business exposure and services for VASA members.

As a huge thank you to our land

owners, we are hosting a Land Owner Appreciation dinner at Paul's Sugarhouse on October 20th. All VASA members are welcome and encouraged to come help us recognize, appreciate, and thank our land owners for their generosity. Without them, the BLRR would not be the success it is today.

Green Mountain ATV Riders

Green Mountain ATV Riders ended their 2018 Season with several club members getting together for Sunday-Funday Rides.

President Shannon Friedrich attended a few Select Board meetings and is scheduled to attend a few other town's meetings in hopes to possibly gain trail access for 2019.



Top of the World ATV Club

Top of The World Club has been busy with trail maintenance, sign repairs and updating its landowner permission forms. Trails will be closing for the season on December 15th. Please note that the trails thru Wofford's & Cozy Nook (SECTIONS OF TRAIL # 370) are closed as of October 15th. Please keep in mind the hunters while out riding. We look forward to more member participation for trail maintenance- if you want to continue to ride these amazing trails please remember we need your help! As always, we thank our landowners for graciously allowing the use of their land for the VASA trails. TOW has more than 70 miles of trails.

Southern Vermont Trail Riders



Hello VASA friends and members,

As you may know, this spring the SVTR suffered the loss of the property that had contained our trail system for the last 12 years. We were very lucky to find another large chunk of land only 5 miles up the road from where our trails used to be. We have been working hard over the last few months to get established in our new location. To date, we have opened up our new trailhead off Eaton Rd in Jamaica, VT and named it "Skip's Landing" in honor of the previous occupant and caretaker of this location. On September 22nd, we had our first club cookout at the new trailhead. On that very same day, a small group of SVTR members made the first successful pass around what will be our main loop trail. It's still very rough but we have the route and have a plan

to get this trail open for next year's riding season. We would like to send a big THANK YOU to Cersosimo Industries (Our landowner), all of our members that turned out to help make this possible and to David Gilderdale, VASA's trails coordinator, who found time in his already crazy schedule to come and install a culvert and several fords that needed to be done before we could move forward with our primary trail. We look forward to officially opening our new trails next spring and inviting you all to come check them out! Watch www.svtr.net for announcements about our spring work party and potluck cookout dates.



Want to have some input in how things work at VASA? VASA needs volunteers for various committees. Join a VASA committee and have input and greater insight into the inner workings of the Vermont ATV trail system. Join us and help shape the future of VASA and our sport!



Tri Village Wheelers

Hi Everyone,

We are happy to announce that our club has had another awesome year!! Not only did our membership grow, but our trails have expanded as well. We fought really hard and didn't give up and it paid off. Ended up compromising a bit, but we persevered through all the negative stuff and got the job done. We found that when landowners were approached, they were more willing to help. We would like to send a big thank you, to these and all our landowners, without all of your generously, our beautiful trail would be just a dream. Also we would like to thank, The Topsham Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club for their cooperation, by sharing a trail and a bridge that made this very vital trail happen.

We need to thank our points of sale : Thompson Hill Campground, The East Corinth Store, The Waits River Country Store, Gramps West Topsham Store and all the volunteers who made the work load



much easier. Thank you to each and everyone of you. We need everyone of you.

Most of all we would like to thank Dan Hale for all his hard work and patients. For without his help and guidance through all the problems that came along with making this trail happen at such a late date.

has been a great year for Tri-Village Wheelers and we have learned a great deal about building trails, memberships, raising money and many other things. I personally want to thank our group of officers, who each in their own way, have contributed so much to make it all come together. You are all the BEST and I thank you all for your hard work and support !!

Caledonia All Terrain Travelers

Greetings from Caledonia all Terrain Travelers! We had a great year up here in the hills of Hardwick! We saw about a 30% increase in membership, added roughly 5 miles to the system, and made some great connections for adding trail and opening up road connectors to eventually meet Borderline Ridge Runners. We are very fortunate

to have a great dealership, in Buffalo Mountain Power Sports, who help drive our memberships and get the word out about our trail system. Our long time secretary, Dani Luce, will be stepping down after this season and I would like to thank her for her hard work keeping the club going and all of us organized. Thank you for all you do, We will miss you greatly!

Thank you to all the riders that came and enjoyed our trails this year, and supported the businesses on our trail system. We have a lot of new things planned for the 2019 season, and hope to see you next year!



Northeast Kingdom Wheelers

The Northeast Kingdom Wheelers had a great 2018 riding season. We were able to do some much needed trail work along with adding a new trailhead in Sheffield Village. Although a few logging operations have slowed progress for the season we are looking forward to re-vamping our signage system along

with an updated map during the coming winter months. We would like to thank the Borderline Ridge Runners for their hard work in getting a connecting route to our trail system making us the only interconnecting clubs currently in VT. We would also like to thank Can Am and their dealers for the new law enforcement pro-

grams, making it possible to have our trail systems patrolled, creating a safe riding environment for everyone to enjoy. We are excited for the 2019 riding season and look forward to seeing everyone out on the trail. Thanks again for the great 2018 season!

Northwest Vermont Wheelers

Hello fellow ATVer's, It has been a very HOT summer here in Northwestern Vermont, but we have still been able to enjoy many club activities and rides. Members met on September 8th in Bakersfield for our Annual Meeting, where a BBQ, raffling off some great prizes, and a ride were enjoyed by those attending. We also elected all new club officers with Jeff Curtis taking the President's position; Tim Joyal accepting the new title of Vice President/

Trails Coordinator; Cathy Keller as Treasurer; and Summer Ladd as Secretary. The officers also form the club's Executive Board. The Executive Board has met and have begun planning some exciting activities for next year's riding season. They have been meeting with various town boards and councils to try and open roads which will extend our trail system and eventually connect us with other clubs.

More great riding can still be had with cooler temperatures and beau-

tiful fall colors in the mountains and backroads. Plan on joining us at our next and final meeting for 2018 which will be held on October 13th meeting at the Peak Hill Trailhead in Bakersfield after which we will go on a club ride. Come and meet your new Officers and enjoy the ride.

As always remember, SAFETY, LANDOWNER RESPECT, and be INVOLVED!!

Reading All Terrain Sportsmen

The summer has gone by fast, and it has been a hot one.

The R.A.T.S. participated in the Reading town 4th of July activities and parade. It gives us a way to have fun and interact with the community.

We had a club workday on July 28 where under the guidance of the town and highway dept. we replaced a culvert and worked on the edges of the trail. The town seemed very pleased with our group effort.

We had a club ride on Aug.5 " The

Dennis Allen Memorial Ride" It was well attended and we hope to make it an annual event. There is no doubt that the R.A.T.S. wouldn't be where they are today if it wasn't for the leadership, expertise and work that Dennis provided.

We have improved our parking area and are putting in a memorial stone honoring Dennis the founder of our club, and hope to have a new kiosk in the spring.

We have been marking our trails at intersections so people better un-

derstand where they are and where they are heading and have received much positive feedback about these new signs.

We had a whole new slate of officers with some new and different ideas and hope that next year will bring even more positive progress.

Our trails close on Dec. 15.

Be safe, ride responsibly, be respectful, and have fun!

Bennington Trail Cruisers

BTC is finishing up this year's construction season restoring 3.5 miles of the Old Stage Coach Trail and 2.4 miles of Forest Trail 391 in the Town of Woodford. This trail, one of the oldest roads in Bennington County, runs from Burgess Rd. in Bennington to Rt. 8 in Heartwellville a distance of just over 8.5 miles. Forest Trail 391 provides a 2.5 mile bypass around the Stamford Stream Ford for those who are unable to use the Ford. The project funded by an RTP Grant is done with the support and cooperation of the Town of Woodford and is part of the US Forest Service South of Rt. 9 integrated resource project to include motorized recreation on some Forest Service Trails. Our project involved moving

around 500 tons of 6"- crushed stone that we used for fill in the heavily eroded east side of the project. The stone was also used for the construction of 3 Fords, hardening wet spots along the trail, constructing more than 40 rolling dip water bars, upgrading the AT/LT trail crossing, and construction of the 300 ft. long Thendara Fen crossing. The Fen crossing included construction of Ford and relocation of a 16 ft. long bridge. The work on FT 391 included closing ¼ miles of heavily eroded trail and building ½ mile of new trail, draining 20 mud holes, and installing 10 rolling dip water bars. VASA's equipment was supplemented by local contractors trucking stone to stockpiles at both ends

of the project where it was delivered to each location by a Morooka Track Truck rented from Dan Allard Construction. The track truck was key to getting the job done in a month without it David and I would have been hauling stone until December. This project was a very ambitious one for the smallest club in the State but we feel that it will attract many new members and as we continue to expand the trail system it will bring more tourism dollars into the local communities. It certainly was an interesting experience. We thank David Gilderdale and the rest of the Staff at VASA for helping us to make this possible.



Trail equipment essential for completion.



Thendara Fen Crossing with the relocated bridge.

Trails Assistant Demi with a glacial erratic boulder along the new trail.



Completed Stamford Stream Ford now has an average depth of one foot.





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