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Warning

The Norway Town Line **ENDS** the legal ATV access on Military Road. ATV access beyond this point is illegal.

We have posted a **NO ATV** sign as well as painted trees on both sides of the road to indicate the Norway Town Line.

We have been notified that riders have been ticketed and fined (\$100.00). To avoid this unpleasant predicament, please make sure that you are familiar with the local ATV Trails and the Town Of Norway Local Law #2, Section IV: Designated Highways.

If you are unsure of where you can legally ride, then we would advise you to check first. You may check the web site www.upstateatv.com or contact any officer or board member for this information. It is much better to play it safe then to wind up being fined!



Farm Show Results

Alma and Homer Gokey were a huge help for our annual raffle. Alma and Homer sat at the Farm Progress Show for two days to sell tickets. They were able to sell many tickets that resulted in a couple winners.

We want to thank Alma and Homer Gokey, Randy Wheatly for taking the annual prize to the event and Dana Ebensperger for picking up the prize from the event!



Snow Bash Results

This year's Snow Bash turned out great!

All of the chicken BBQs sold out both days and we actually had to send people away because we ran out of chicken to sell.

The kitchen did phenomenal in the fact that Randy Wheatly had to run to the store Saturday night to get chicken tenders and mozzarella sticks to be able to sell them on Sunday. Then on Sunday we ran completely out of both items.

The membership table had a couple of superstars. One person did a great job in selling annual raffle tickets. Another couple of attractive women were able to sell 50/50 tickets to possibly make the best 50/50 raffle that we have ever had!

The annual raffle did not do as good as we would have liked, but we were still able to profit from the event!

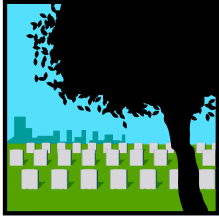
Again we would like to thank everyone that participated in making this a great turnout!



Reminders

1. We would first like to remind you that the official 2005 ATV season closed on October 1st. We hope that the hunters are prosperous in their 2005 hunting season.

2. Since the ATV season has closed our newsletters will be bi-monthly until the season re-opens again. Therefore your next newsletter will arrive to you in December.



Cemetery Cleaning

Our fall cemetery cleaning was held on October 2nd at the Barnes Cemetery and Elm Tree Rd. Cemetery. People that participated in this event were: Mark Bauder, Dana Ebensperger, Bernie Przelski, Lauren Young, Bob Mackay and Amanda and Ken Reinhardt.

The Town of Norway graciously let our club use their wood chipper for this session. At the Elm Tree site, there were several perimeter trees that were taken out to gain visible access to the tombstones. These trees were then run through the wood chipper for an easier clean up.

We appreciate and thank everyone who participated and especially the Town for allowing the use of the chipper.



Fall Festival

St John the Baptist Church in Newport will be holding their Fall Festival Bake Shop November 5th and 6th. They will be featuring local homemade baked goods and will have a "Heavenly Treasure Gift Shop" featuring many handcrafted items.

Be sure to attend this great event if at all possible.

ATV Pull

Our club is currently looking into the possibility of holding an ATV pull

sometime in June 2006 and currently we are looking into where, how, and other issues such as legalities and accessibility. We may possibly hold our Chicken BBQ in conjunction with the pull, which could turn into a 2-day event.

If there is anyone out there that can make any suggestions about this event, please let any officer or board member know as soon as possible.



Trail Updates

Currently the trail committee has gained access to a formal landowner agreement form. This agreement takes the responsibility off the landowners in the event of an accident. Also on the agreement the landowner sets where on his or her property a trail can be created. The agreement will also provide the club with written documentation so that future board members and officers know exactly who agreed to let us use their property.

Another update is that the Town of Ohio has been toggling the idea of opening select town roads so that we may link the Norway trails to a system of trails in Ohio. On October 12th the Ohio town board held their town meeting and this topic of discussion was on the agenda. Bernie Przelski and Dana Ebensperger were scheduled to be in attendance at this meeting. We hope the meeting was a success, look in the next newsletter for more information.

The welcome is a bit delayed, but the trail committee welcomes Lauren

Young. He has already helped participate in designating more of Norway's trails. Earlier this year Lauren and the trail committee cleared out some more trail off of Military Rd (The town barn side of Military Rd.).

These men will be working hard this winter on the landowner agreements and hopefully there will be several-scheduled trail blazing dates!

NYSORVA

Currently the regions of NYSORVA are looking to see what other regions are doing.

Region 6 (our local region) has developed their set of bylaws. Also, the president of Region 6, Floyd Rivers is currently seeking to be a liaison with the NYS DEC in Albany. This means that he would be advocating for our clubs and ATV use in NYS.

Region 6 is tentatively trying to schedule a region-wide ride in the spring of 2006. They have looked into possibly riding the town of Harrisville. For further updates, you may either keep checking our newsletters, our website or the NYSORVA website at www.nysorva.org



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Raffle Winners



- 1st**- 2005 Yamaha Bruin 350cc 4x4- Bob F. from Mohawk with ticket #0754
- 2nd**- \$100 gift certificate- Anthony B. from Utica with ticket #0002
- 3rd**- Emson Titanium Coated Drill Bit- Buck F. from Newport with ticket #0731
- 4th**- Ladies Shirt with Upstate ATV logo- Doc E. from W. Winfield, ticket #0674
- 5th**- \$25 gift certificate Hudon's Sled- Linda M. from Newport, ticket #0679
- 6th**- Polaris 3 piece PVC Rain Suit- Dennis D. from Poland, ticket #0484
- 7th**- White Motorcycle Helmet- Jed N from Cooperstown, ticket #0845
- 8th**- \$100 Subtracted From A Septic Tank- Devin S. from Middleville, ticket #0355
- 9th**- "Miller High Life" Folding Chair- Chris F. from Little Falls, ticket #0489
- 10th**- Ladies Shirt with Upstate ATV logo- Krystin M. from Ilion, ticket #0759
- 11th**- Sterling Marlin NASCAR Scale Stock Car- John V. from Utica, ticket #0859
- 12th**- Pizza Party Pack- Harold A. from Hillsdale, ticket #0001
- 13th**-Polaris ATV Riding Gloves- Richard P. from New Hartford, ticket #0663
- 14th**- \$20 gift certificate donated- Tom R. from Newport, ticket #0719
- 15th**- 5 piece vice grip set- Warren L. from Middleville, ticket #0664

One of the prizewinners has decided to have his prize raffled again for next year's raffle and all other winners have received his or her prize!

Changing Bylaws

The board would like to update the bylaws to fit the organization more appropriately. The changes and additional article that are being proposed are listed in red below:

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I - Club membership shall consist of the following categories:

- a. Single membership-1 adult must be 18 years or older
- b. Family membership (I.E. 2 adults and 3 children- children under 18 years old in the same household)
- c. Association membership; business or organization with an interest in ATV recreation.

ARTICLE III - DUES

SECTION I - Each member shall have their dues assessed at a rate to be determined by a two-thirds majority vote of active present members. Dues are for the fiscal year April 1 - March 31. Members joining after April 1 shall not receive a reduction or be pro-rated. Yearly club dues are \$20 per single membership, \$25 per family membership and \$25 per association membership.

Section II – Yearly Upstate ATV club dues will cover local, state and Region 6 New York State Off-highway Recreational Vehicle Association (NYSORVA) dues.

ARTICLE X - DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

Section I - Administrative Costs - includes mandatory/operational expenses associated with managing and maintaining the club or organization shall be approved and paid by the treasurer not to exceed \$500 unless approved at the board level.

Section II - Capital Purchases - purchases greater than \$250 shall be board approved and then be voted and passed by a two-thirds majority vote of active present members.

Section III - Other Monetary Expenses – other than administrative and capital purchases shall be board approved and then be voted and passed by a two-thirds majority vote of active present members.

There have currently been two readings at the September Club meeting and at the October club meeting where all members approved of the changes. There will be another reading of the bylaws at the November club meeting. Providing that the members pass the bylaws, these changes will take effect as of April 1, 2006.

Upstate ATV Club Calendar

Upcoming Events					
October		November		December	
Oct 2	Cemetery Cleaning Barnes and Elm Tree Cemeteries	Nov 3	Club Meeting Middleville	Dec 1	Club Meeting Norway Rec. Hall
Oct 6	Club Meeting Cold Brook			TBA	2 nd Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa Middleville Firehouse

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