



Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Inc
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March 2020

WELCOME

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

We hope everyone is ok and not suffering from this virus that is making almost all of us home bodies. It has definitely thrown this club and others in a challenge as meetings and events planing is on hold.

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

This week we received the latest list of people from the Lewis County Trail Permit who joined Northern Oneida County ATV Club, Inc. We will get those processed and get the membership cards and decals out ASAP. All previous applications have been mailed out.

MEETING NOTES

Our March 25 meeting was cancelled due to the state mandate and the closing of our meeting place at the VFW until the mass gathering restriction is lifted by Oneida County Executive and the Governor, which currently is May 15 . ***So, the meeting for April 22 is cancelled.*** The meetings were cancelled but there is still some ATV news to pass on in this newsletter.

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 are on hold until our next available meeting.

The chicken bbq date is tentatively set for May 9 but at this time we have not decided yet if to cancel or postpone it for a later date due to the state mass gathering restriction in effect until May 15.

The annual ride date and location was tabled until our next available meeting.

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The Oneida County ATV Trails are closed until the state mass gathering order is cancelled by the county executive and governor.

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

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 you're 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. for your committed efforts on these. If anyone is in these areas and can help with these efforts, contact us at the one of the three 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](#)

In Lewis County Trail System news:

ROUNDTABLE

The Lewis County ATV Roundtables on March 9 and April 13 were cancelled. 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 [Lewis County Trail Permit](#) and is online. 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 and decal(s) to you.

Lewis County Annual Trail permits can still be purchased in person at the 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 or joining there.

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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. Some private owners will not allow the larger vehicles to ride the trail on their private property. Therefore, this sign may be posted at trail heads stating 1000lb weight limit. Please follow this weight limit or risk losing the trail for everyone by the landowner.



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.

TRAIL LOST DUE TO DISRESPECTFUL RIDER(S)

Lewis County ATV Trail System
April 14, 2020 at 8:40 AM ·

TRAIL CLOSURE - I [Jackie Mahoney] am saddened to report that we have lost a vital trail in our system. The trail between the Railroad bed, behind RVI to the Burdicks Crossing Road is CLOSED. One of our landowners has had enough of the arrogance (his words) of the riders who will not respect the trail closed signs. So we no longer have a legal connection to Brantingham. Unfortunately the actions of a few that feel the laws do not apply to them have impacted us all. Respect our landowners, your actions have consequences.

We are working on other options but that will take at least until June 3rd to be approved. I will try to keep you updated.

From NNY360.com:
Apr 15, 2020

LOWVILLE — A landowner in Lyons Falls pulled out of the Lewis County ATV trail system because of the

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“arrogance” of some riders, but a fix is already in the works.

Landowners and farmers Ricky J. Ehlers and Nancy B. Cook informed county Recreation Forestry and Parks Director Jackie Mahoney they would no longer allow ATVs to ride on the 778 feet of trail crossing their land because too many “arrogant” riders ignored signs indicating the trails are closed and rode on it anyway. Again.

Mrs. Mahoney said problematic riders going on closed trails aren’t exclusive to this section of trail.

“We’ve seen one post that said the trail is closed and people made the effort to lay it on the ground and ride over it on the closed trail anyway,” she said, “It’s the people that are riding anywhere they want that are ruining it for everyone else.”

Mr. Ehlers pulled yellow marking tape across the trail in addition to the “trail closed” sign posting, but riders drove through the tape, Mrs. Mahoney said.

Now he has stretched neon orange snow fencing across the trail with the bright yellow “trail closed” sign mounted in front to make his final point clear: his land is off limits.

The 3,862 feet of trail that intersects with Burdicks Crossing Road, goes over the railroad bed and behind River Valley Inn and, including the stretch on Mr. Ehlers and Ms. Cook’s land, allows riders to reach the Brantingham area trails.

“We respect landowners,” Mrs. Mahoney said of those that voluntarily allow ATV trails across their property, “They have all of the rights. We only have a contract agreement to use the land but they can withdraw at any time.”

In most cases, she said landowners contact her about issues and she and her team “try to do everything [they] can to work with them.”

For River Valley Inn owners Chef Andrew and Megan Zuccaro, local residents for the past 12 years, allowing the section of trail that brings the majority of their customers to their door to fall apart wasn’t an option, especially now that they have only been able to do business via takeout for so long.

“People are coming for takeout but here in our area, there isn’t a big population and we’re not built for takeout like a pizza place. We’re built for the recreational population,” Mr. Zuccaro said.

He said many people like to blame people from out-of-town that come to the area for ATV riding for any bad behavior on the trails, but at this time of year, it’s mainly local riders he sees ignoring the rules. There isn’t much that can be done about it from his point of view.

What he can do, however, is allow the trail to be rerouted so that his land can be used to make up for the gap where Mr. Ehlers land was being used.

“It turns out that the railroad bed can connect with my property. I already donate the back half of my property for it,” Mr. Zuccaro said,

All trails in the county are currently closed because of the COVID-19 crisis, Mrs. Mahoney said, and they aren’t

pushing for an early opening because “people don’t listen.”

“While people are riding, there isn’t a problem because they are more than six feet apart, but we don’t want them congregating in parking lots or around the restaurants that are still serving takeout food.”

Although seasonal roads are technically open all year round as far as county law goes, Mrs. Mahoney said each town has their own provisions regarding use of those roads.

The new work-around of the trail near Burdicks Crossing Road to include the Zuccaro’s property may take until at least June 3 for final approval.

Until then, Mrs. Mahoney asked riders to respect landowners and follow the law.

LEWIS COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM GROWS

Here we grow again! The Lewis County ATV Trail System is now 7 member clubs strong! Welcome to the Osceola ATV Club in joining the other 6 area clubs in our quest to grow the sport and trails right here in the Tug Hill region of New York State! Welcome aboard!

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

In closing, some reminders:

The NOCATVCLUB trails are closed UNTIL the mass gathering mandate is lifted. 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 May 11, subject to change.
NOCATVCLUB Chicken BBQ, May 9 (tentative)

AND FINALLY.....

Not feeling good for months now, so I went to the Dr today. He asked what are the symptoms I'm having. I told him high fever, runny nose, hard breathing, headaches, run down feeling. He wanted to know when it started. I told him it started in late 2019 but got really bad and regular in the last month.

After examining me, he then told me it was serious and that I needed to follow his instructions if I wanted to live.

He then proceeded to tell me I have COVID-19. What the? He said I have "CONTINUOUS OFFROAD VEHICLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE". The only sure fire cure is to get out on an ATV and ride the NOCATV Club trails thru the forests of Upstate NY and breathe fresh air. Doing this regularly will prevent a re-infection

of this hideous disease.

Thanks Dr Dirt!!

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