



VERMONT ATV SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION INC

**21 st
Annual
Meeting**

**Where:
38 Waterville
Mountain Road,
Bakersfield, VT**

**When: JUNE 8
Meeting: 10:00
Lunch: 12:30
Ride: 1:00**

**All valid
members get
one vote in the
election of
officers**

YOU ARE OFFICIALLY INVITED!

We are very excited to officially invite you to our 21st annual meeting! We are proud to celebrate our 21st anniversary with you all by holding the meeting on the trails once again. We feel it is more than appropriate to stay true to our sport and hold the meeting on one of our newer club's trails, The North West Vermont Wheelers Club, (NWWV). From humble beginnings, VASA was formed in 1998 and at that time, we had very little trail, no liability insurance, no trail maps, staff or real understanding of what we were getting into. Here we are twenty one years later, and we have come so far! We

have over 800 miles of legal trail, 19 local clubs throughout the state, a comprehensive map, website and outreach program, a state approved safety course, a headquarters and office and our own trail maintenance program complete with equipment. 2018 was a record breaking year for us and we are hoping 2019 will be even better! Please join us on June 8, 2018 from 10:00 am to noon for the 21st Annual Meeting, and stay for a free lunch. The NWWV will be hosting us directly on their trails and providing a lunch. Come celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and find out what our plans are

for 2019 and beyond. At the meeting you will have a chance to meet and greet VASA staff, volunteers and other club members, hear staff reports from each department and get a first hand report from our lobbyist about what exactly happened at the state house this year. You will also get to help us celebrate our 2019 members of the year. We have many awards to give out this year, so don't be surprised if you are recognized for your efforts! After business is concluded, lunch will be served and then we can hit the trails! We can't wait to see you.

From the President

Hello VASA members. We made it. It was a long cold winter, here we are just about ready to start the riding season, the most exciting and fun time of year. This is also the most important time for all of us. Trails need clearing, signs put up, water bars to dig out, and that's just this weekend.

My message to all of you: go help. Please. Your club needs people out there cutting back brush, making sure we all stay on the trail, or, writing a newsletter. My goal when I ran for V.P. was to hit 3000 members, all of you accomplished that, so the new goal is get more people involved. Currently,

most clubs get a 10% turnout for meetings/workdays, etc. (some more, some less) I'd like to see this move to 15, or even 20, so I am asking you please, make time for your club this year.

The fun stuff: I am super excited about our annual meeting this year. Northwest Wheelers is doing a great job preparing, and we will have a great day. Since I took office last June, I've gotten to attend a lot of monthly meetings, landowner dinners, poker runs, a movie night and I'm super proud of our organization, and the hard work all of you put in to having all of these successful and FUN events. I look forward to attending more this summer, so please shoot me an email, let me know where/when to be there.

Lastly, I'm up for re-election this year, and I would very much appreciate your vote. I'm not going to stand on a stump and make campaign promises other than I will continue to work hard to grow the sport, and keep us moving forward.

I look forward to seeing you all at the annual meeting! Thank you for the support of our sport, see you on the trails!

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Sportsman's Association
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Need Lodging for the Annual Meeting?

Campgrounds:

Brookside Campground
(On VASA Trail) 6.2 Miles
1369 Sandhill Road
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450
802-933-4376

Mill Pond Campground
(20.1 Miles)
75 Mill Pond Road
Franklin, VT 05457
802-285-2240

Maple Grove Campground
(20.2 Miles)
1627 Main St.
Fairfax, VT 05457
802-285-2240

Hotels & Motels:

Dairy Center Motel (11.3 Miles)
2445 Sampsonville Road, Route 105
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450
802-933-2030

Enosburg Inn & Suites (10.3 miles)
303 Main St.
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450
802-933-2030

Smugglers Notch Inn (11.3 Miles)
55 Church St.
Jeffersonville, VT 05465
802-644-6607

LaQuinta Inn & Suites(16.4 Miles)
813 Fairfax Road
St. Albans, VT 05478
802-524-3300

Cadillac Motel (17.1 miles)
213 South Main St
St. Albans, VT 05478
802-370-3082

Hampton Inn (38.9 miles)
42 Lower Mountain View Dr
Colchester, VT 05446
802-655-6177



Changes! Make sure you know what is going on!

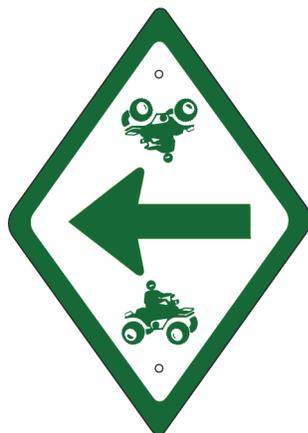
You may notice some changes when riding this year. We are increasing trail, and part of the reason for this is that the state is graciously allowing us some trial connectors which involve sharing some state highways to get from one section of trail to another.

These connectors are a great way for us to expand our trail system while avoiding sensitive areas. The opportunities are a privilege, not a right. We will all have to work hard to obey and respect the rules of the road. One thing that we need to stress is that previously we were encouraged to use the shoulder—we will not be doing that on these connections. We will be sharing the road with motorists and must exercise extra caution because of it. Some of the signs you may see in these areas are seen here. Keep an eye out for them. Enter the road cautiously, obey the speed limits, use the traveled lane and be very aware of your surroundings. If you are in a car and see these signs, the same principals apply—share the road and exercise caution. If we work together to share the

roads, we are going to have a great summer with lots of great riding. Remember, this is a trial – a few bad apples could ruin the whole thing. Don't be that guy! Remember, our trail system, with or without these connections on highways that allow us to ride even more— is a privilege NOT a right. Ride smart! Please also remember to **ONLY** ride on the roads that have been deemed open for ATV use. If you are unsure if the road is open for ATV use, ask someone! Get in touch with your local club or the VASA office. A simple gesture of making sure the road is open before you ride, as well as obeying the laws, speed limits, and riding respectfully can allow these trial connections to remain open. Let's show the state that we can handle this responsibility and deserve chances like this to further our sport.



**RIDE
WITH
RESPECT**



West Rutland ATV Sportsman's Club



Hello Vasa members, Hopefully you all were able to weather this long winter. I'm sure, like most of you, I am glad it is coming to an end. As for the 2018 riding season, we only held a few club rides in the books due to us putting most of our energy into the annual meeting. We

would like to thank everyone that came out to the annual meeting. We really enjoyed showing you our trails that we take pride in keeping maintained. We were also able to get in a night ride in late August and a poker run in late September. We did not get the turn out for the poker run like we would have liked, so in that note, we are planning on a charity poker run for this coming riding season. As for now we have not finalized the date and organization for this event, but we will keep you posted. For the people that did show up for last year's poker run, they enjoyed good riding and good food. We have annual event's that we participate in, such as, the West Rut-

land Memorial Day parade, Middletown Spring's Memorial Day parade, and the West Rutland Block Party. We all enjoy these event's because it gets Vasa and our club out in the eye of the public where people can ask questions and state their concerns. We also take pride in participating in West Rutland's Green Up Day. I guess that is all we have for now. Hope to see you all out on the trails. Be safe, a good ride is one you get to go home from.



Caledonia All Terrain Travelers

Hello from CATT!

We are really excited about our 2019 riding season, we are poised to add a decent amount of trail to the network this summer, we have a very motivated team of officers and trail coordinators making good things happen, and if Mother Nature allows, our trails will open the 25th of May, CATT will be having our first ever landowner dinner in October, we will be serving some top rate food, raffling off great prizes, and celebrating our awesome landowners. Please make sure to follow our Facebook page for the most up to date information.



Central Vermont Quad Runners

Greetings from Central Vermont Quad Runners:

Welcome to Spring and the 2019 ATV season!! They Central Vermont Quad Runners club has just kicked off the year with elections of the new Club Officers: Ken Carter, President; Chuck Lyman, Vice-President; Dave Lewis-Treasurer; Pam Lyman, Secretary; Tim Carter-Trails Coordinator and Dan Richter-Board of Director Representative!! We are looking forward to a great season! We will be kicking off the season with our first of many, I'm sure for trail work on May 11th and 12th; we will meet at the Trail Head up on Stony Brook Road at

9:00 a.m. and split up into working teams, please bring your lunch all are welcomed to help!!

Our CVQR Trails open on May 15th providing weather and Mother Nature helping to keep trails good!!

We have a monthly club ride every month the last Sunday of the month, the ride starts at 9 am at the trailhead on Stony Brook Rd. in Stockbridge.

Pamela Lyman

Pamela Lyman, Secretary
Central Vermont Quad Runners



Top of the World ATV Club

Get ready for some incredible riding in 2019!!

The Top of The World Club trails were scheduled to open April 15th, weather permitting, but since winter seems to be continuing, we are now hoping to open the trails on April 27th, still weather permitting. Once trails open we will be busy with trail maintenance, sign repairs and updating landowner permission forms.

Our first spring meeting has not been scheduled as yet. When we have a date for the meeting we will post it on our website and on our Facebook page. Immediately after the meeting we will head out for trail and sign maintenance. We

look forward to seeing you there.

And yes, we will be hosting another Poker Run this year- please check the website or Facebook page for the date. Top of the World will also be participating in Green Up Day as well as the Memorial Day Parade in Concord.

We look forward to increased member participation for trail maintenance. If you want to continue to ride these amazing trails please remember we need your help! We need more volunteers! And thank you to those that do volunteer. We appreciate your time and talent.

As always, we thank our land-

owners for graciously allowing the use of their land for the VA-SA trails. TOW has more than 70 miles of trails. Riders- please be respectful of the landowners, stay on the trails, obey the speed limits, and support the local businesses. See you on the trails!

Visit our web site: towatv.com or on Facebook at Top of The World ATV Club



Central Vermont ATV Club



far this year to start planning for the coming season. Your officers for the year are Memberships – Kim and Alycia Martin, Secretary – Linda Johnson, Trail Coordinator for Washington – Rebekah Hunt, Trail Coordinator for Orange and Treasurer – Terri Crawford, Vice President-Justin Johnson, and President – Roland Beardard. We have some great things planned for this year so stay tuned.

As many of you are aware, we lost our Trail Master/Core member, Mike Stone this past November in a

tragic accident. It is with heavy hearts, yet great pride that our club will pull together and continue to follow the paths that Mike had set for the future. Mike had many visions for our club and sport. We have some really big shoes to fill and hope to make Mike proud. His love for this sport will live on. Happy Trails Mike. With that being said, as always, and especially now, we can use all of the help we can get to further our trail system. If you like to ride ATV's think about volunteering! It doesn't take much. Join a trail work day, cut that branch in the trail, move that fallen tree across the trail, pick up some garbage and keep our state beautiful. It all helps.



If you would like to participate more in our club, consider coming to our monthly meetings. They are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Washington Village Firehouse. A potluck dinner starts at 6:00pm and the business meeting begins at 6:30. We hope to see you there.

Until next time, stay safe and ride responsibly.

Hello VASA Members and Friends,
The 2019 riding season is just about upon us. After a never ending winter our club is very excited to begin the season and expand our trail system. We have a new neighbor club this year and are hoping to join our trail systems. We also have another nice loop trail that we are hoping to open up. Unfortunately, we also have some existing trails that need some attention and improvements. Of course this comes with a lot of hard work, dedication, and of course volunteers. If you can come on out for work days and give us a hand.

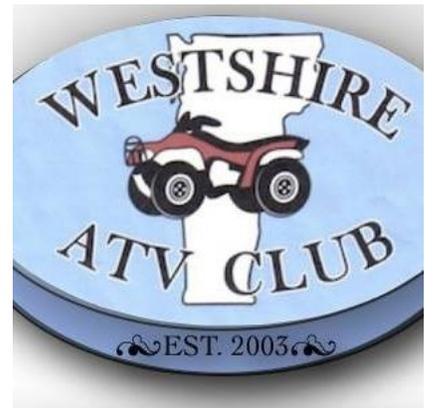
We have had two meetings so

Westshire ATV Club

Happy Spring everyone! Is it here yet? Westshire is planning a busy season with trail work, signage, Green-up and maybe a club map upgrade. We plan our work/ride weekends a month in advance. We encourage every member to donate some time, you don't have to be young, spry, or strong; sometimes bringing tools or giving someone a ride down a trail is a super big help. We would like to shout out to other clubs, if you are planning a ride on your trails or someone from your club would like to lead a ride our

club would like to join in. We have talked about riding other trail systems but never seem to hook up with other clubs. We wish all VASA members a safe riding season and we hope to see you on the trails.

Douglas Stone
President, WATV Club
West Fairlee and Vershire



Tri County ATV Club



Tri-County ATV Club Island Pond, Vermont

Tri-County ATV Club (Island Pond, Brighton, Morgan) touches the counties of Essex, Orleans, and Caledonia, a.k.a. The Kingdom. The club has made great strides in the past couple years and continues to improve, reroute, and open new trails. Downtown Island Pond is open for direct access to fuel, food, lodging, and other fun.

Why join the Tri-County ATV Club? Simple... a variety of trail types, family-oriented riding, great signage, access to services, and beautiful landscapes!! If you're tired of riding roads, come to Island Pond where, except for a few connectors, most of our trails are in the woods and on rolling hills.

What do I get with membership? When you join the club, we provide you with a detailed map and club decal. Even if you're a member of another club, consider supporting us as just a member when you ride in the area. We also have hats available for purchase.

Why join our club today? OK, we still have a lot of snow in the Kingdom and we need you to be patient. While trails may open in the southern part of the state early, trails in the Kingdom open much later. We aim to open our trails for Memorial weekend but have had to wait until the 4th of July some years when there is continued water (we respect our landowners). This year there is a lot of snow, but things are drying out fast, so we're hopeful for an earlier opening date. So, why join today? The club uses membership funds to continue to improve trails and we need all the support and volunteers we can get. Support the club and be ready to ride when the trails open!! You can join online!! You can also buy passes in person at

ACE Hardware in Island Pond and the Morgan Country Store in Morgan.

Please remind those you see riding that the success we will have in Vermont depends on respecting the privilege we have. Respect our landowners, slow down on town roads, and patronize our businesses.

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. Check out our Facebook page and website for updates. Join our email list for timely updates (we won't SPAM you).

We hope to see you in Island Pond!!



Tri-County ATV Club
Island Pond
www.IslandPondATV.com
www.facebook.com/IslandPondATV



Reading All Terrain Sportsmen

Hello fellow ATV enthusiast and Reading all terrain members : Our club went threw some changes in leadership last year and seemed to strive and be successful. Our points of sale have done a phenomenal job in informing our riders and selling our memberships to help us grow. Our memberships have grown but our helpers or little worker bees, has not, so if you are ever interested in helping or wanting us to hear your ideas, Please come to our monthly meeting staring in April and ending in October, every second Wednesday of the month at the reading fire department at 7pm...We would love to hear from you either way so con-

tact us on facebook at Reading all terrain sportsmen page call one of our officers.

We will be planning a Dennis Allen memorial ride again this year, not sure of the date but hoping for August, Please check facebook page again or call one of our officers, hope to also have info at Point of sales. We also will be participating in the reading July 4th parade. Always a fun time come join us an show your talent.

The memorial for Dennis Allen was delayed because of early winter and a late spring thaw but hope to have it in place by late spring.

We have many work days scheduled

and have been working hard to improve our signage to make for a fun family day out on our trails. Please always respect the no ATV signs and our landowners.

Our club will also be planning a safety class, for our young riders, ages 12 to 17 as they do need a certificate to ride on the Vermont trails, so if you have someone who is interested please stay tuned for the date and place coming soon.

As always our sport depends on you, so get out and volunteer, participate and respect our landowners. Ride safe and have fun.

Northwest Vermont Wheelers



Northwest Vermont Wheelers – Spring is in full swing here in the northwest part of Vermont. We

have a full calendar of events planned for this season's riding fun and we are especially excited to be hosting the VASA Annual Meeting on June 8, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Lucas James Memorial Field, 38 Waterville Mountain Road, Bakersfield, VT. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Much work has already gone into making this year's meeting fun and informative for everyone.

A calendar of events is posted on our website at

"www.northwestvermontwheelers.com" along with minutes of our meetings and other club information. We also have several club rides planned

for the season and will be holding some of our meetings on weekends at the trailhead at Peaked Hill with ride to follow and at other locations as posted on our website. Hopefully this will encourage more members to attend the meetings. Some other important news is that we are excited to announce that Champlain Valley Equipment has agreed to be a sponsor for our club. We look forward to their sponsorship and what that means for our club.

Some of our activities include riding in the Maple Fest Parade in St. Albans on April 28th. We will have a booth set up in front of Handy Dodge/Toyota so stop by and say hello. We are having a fund raiser Raffle and will be selling tickets at the booth and which also can be purchased at our Point of Sales when you buy your Trail Access Decal. The drawing for the Raffle will take place at our club's Annual Meeting in September and there will be 3

CASH Drawings. We are asking everyone to PLEASE include your e-mail address on your TAD as that is how we will inform the membership of our activities and club news. On May 4th we will be meeting at the Peaked Hill trailhead for Green Up Day. This will be an opportunity for the club to give back to the community for trail access and use of class 3 and class 4 roads. We will also be riding in the Milton Parade on July 4th this year so there are plenty of opportunities to see us and connect with YOUR CLUB!! Looking forward to seeing everyone on the trails...ride safe and if you've not gotten involved with the club, this is a good year to do so. Summer Ladd, Secretary; Jefferey Curtis, President; Cathy Keller, Treasurer; and Tim Joyal, Vice President & Trails Coordinator.

Southern Vermont Trail Riders



Hello VASA friends and members,

As I set here on this rainy April morning, writing this newsletter article, I'm thinking ahead to what this riding season might bring for the SVTR. After having lost our



entire trail system at this time last year, we spent last summer and fall getting acquainted with our new location and landowner. At our new home in Jamaica, VT, we managed to map out our initial loop trail clocking in at roughly 6 miles long. Some of it is nice old logging roads and some is very rough mountain terrain.

There is lots of history on our new trails from an ancient cemetery, old stone foundations, and stone walls scattered across the lot. Our primary trail head was once a thriving ski area featuring several rope tow ski lifts of which some evidence still remains. We have only begun to discover what this lot has to offer. With the help of David and the VASA



machines, we will focus this spring on making our main loop a viable VASA trail as well as scouting out areas for additional trail opportunities on this lot. We hope you will join us later this year for one of our cookouts and/or night rides and see the beauty and history that our new home has to offer.



Northeast Kingdom Wheelers

The NEKW didn't get a chance to hibernate this winter, between trail signage restructuring, attending Selectboard meetings, and coordinating trail maintenance work to start in the spring we took the winter months to get a head start on the 2019 riding season. Riders can expect to see great things and vast improvements during this years riding season. Join our facebook page to get involved and we hope to see

you on the trail.- your friends at the NEKW



Tri-Village Wheelers

Hi Everyone,

Well the long winter seems to be over, now if the snow would melt and the mud would dry quickly, we could be ready to ride, hopefully within the next week Mother Nature cooperate. The best place to start is to get TADs out there for sale. You can find Tri-Village Wheelers TADs at East Corinth Store, Waits River Store, Gramps Store and Thompson Hill Campground. Each one of these stores play a very important part in supporting our club. Whether selling our TADs, supplying our riders with food and gas or selling our merchandise, they are a very important part of our trail system. So thank you for all you do for us. We couldn't It without any one of you.

Event: Tri-Village Wheelers are going to do their first ever Poker Run On Saturday July 13th 2019. The Thompson Hill Campground has graciously offered to sponsor our Poker Run by giving us the use of their facilities, our three Stores



are sponsoring by becoming your points of destinations, you will go collect your cards for your poker hand, plus donations of prizes for our raffle. We thank you much, you are the best!! Maps will be provided and it will be a great

opportunity to get to know our awesome trails. We will be selling pre-event tickets \$5 per person, that will be available soon, at all points of sale. More details to follow in the next VASA Newsletter. Check out the Thompson Hill Campground facilities, you might want to stay the weekend. But don't wait too long, the campground fills up quickly, 802-439-9090. We have great trails to enjoy and did you know you can ride right from the campground and get to Topsham, Washington and Williamstown. Pretty great right!!

So come join us and watch for our pre-event tickets!! You wouldn't want to miss on great food and great fun.

Trail Report: We have several projects this year and with lots of help from Dan and David the work should make the rails safer and more rider friendly for all to enjoy. We would also like let everyone to know, that you can now officially travel to Washington from Topsham trails. Please just follow the green arrows, do the posted speed limit and when on RT. 25 stay in the travel lane. Please obey these rules, it took a lot of work to



get this privilege and we don't want to lose it. We also have several dates that we could use a lot of volunteer help to accomplish: A bridge that needs to be stripped and re-decked, April 28th to rip & re-deck and May 4th if necessary to finish the project. We will be working together with the Topsham Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club on this shared bridge. If you feel you can help, please let Chris Putney know. Other workdays: April 14th May 5th May 12th If you can help with any of these dates please contact us by calling or message us on Facebook. 802-439-6012 Bunnie

Tri-Village Wheelers sweatshirts and hoodies can now be purchased with an embroidered logo and some great color choices. The guys ay GMM in Wells River, Vt. did an awesome job changing our logo from screen print to embroidery. The Waits River Store and Thompson Hill Campground will have a sample sweatshirt, so stop by and check it out. We can order any size and you can choose from several colors.

Hope everyone has a great season Check us out on Face Book Tri-Village Wheelers

Mt. Washington

It is our great pleasure to once again offer our members the chance to ride up to the top of Mt. Washington on their ATV! Our annual Mt. Washington ride has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2019.

This will be a sunset ride– the same as last year. Participants will need to arrive at the base of the mountain at 6:00 pm. The group will ride up together and enjoy an amazing sunset, and then ride down together. If you have never experienced this ride, we highly recommend it. It's a great repeat experience as well! We have 125 tickets to sell, so once they go on sale, we recommend not delaying! Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. We plan on opening sales somewhere around the first week of June. Keep an eye on our facebook page and website for the announcement. Ticket prices are \$37 for operators and \$12 for passengers. Tickets are being sold to VASA members ONLY as we only have a limited amount and they usually go quickly. Once tickets go on sale, you can get yours by calling the VASA office. You will need your VASA membership number (which is the number on your trail access decal) and a valid credit card. Tickets will be emailed to you instantly and you will need to bring that confirmation email with you to the Mountain on the day of the ride. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the VASA office by calling 802-477-5075, or by emailing dluce@vtvasa.org. You can also message our facebook page. Don't miss it!



Stay in the loop!

For quick updates regarding trails– opening/closing dates, maintenance updates, new trails, events, club rides, new clubs and safety courses, make sure you “LIKE” us on facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/VTVASA.ORG>

For access to information regarding Vermont laws, VASA rules, and to join online and purchase your Trail Access Decal, make sure you check our website regularly. **<http://www.vtvasa.org>**

You can also join our email alert list! Just email dluce@vtvasa.org and let us know you'd like to be added to the list! Stay in the loop!



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