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Orleans County Sheriff to Start ATV Trail Patrol

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Members of the Orleans County Sheriff Department will be heading into the great outdoors this ATV season to ensure trail users follow the rules.

Orleans County Deputy Jesse Testut who used the vehicle last weekend said members of the Borderline Ridge Riders ATV Club approached him last year about having trail patrols. Testut made it one of his goals to make it happen and brought it to Sheriff Kirk Martin.

President of the Borderline Ridge Riders ATV Club, Scott Jenness who is also the service manager at Walt's Sales and Service in Derby explained Wednesday that they applied to the vehicle manufacturer, Can-Am, for a loaner vehicle through the VT ATV Sportsman's

Association, (VASA) so the Orleans County Sheriff Department may provide enforcement on the organization's trail system. The vehicle is on loan for the ATV season that runs from May 12 through October 1.

"At the end of the season, this will be turned back to us, and it will be re-sold," said Jenness. "Next year we will apply again for the loaner program and get another new vehicle for them to use."

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The machine actually belongs to Walt's Sales and Service. "We're loaning it to VASA through Can-Am Loaner Program for the sheriff's department to use."

The VT ATV Sportsman's Association was on board with the idea of the sheriff department using the vehicle for patrol. The organization is carrying the insurance. It will also cover the maintenance expenses, fuel expense as well as the deputy's salaries. Jenness explained the Borderline Ridge Riders ATV Club that has seen a membership increase over the past year has been receiving complaints about renegade ATV riders.

"They're tearing up private land, speeding on the roads," he said. "The town officials and landowners have requested we provide some enforcement. If we want this sport to continue and grow, we need to provide some enforcement."

"I think this is going to

help tremendously," Jenness said. "I see nothing but positive results coming from it."

Orleans County Sheriff Kirk Martin said they previously spoke to Jenness about trail enforcement, but there were little to no funds for it and the equipment was not readily available. However, VASA had some extra money that became available, the Borderline Ridge Riders were willing to help, and Walt's Sales and Service was able to secure the loaner vehicle.

"Obviously you need trail enforcement," Martin said. "It's a growing sport, and if you keep people in check, the sport will grow, and the landowners will be more open to having people on their property and the towns and villages allowing ATVs in their communities."

Testut who drove it last weekend said that over 90 percent of the people abide by the law and had the proper paperwork. Many of the riders he stopped were not aware of the regulations such as the need for registration and VASA tags.

Deputies working on the vehicle could use it to bring someone they take in custody to the nearest trail head where they would meet another vehicle.

The deputies would not use it to transport someone with a medical emergency unless it is necessary. That duty would be left to either the fire department or emergency medical services.

The three passenger vehicle with a retail value of \$18,000 will contain a first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, lights, siren, alco-sensor to determine if someone is intoxicated and a hand held radar. All Around Power Equipment from St. Johnsbury provided to trailer to haul the vehicle.

Story and picture courtesy of Christopher Roy of the Newport Daily Express.

Pictured on front page: Scott and Ed Jenness from Walt's Sales and Service present the keys for a new off road vehicle to Orleans County Sheriff Kirk Martin, Chief Deputy Phil Brooks, along with deputies Jesse Testut and Jon MacFalane look on. The sheriff department will use the vehicle to patrol ATV Trails.

From the Desk of the President...

Hello VASA Members!

I'd like to start out by saying thank you for having me as President of your Association. I was honored to serve as Vice President and am even more excited to be your President. I'd like to take a moment first to thank our previous President, Craig Vance, for his years of service and dedication. VASA would not be where it is today without him and he served us well for a very long time.

I have always loved ATVing and love Vermont. I am a born and raised farm kid from East Montpelier and have

been involved with multiple clubs, events and volunteering for VASA in general for years now. As President, I am setting some formal goals. I would like to focus on four main areas:

- 1.) **Increasing New Trails**
- 2.) **Improving Current Trails**
- 3.) **Increasing Membership**
- 4.) **Improving communications and volunteer hours from members.**

Basically, my goals are to make ATVing in Vermont better. I want to hear from you! I want to see you on the trails, and I want to know how you feel we can make these goals happen. I hope you all have a safe and fun riding season! Remember, ride smart, thank a landowner and lend a hand when you can!



Southern Vermont Trail Riders

Hello VASA friends and members,

In the last issue of the VASA newsletter, I was saddened to report that the SVTR had lost access to the property that has been our home since 2006. The property changed hands and the new landowners decided that they didn't want the SVTR, local snowmobile and hunting clubs on their property. We have many fond memories of our time on that property and it will be sorely missed. Losing access to that property forced the SVTR to begin looking elsewhere for opportunities. I'm very happy to report that we have formed a relationship with Cersosimo Industries and have been granted permission to begin building a trail system on an 1100 acre lot known as "The Mitnick Lot" located just five miles from our old trailhead Jamaica VT. The SVTR and Cersosimo met in June to discuss what we wanted to do. Initially they were somewhat apprehensive but after a good meeting they were happy to sign permission through Dec 2019 as a pilot. If this works out, this could lead to many more opportunities as Cersosimo owns large parcels all over Vermont. This last weekend, a small crew from the SVTR when out scouting for trails and discovered a good amount of existing skid roads and old town road ready to be cleaned up and used. I We mapped an initial set of trails and presented a plan to Cersosimo which they have already approved. With a little help from the SVTR volunteer crew and some good weather, the SVTR will have a trail system open before the end of the season. After such disappointment earlier this year, its so nice to find that

there are landowners out there that see the value in having VASA and other user groups on their property. We can't wait to get our new home all spruced up and ready for guests! Stay tuned for more news. If you want to be involved in building or new trail system, Join our mailing list at <http://svtr.net/maillist/?p=subscribe&id=1> and be sure to get on our Work Party list for notification of when we schedule work parties. We hope you will be able to join us for an opening weekend cookout at our new trailhead later this year.

-Bill Ortlieb
President, SVTR



Tri County ATV Club

Tri-County ATV Club (Island Pond, Brighton, Morgan) touches the **counties of Essex, Orleans, and Caledonia, a.k.a. The Kingdom.**

Things are really moving along in the “Kingdom”! Since getting things rolling just a year ago, we’ve nearly doubled our membership this year (and it’s only July). Our crews (ok, a few retired guys actually do most of the work) have been out continually fixing, improving, and signing our trails. We’ve expanded a few trails and really have a great woods trail system (98% of our trails are in the woods, most are narrow). We also opened up a few more town roads so residents could legally get to the trail system. The trails in Island Pond really do offer a variety of great trails. If you want to ride roads and be in the dust, you’ll want to go somewhere else.

As with most clubs, we can’t stress how much we could use some more regular **volunteers** (and individuals under the age of 60!!). Thank you to those that step up and help when we have a project. It is much appreciated!! We’re also in need of regulars that can come to meetings and help out either on the trails end, or administrative end. We have only a half-dozen members that handle the day-to-day running of the club and trail work. Please come to a meeting if you can help. Thank you to all those who helped plan and participated in the 4th of July parade!!

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

at the VFW on Pleasant Street. Check out our Facebook page and website for updates.

We hope to see you in Island Pond!!

**Tri-County ATV Club
Island Pond**
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Caledonia All Terrain Travelers

Hello from Caledonia All Terrain Travelers, we are having a great summer here in Hardwick, membership is up, and we've added more new trails with even more planned. All of this has been made possible with the help of a great bunch of volunteers here, I am very grateful to be a part of. Our newest trail, through Swenson granite property, takes you through the hills on old roads, and brings you to a quarry where you can stop and take in the scenery. It's always interesting to think about the history of a lot of these sites

we all access in the backwoods of Vermont, and ride through old grout piles where you can feel Mother Earth "breathe" on you (that last part is rather nice on these 80+ degree days). After you're done visiting some of these sites, please stop in at some of our business attractions in the town part of our trails. House of Pizza has great, you guessed it, pizza, or grab a creemee at the snack shack. Buffalo Mountain Powersports is one of our biggest supporters, and it's fun to stop and look at the new SxS's and wheel-

ers. We hope you come visit, and want you to enjoy what we have. Thanks for the support in our sport, see you on the trails!



Westshire ATV Club

Greetings from Westshire!

Early in the season, it was suggested that we try scheduling an entire weekend per month for our club activities, rides and work days. Not only does this help people plan ahead, but if someone can't attend one day, they may be able to attend the other. It also allows for bad weather. So far, I think this has been working out with everyone.

We have been busy in West Fairlee and Vershire. In May, members participated in Green Up, on Saturday 5/4 in Vershire, and Sunday 5/5 in West Fairlee. A lot of great help collected a lot of roadside trash!

In June several of us were able to attend The VASA Annual Meeting in West Rutland. Following the meeting, we had a great lunch and ride. A special remembrance for our friend, Dennis Allen, (Reading Rats) was presented to his wife.

Our club has been working on a couple of difficult situations with landowners and town's regarding our current trail systems. These have been the source of conflict for several years.

Currently, there has been some progress made in one matter. The relationships between landowners, towns and riders can be very tenuous, and all it may take is one rider abusing the privilege to undo a lot of hard work, compromise and trust. Once that relationship is broken it is nearly impossible to restore. At our recent meeting, the discussion came up about **our** responsibility for another person's behavior. While we all agreed that we cannot be responsible for the way others behave; we also agreed that we can; and will be **held** responsible for

their bad behaviors and as such, are usually the ones that pay the price. Remember the saying "Actions speak louder than words". We are hopeful that both situations can be resolved successfully. We look forward to the next few months of the riding season—we are lucky to have so many great people in our area interested in the ATV sport. Everyone working together is what makes a club successful.

Be safe, respectful and have fun!
-Westshire ATV Club



Northwest VT Wheelers

Hello ATV Enthusiasts,

We hope everyone is having a good summer and riding season. Our trails are all open and in good shape. We now have two picnic areas in the 100 acre woods

and one of them has a grill.

We have sold 230 Trail Access Decals. If you're new to the club welcome. If you're a returning member,

thank you for coming back.

We have a few club rides and events scheduled for this year. Please visit northwestvermontwheelers.com for more info.

We are always looking for volunteers. From talking to landowners to keeping the trails clear. A little bit of help from everyone would make a big difference!

Our monthly club meetings are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM at the St. Albans American Legion [100 Parah Dr.](http://100ParahDr.com)

Please remember always wear a helmet, obey the speed limit, don't ride impaired and stay on the trail. If you follow those rules you will still have a great time!

Ride safe,

Justin Rocque
President
North West Vermont Wheelers



Top of the World ATV Club

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

Top of The World Club trails are now open and trail maintenance & sign repairs has started.

Top of The World Club hosted a poker run on May 19th, even with rain predicted in the afternoon we had a successful Poker Run. Many thanks to all that traveled to enjoy our trails.

Top of The World Club participated in the Concord Memorial Day parade.

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.



Green Mountain ATV Club

Green Mountain ATV Riders is growing, slowly but surely.

At our last May Meeting, Green Mountain ATV Riders Vice President, Gary Nolan announced he would like to step down due to the many other commitments he has on his plate. A nomination was made and Morgan Kilburn was elected Vice President. Morgan has a lot of ATV riding and building trails underneath his belt. Welcome Morgan!

Plans to replank Coddling Hollow Bridge are in the works, we are just waiting for the lumber.

Hoag Road trail has been reopened and the landowner has offered to put in a bridge for ATV's to cross the small stream on the trail.

We will be inviting Landowners to our August Meeting to allow them to meet the Green Mountain ATV Riders club, ask questions and learn more about ATV Riding.



Green Mountain ATV Riders meet at the Hyde Park VFW every Third Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm.

More Information about the meeting or questions in general Please feel free to email greenmtnatvriders@gmail.com

Remember please, stay on the trails and wear your helmets!

Pictured above, GMATV riders preparing to participate in the 4th of July parade and celebration!

Central VT Quad Runners

Greetings from Central Vermont Quad Runners:

We have gotten off to a good season so far, with lots of folks enjoying our trails. The trails are in good shape as of now. We had the excavator for 4 days from VASA and worked on Camp 12 fixing the waterbars. We would like to thank VASA for the use of the excavator and the West Rutland ATV club for hosting the 2nd annual VASA meeting and making their trails available for riding after the meeting and meal. A good time was had by all.

The trail from Buster's bus to the intersection of Porter Rd. is now open, after being closed for all of last year. We have had 2 club rides so far, and our annual night ride will be on July

28 and our club ride on July 29. Watch for emails telling the time of the night ride. The monthly club rides start at 9 am at the trailhead on Stony Brook Rd. in Stockbridge. and is on the last Sunday of the month. Maps are available at the trailhead and on the reverse is a schedule of events including work days. Attendance for the work days has been poor, and we are asking that if you enjoy using our trails please come and help us keep them in shape. Also we would like to see more members come to our club meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Gaysville church on Rt. 107 in Stockbridge.

We have had problems with jeeps using trails that are not authorized for them. New signs have been posted and

violators will be prosecuted if seen using said trails.

Lastly, we still have some Quad Runners t shirts available at Locust Creek Outfitters in Bethel and through Kim Richter, phone number 413-339-4293. Happy riding for the rest of the season and be safe!



West Rutland ATV Sportsmans Club



The West Rutland ATV Sportsman Club has started the year off great! We would like to welcome several new

members to our club. We proudly hosted the 20th Annual VASA Meeting, BBQ and Ride. We would like to give our appreciation to the Milky Way Farm for the use of their property for the event, Pro cycle for sponsoring and coming out to do test drives on the trails. Thank You Central Vermont Motorcycles for coming out with some machines and answering questions. We also need to Thank the Town and residents of Ira, VT, Ira's Town Constable and The Vermont State Game Wardens for your assistance and presence.

We have had many members on the trails, maintaining and making sure they are ready for any fellow riders. Follow our Facebook for updated information. [facebook.com/WRASC](https://www.facebook.com/WRASC).

Our Upcoming Events are:

Aug 25th 4pm night ride starting with dinner at Doreen's Drive in, in Wallingford

Geocached Poker Run Sept 15th 9am at the Ira trailhead.

Please remember to obey speed signs, stay on trails and respect the landowners - take out what you take in. Happy Riding.

Law Enforcement

VASA is focusing on law enforcement in 2018. If you have not already come across a law enforcement officer on the trails, chances are, you will before the season is over.

Law Enforcement Officers will be patrolling the trails and conducting safety check points. Make sure your registration and VASA membership are valid.



It is our goal to provide you new trails, and improve current trails, but first we need everyone to understand the importance of riding legally. Legal and respectful riding means more trails! Register, join VASA and participate with your local club. Ride safe and remember to thank the landowners and volunteers!

Special Recognition

Each year at our Annual Meeting we honor those members and friends of VASA who go the extra mile. This year we honored two members of the year and one friend of VASA.

It is with great pride and pleasure that we present these awards. All of our volunteers are special. All donate their time after working their regular jobs and tending to their families... All are valued.

This year however, we felt a loss when giving out awards. One very special, long term volunteer who also happened to be the President of his local ATV club as well as his snowmobile club and also long time

VASA Board of Director wasn't able to attend. Dennis Allen of the Reading All Terrain Sportsmen was nominated for the award some time ago, rightfully so as he did so much for motorized recreation in Vermont, but sadly he lost his battle with cancer before being able to receive his award. Pictured here is Lloyd Church, chair of the awards committee presenting Dennis's wife with the award. We were so honored that she chose to come and except the award on her husband's behalf. VASA lost one of the great ones when Dennis passed away and he



will be missed immensely. There will never be another quite like Dennis.

Member of the year number two is also very special and just happens to come from the same club as Dennis. Carole Canfield of the Reading All Terrain Sportsmen has sat on the VASA Board of Directors for years and has been absolutely irreplaceable within her club. She is the glue that holds the RATS together, the woman behind the scenes making everything happen. She works hard to promote legal riding and

takes a special interest in safety, always working to make both of these items a priority. Carole has always deserved this award, but because of Dennis's passing has had to pick up even more responsibilities to make sure her club stays strong in Dennis's honor. Carole, we thank you for everything you have done for your club and VASA! Congratulations to a very deserving Member of the Year!



Last but certainly not least, we honored a great friend of VASA, Joe Larose. Joe has always been a valued volunteer of VASA, from his countless hours with his club, to 10 years of volunteering as VASA's lead safety instructor of VEST courses, Joe shows a dedication to VASA unlike any other. We are so very lucky to have a friend like Joe

for our organization. He not only volunteers his time for us, but is also one of the lead wish granters for Make A Wish Vermont, holds a full time job and is a loving husband and father to his family. We can't thank Joe enough for all that he has done for us over the years! We will forever be grateful for your service!



2018 Annual Meeting



Top Left: ATVs gearing up for the ride after the meeting.

Top Right: Member of the Year Dennis Allen's Grandson pulling raffle winners!

Bottom Left: VASA members heading out on the ride.

Bottom Right: VAST Executive Director Cindy Locke, VASA/VAST lobbyist Frank Stanley and State Representative and VASA Treasurer, Gary Nolan ready to ride.



2018 Annual Meeting

This was our 20th Annual Meeting as an organization and we couldn't have been happier with the outcome! Huge thanks to the West Rutland ATV Sportsman's Club for hosting, the Landowners at Milky Way Farm for letting use their absolutely beautiful facility the landowners of the trail head and trails and Pro Cycle of N. Clarendon VT for allowing demo rides of their awesome machines! We would also like to thank all of the members who show up- without you, we would not be where we are today. Also huge shout out to the Board of Directors and guest speakers of the event!





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