

GREETINGS FELLOW SWAMP DONKEYS !!

Welcome to the first ever newsletter from the Airline Snackbar ATV Club, aka the Swamp Donkeys. This letter is going out to all members to let you know what's been happening with the club this season, and what's yet to come!

The 4-wheeling has been great in our area, albeit a tad dusty from time to time. We were given about 15 miles of trail on the north side of Rte. 9, formerly maintained by the Acadia club. This makes a tidy package for overall care and maintenance for everyone. The new signs are up and lots of new "no motorcycle" signs have gone up. Some riders have been using the excuse that they didn't see any signs barring them, should have NO problem now.

The Camp CaPella ride went very well this year, the 6th annual collaboration with the Airline Riders ATV Club. We tried out a variety of new food items instead of the usual dogs & burgers, and they all seemed to be well received—especially the sausage and peppers. The traditional 50/50 was held, as well as an "outside raffle" of a kayak donated by Old Town Canoe. We were happy to have Game Warden Alan Curtis from the show North Woods Law visit again, with his k-9 Sig. The demonstration of the pup's skills was fun, and photo ops and autographs followed. One club member even had Alan autograph his atv, a first for the warden ! The total for camperships came to \$3,000.00, and has been sent along to Dana at the camp to go toward Keely's campership costs and enough left over to help another camper. We were very happy with the results, and thank all involved. The plan is for the 7th annual ride to be held the 2nd Saturday in August, 2016—we can always use more help.

Coming up will be our annual Landowner appreciation dinner, to be held at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth starting at 6 pm on Saturday, December 5, 2015, a good time is sure to be had by all, reminders will go out at a later date. We obviously couldn't ride as we do without landowner cooperation and the need is there to remember we ride their land as a privilege, not a right. 6-6:30 welcome and settle in. 6:30 order off the menu. The club will cover dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar for those who wish to imbibe.

Trailmasters David and Pete have both been slowed down by health issues, other club members jumped right in to help, much appreciated by all.

Concerning the AD&D benefit provided at no charge to members of ATV Maine, please be aware: if you are an associate member of the Snackbar Club and your "primary" club is no longer affiliated with ATV Me. (Acadia for instance) this is directly from Tami Kane, President of ATV Me. " As an associate member to your club, they will only have the AD&D benefit if their primary club is a member of ATV Me." This means you will just need to notify us of your wishes, and we will make you a primary member of the Snackbar instead of

associate, and you will be eligible for the several thousand dollar value of the Accidental Death & Dismemberment policy.

Please come join us at the SnackBar on Rte.9, the 2nd Saturday in season at 6:30 pm.

BREAKING NEWS—LINDA (WORKS AT THE DINER) IS GETTING MARRIED OCT. 24, 2015, AND, RICK CARTER PROPOSED TO OUR LILLY, AND SHE SAID YES !!!!!

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