

June 2009 Newsletter - Flagstaff Area ATV Club

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Meeting June 14th 2009 - brought to order 10:05 a.m.; 32 members present

Don Plante, President: phone: (207) 246-5946; email: damp@tds.net

- 1.) Family Fun Days: June 26-28. If you would like to ride your ATV in the parade meet at Central Me. Power parking lot at 10:30. Decorate for Wild Wild West Theme. We will be selling Strawberry Shortcakes, hats, shirts, vests, t-shirts and sweatshirts at Pepins Field.
- 2.) All members: please help us take the Summer Rec. students for an informational ride thurs July 23, starting at 9:00. Anyone wishing to help please contact Don to sign up.
- 3.) Please NOTE the Big Pines Parking lot across from the graveyard has been divided and signed for where ATV club members are to park. PLEASE park where designated.
- 4.) We approved an advertisement for the ATV club in the Irregular for Family Fun Days.
- 5.) We apologize for not getting the newsletter up on the website in a timely manner. I (Sandi) did not get the message to the webmaster.
- 6.) We bought: one lift of lumber from the Stratton Lumber; four loads of gravel for trails; two batteries for the screw guns.

Bob Dennett, Treasurer: phone: (207) 846-3996; email: rdennett@maine.rr.com

I would like to thank all of you that got your memberships in, as well as all new members. Membership funds have put us in great shape to maintain our trails.

Ruthanne Smith, Membership Secretary: phone: (207) 246-3201; email: doer@tds.net

Not present. 252 members to date.

Sandi Isgro, Vice President: phone: (207) 246-2922; email: whwolf@tds.net

We will take an inventory of t-shirts, hats, vests and sweatshirts after Family Fun Days sales to see what we need to buy for members. Contact Sandi with any suggestions or ideas.

Dick Smith, Trail Master: phone: (207) 246-3201; email: doer@tds.net

Trail Masters Report:

- May 17th: Dick started clearing Bradbury Brook, made the road passable.
- May 18th: Dick and Don worked on clearing Bradbury Brook.
- May 19th: Dick did some more clearing of alders on Bradbury Brook Trail then took the excavator to the Tea Pond Trail.
- May 20th: Dick took the excavator to Sawyer Brook Trail and did 1/2 of the trail. Dick and Don went to Old Town and met with the Nation. We got back Alder stream except for Snow Mtn. We will have to talk to the forester as far as Carrabassett is concerned.
- May 21st: Don and Dick picked up lumber at Stratton and went to Bradbury Brook to cut. Dick took the Quad and went to Split Rock to sign it for the mud then rode Sawyer Brook- Alder stream loop.
- May 22nd: Dick put up metal signposts at Tim Pond Rd., and East Branch Rd.; and at Eustis Trail Don took down closed signs.
- May 23d: Neal, Mark, and Dick finished opening Bradbury Brook Trail
- May 24th: Neal, Mark and Dick rode Alder Stream Trail. The forty foot bridge is out, broken in half. We explored the connection to the Natani's Trail. We got about one half of the way through.
- May 25th: Neal, Mark and Dick rode the Carrabassett Trail. The powerline is still wet in spots. There is a very rough section of new road just before Houston Brook; a jeep had gone through the trail and moved the boardwalk off of the rocks. We winched it back into place.
- May 26th: Dick took the excavator to Sawyer Brook trail and finished grading it.
- May 28th: Dick took the excavator to Bradbury Brook trail beside the K and B road and graded it.
- May 29th: Neal and Dick took lumber to End of Lake trail.
- May 30th: Neal, Don and Dick went to End of Lake trail and put in 72 ft. of boardwalk, delivered stock to the Stratton Trail and Plum Creek road put in two steel sign posts, one at Plum Creek road and one at Stratton powerline.
- June 1st: Dick took the excavator to Pines trail. Don drove the quad and trailer we spread one load of gravel and Dick took the excavator to Barnard Pd. trail and prepared it for trailer work.
- June 2nd: Dick and Don took the excavator to the Pines trail and spread two truck loads of gravel. Dick unloaded one half a lift of lumber, to be used for five box culverts, and cut it to size for Natanis crew.
- June 3rd: Don and Dick finished graveling part of Pines trail and prepared stock and excavator for Natanis trail crew.
- June 4th and 5th: Phil, Pete, Ray, and Jeff did excavator work and built box culverts.
- June 8th: Dick took excavator to the Stratton trail and did ditching, grading, and rock removal.
- June 11th: Dick took the excavator to the Mud Hole and spread a track load of gravel and graded the trail.
- June 13th: Neal, Jeff and Dick cleared trail in Alder Stream (the connection to the Natanis Trail).

New Business:

- 1.) Club voted to give \$100. gift certificate to Tom Lapointe for doing our maps. Thank you Tom.
- 2.) 15 Lobsters have been donated for the club to raffle off as a fund raiser. More information later.
- 3.) Club is interested in doing another club ride to Tea Pond. Don will investigate dates, more information later.
- 4.) Our Natanis members were out working on trail and a friendly bear came out to visit the boys but they decided they didn't need an extra paw so they told him to take a hike.
- 5.) Bob Dennett rode in the Tour da Cure: he and the Eustis Lions Club raised \$2,200 thanks to the club and all the members who donated to this worthy cause.

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