

October 2019

WELCOME

Welcome to the Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Inc. newsletter for October 2019.

For members who have renewed their membership, Thank You for your continued support. For new members, Thank You for joining us! And of course, Thank You to our sponsors.

MEMBERSHIIP

Any membership applications received after September 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019 will automatically roll over into the 2020 season. Several new members who applied to NOCATVCLUB in August via the Lewis County ATV Trail System website were not received until October. Therefore, as a courtesy, we are extending those several memberships into the 2020 season.

The 2020 NOCATV Club applications are now available online at nocatvclub.com, at the signup button on Facebook and at our meetings or when purchasing your Lewis County ATV Trail System permit. They are effective until December 31, 2020 and remain \$20.00 for family or single.

Note the preferred and fastest method to receive your club membership is via a printed out application or online at nocatvclub.com. Applying during your Lewis County ATV Permit purchase will be delayed as we rely on your personal information being sent to us from Lewis County.

MEETING NOTES

Our October meeting was held on October 23, 2019 and here are some of the items that were discussed. Remember, this is just a brief summary of the meeting.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from our September 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed and voted on and passed.

Introductions of the Officers and the volunteers for Trail Coordinator and Web/Facebook Admin and all those in attendance. Absent was President Guy C. and acting Secretary, Vickie V.

The treasury report was given by Lynda F., Treasurer. A motion was made to accept the report, voted on and passed.

There are still currently two club positions open, Vice-President and Secretary. If you would like to get involved with your club in either of these positions, please contact us via email, US mail or on Facebook at our sites listed below or at a meeting.

Our Facebook (nocatvclub) and web site (http://www.nocatvclub.com) have been updated with the latest news.

If you know a business who might be interested in being a club sponsor, let us know, or have them contact us.

The 2020 raffle tickets was discussed and suggestions for the prizes were compiled. The prizes have been selected and were voted on. The 2020 Raffle tickets will be printed.

Next years chicken bbq was discussed for dates and locations were suggested on where it will be held and when. These will be investigated for our February meeting.

The status of our goal to extend the Lewis County ATV Trail System down to the village of Boonville continues. The current trail expansion NOCATV Club has been working is a Lewis County ATV Trail System connector from the Village of Boonville to some point on the existing southern end of the Lewis County ATV System trails. This is still a work in progress as we continue to get permissions from all stake holders.

The trail expansion of the NOCATV Club trails for a connector trail between our current trails is being reviewed by the landowner. We have received news that it may go to a public hearing before the end of the year. When this happens, all of of in the ATV community will need to mobilize support via personal emails or phone calls or attending the public meeting. It is expected to be heavy opposition from the environmentalists, as usual. This will help set a precedence in this DEC region, if approved. Therefore, all atvers, members of this club or not will benefit from the decision from the DEC.

A number of years ago, the club trails extended into the Town of Forestport. A lawsuit was filed by a landowner against the town charging the town did not follow the procedures in opening the roads to ATVs. We are waiting for the Forestport town board to push this forward and schedule a public meeting. If your in the town of Forestport, contact the town supervisor or town board members to act on this request to get it moving.

Another effort by Northern Oneida County ATV Club in the early stages of investigation into the feasability of a trail from Boonville to Forestport. President Guy C. is working this. No status report.

As in getting any ATV trails, it takes a long time and dedicated effort by clubs to get the required

permissions from the landowner(s), village, town, county or state organizations. Thank you, John F. and Guy for your committed efforts on these. If anyone can help John or Guy in these efforts, contact us at the addresses below.

In Lewis County ATV Trail System news:

The next Lewis County ATV Roundtable will be held on October 14, 5:00 pm at the new Lewis County Chamber of Commerce offices (old Climax Bldg) subject to change due to the holiday. Open to all ATV enthusiasts. These meetings are held by Jackie Mahoney, Director of Recreation, Forestry and Parks, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, NY 13367, Office Phone: (315) 376-5972, Fax: (315) 377-3137, Email: jackiemahoney@lewiscounty.ny.gov, www.lewiscounty.org

The new Lewis County ATV Trail System permit site is <u>Lewis County ATV Trail System Permit</u> and is online. The major change on the website is to be entitled to the permit discount, you need to prove club membership. If you purchased your club membership from the club prior to your Lewis County ATV Trail Permit, to receive the \$20 discount on your first atv annual permit, you will need to upload your current NOCATVClub membership card . If you join an ATV club during your purchase of the Lewis County ATV Trail permit, no upload of proof is required.

When you fill out the online LC ATV Annual Trail Permit form, you may join NOCATV club at that time to receive the discount. Please allow ample processing time (up to a month or two) for the club to receive your information from Lewis County and process your application and get your card to you.

Lewis County ATV Trail permits can still be purchased in person thru the Lewis County Chamber or at the other sellers listed on the Lewis County ATV web page <u>here</u>. Bring your current NOCATV Club membership card with you to receive your \$20 discount when purchasing your first LC ATV Annual Trail Permit from these sellers.

The holiday season is approaching. A club membership(s) or some shirts or other goodies make great presents. The club has shirts (orange logo) for \$15.00, all sizes; hats, including mens and womans camo (orange logo) for \$12.00 and koozies (assorted colors) for \$2.00. If you would like to purchase any of these contact us via email or on Facebook. To see these, go to our <u>website</u>.

Comments for support of the new Lumberjack Trails Riding Adventure Area near Deposit, NY ends November 1.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced a comment period and public hearing on the proposed update of the Treaty Line Unit Management plan for 19,186 acres in central New York. It is significant to AMA members and the entire northeastern U.S. OHV community, because a plan has been presented for a public OHV riding area, much of which lies within the Treaty Line Unit.

The AMA has been involved in the development of the Lumberjack Trails Adventure Area plan

over many months, assisting a local advocate well versed in off road motorcycle riding and competition. A summary of the OHV plan is available here: <u>NY Lumberjack Trails Story FB.pdf</u> You can attend or send your comments here: <u>AMA COMMENT PAGE</u> or go to the DEC website. Your support is essential.

The first meeting of the 2020 Northern Oneida County ATV Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 PM.

This is the last newsletter for 2019, unless there are changes on the status of new trails. So, on behalf of the officers and volunteer staff, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

In closing, some reminders:

The NOCATV Club trails are closed for the 2019 season due to hunting season and the hunting that is done in the area of the club trails.

If you can fill our vacant Vice-President or Secretary positions, please contact us.

Also, if you know any landowners in the area between Village of Boonville over to the Milk Plant or up to the Lewis County Trails that might allow a trail on their property, please contact us.

Upcoming events: Lewis County ATV Roundtable, Monday October 14, subject to change. NOCATV Club meeting, Wednesday February 26

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