

May Newsletter 2009 - Flagstaff Area ATV Club

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1.) President Don Plante - phone: (207) 246-5946; email: damp@tds.net
Open meeting at 10:00 with a salute to flag; 23 members in attendance

2.) Don read a memo from F.A.B.A.; looking for more floats for the Family Fun Days Parade. This years event will take place June 26-28 and the theme is Wild, Wild West. The parade will take place on Saturday; other events will include: an antique car show, children's field day events, live entertainment, canoe/kayak race, fireworks, and great food. We will once again be doing our famous Strawberry Shortcake, this year we are also adding another favorite, DOUGH BOYS!!! Come and get them!

3.) The club voted to donate \$100. to the Fun Days Fund.

4.) ATTENTION RIDERS! We need your help. The Stratton Summer Recreation Program has asked our club to take a few of the 4th and 5th grade students for a ride. The date will be Thursday July 23rd. We will do a picnic and an informational talk will be given by our Trailmaster Dick Smith. If you have a Quad and possibly a Queen seat we, as well as the children, would appreciate your helping us out. We need to know NOW if you want to join us, please call Don or Dick A.S.A.P.! Don: (207) 246- 5946; Dick: (207) 246- 3201

5.) The Cathedral Pines Camp Ground has given us Site #1 on Eustis Ridge Rd., and Site #2 if needed, for our landowners appreciation day on September 12th.

6.) The club voted to put \$2,500. into our trail account for supplies. (lumber, gravel, etc.)

7.) A motion was made and seconded to sell the backhoe to a member for \$2,000.

8.) The club voted to sponsor Bob Dennett on a 35k bike ride for Diabetes on June 7 in Kennebunk. A motion was passed to sponsor Bob with a \$100. donation in support of this great cause. We need to find a cure for this terrible disease that affects so many. Great effort Bob, we will be cheering.

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

Treasurer Bob Dennett- phone: (207) 846-3996
We're in very good shape.

Membership Secretary Ruthanne Smith - phone: (207) 246-3201; email: dooyer@tds.net
As of today we have 235 paid members. Once again I am so pleased to report that we are still receiving stamps and a few extra donations. Nothing pleases me more than to read

the positive comments from our riders. Your appreciation of the time and effort we put in on your behalf is rewarding. We thank you. it is the fuel that keeps us going.

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

The trails will open on May 22nd.

April 19th - Trail Closed sign was put up at Natanis Campground. Closed North Branch Bridge.

May 2nd - Neal, Jeff, and Dick cleaned Stratton, Carrabassett and Quill Hill trails, replaced some boardwalk planking at the Pines and Boneyard.

May 3rd - Neal, Jeff and Dick cleared End of Lake, Antler Hill and to the top of Bag mountain trails.

May 4th - Dick put in two metal sign posts, one on Bridge Rd. and another on Antler Hill Rd. It seems all of our wooden sign posts got broken off this past winter.

May 12th - Dick and Don took the excavator to the Stratton trail and began clearing slash and rocks as well as making more ditches.

May 13th - Dick went to Farmington to attend a state meeting concerning trails.

May 14th - Dick took the excavator back to the Stratton trail and did ditching and draining

May 15th - Dick, Neal, and Don took the lumber to the Stratton trail and started to build a replacement bridge.

May 16th - Dick, Neal, Don, and Jeff finished building the Stratton trail bridge and checked split rock loop. Cianbro is fixing the trail they damaged. We cleared the downed trees on the trail to Mc Carthy Hill, also went to Bradbury Brook and started clearing Alders leaning in on the trail. This is really nasty and take several days to open it up. Don checked the Carrabassett trail, its okay to the powerline. Dick has a meeting with the nation on the 20th to see what they will give us for trails. The wind Power is off Antler Hill for now, and is also done on the Airport Rd. They are taking 2-3 weeks off work at the Split Rock and SFT Rd.

Please be careful and courteous as they do not want to have to shut down the trails.

Next meeting takes place June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

* Special Attention; Due to recent work the Split Rock is *very deep mud. *It has been smoothed but needs time to dry out*, please stay off *or if necessary stay to the extreme edge of the trail.

Thank you Devon, we appreciate your help.