

Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Inc P.O. Box 198 Boonville, NY 13309

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Inc. newsletter for February 2020.

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

We have received quite a few memberships already. They are starting to be processed now that we have received the club stickers for 2020. Any membership application received after September 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019 will automatically roll over into the 2020 season at no charge. Several new members who applied to NOCATVCLUB in August via the Lewis County Trail System website were not received until October. Therefore, as a courtesy, we are extending those several memberships into the 2020 season.

The 2020 NOCATVCLUB applications are now available online at nocatvclub.com, at the signup button on Facebook and at our meetings or when purchasing your Lewis County 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 nocatvelub.com. You can also join when you apply for your Lewis County Trail Permit purchase but will be delayed as we rely on your personal information being sent to us from Lewis County.

MEETING NOTES

Our February meeting was held on February 26, 2020 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 October 23, 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 Case. and volunteer Trail Coordinator John Furness.

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

Discussion on if the club should attend the Woodsman Field Days. After the cost vs benefits, it was voted not to attend. It may be re-opened at the March meeting, since we have until March 31 to apply.

Sponsor letters are being reviewed for the 2020 year and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting...

The club would like to thank Guy Case for stepping up to fill the President position after the passing of Henry Bardo, our past President. Also a thank you to Debra Lynn Norholm-Gille for submitting her name as a nominee for the position of Vice-President.

Elections were held for all positions for the 2020-2021 season. There were no nominees for President or Secretary. President will be vacant until someone steps up for it. Elected as Vice-president is Debra Lynn Norholm-Gille. Secretary duties will be shared until we can fill the position. Elected as Treasurer is Lynda Frederick.

There are still currently two club positions open, 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. As an official or volunteer, your involvement in the club helps determine our future decisions.

Our Facebook (nocatvclub) and web site (http:\\www.nocatvclub.com) have been updated with the latest news including the 2020 ATV Legislative bills introduced for this session. Review them and contact your Albany representative asking for their support.

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 updated from out October meeting as more donations were recently received. The 2020 Raffle tickets will be printed shortly.

The chicken bbq date is tentatively set for May 9 and we are waiting for confirmation from locations that were suggested on where it will be held.

The annual ride date and location was tabled until March meeting.

The status of our goal to extend the Lewis County Trail System down to the village of Boonville continues but no status as of Trail Coordinator absence.

The trail expansion of the NOCATVCLUB trails for a connector trail between our current trail parcels is still being reviewed by the landowner.

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. We still have not heard any progress on this by the town board.

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.

The NOCATVCLUB t-shirts and other goodies are available. The club t-shirts (orange logo) for \$15.00, all

sizes; hats, including men's and woman's camouflage (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 website

A word from our new Vice-president:

Hello,

I am Debbie Gille your newly elected Vice President. I am looking forward to working with all of you to get new trails and connecting trails. Also, doing events to profit this club.I plan on being very involved so looking forward to meeting each and everyone at meetings, working on trails and events.

Thankyou,

Debra Gille

In Lewis County Trail System news:

ROUNDTABLE

The next Lewis County ATV Roundtable will be held on March 9, 4:30 pm at the new Lewis County Chamber of Commerce offices (old Climax Bldg), subject to change. 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,

ANNUAL PERMIT

The new Lewis County Trail System permit site is <u>Lewis County Trail Permit</u> and is in final test. The major change on the website is to be entitled to the permit discount, you need to prove club membership in a club. If you purchased your club membership from us prior to your Lewis County Trail Permit, to receive the \$20 discount on your first annual permit, you will need to upload your 2020 NOCATVCLUB membership card. If you join us during your purchase of the Lewis County ATV Trail permit, no upload of proof is required.

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

Lewis County Annual Trail permits can still be purchased in person thru the Lewis County Chamber or at the other sellers listed on the Lewis County web page here. Bring your 2020 NOCATVCLUB membership card with you to receive your \$20 discount when purchasing your first Lewis County Annual Trail Permit from these sellers.

LOCAL LAW 3

In the fall of 2019, the Lewis County legislature renewed the local law that provided the legal rules for the Lewis County Trail System. The revised law has changes that you as an operator should be aware of. Generally, if your off road vehicle is 1000 lbs or less there is no changes. Over 1000 lb vehicles are addressed in regards to the trail system. Note this law does not change NYS rules for atv/utv requirements. The Lewis County Trail System map provided when you purchase a Trail Permit is suppose to indicate which trails are open to the larger utvs. Some private owners will not allow the larger vehicles to ride the trail on their property. Below is attached a copy of the renewed Lewis County Trail System law.

EVENT PERMIT

In February, the Lewis County legislature introduced a resolution to require a permit for organizations that plan on holding events in the county. This will apply to ATV and snowmobile clubs, among others. This may impact some atv events since permit fees and insurance to cover damages may eat into any profits clubs may earn while holding events. For NOCATVCLUB, this has no impact since all of our club trails are in Northern Oneida County. We hope it does not deter our neighboring clubs, businesses or fire departments from holding poker runs, club sponsored family rides, etc. Read the below attached event permit resolution on page 8 for the details and the complete impact it will have.

DEC PROPOSES MORE RECREATION ACCESS IN CROGAN TRACT

The Croghan Tract Conservation Easement draft RMP public meeting is set for Wednesday, February 26th at 6 pm, at the DEC Lowville Office, located at 7327 State Route 812, Lowville.

The 30-day comment period opens Feb.19 and ends March 19, 2020. Send written comments to: NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation, Attn: Matt Nowak, 7327 State Route 812 Lowville, NY 13367, or email R6.ump@dec.ny.gov.

Here is the proposed <u>RMP</u>. In the RMP, there is a statement that atv rights were purchased, so it is up to us atv'ers to push them with our comments to develope access to atv's in this forest in the town of Watson and Lewis County.

The next meeting of the 2020 Northern Oneida County ATV Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM.

In closing, some reminders:

The NOCATVCLUB trails are closed for the 2019 season. Expected opening of the trails is April 1 deppending on weather and trail conditions. Watch our website or Facebook page for updates.

If you can fill our vacant 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 March 9, subject to change. NOCATVCLUB Chicken BBQ, May 9 (tentative)

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