

ATV Traction Venango Chapter Newsletter

Fall Edition 2009

NEW TRAILHEAD

We are happy to announce that our trails are once again open and that we have secured a new location for our trailhead. It is located off Pike Rd. in Irwin Twp. This is one of the township roads we have approval for ATV travel upon. We have named the trailhead in honor of the landowner's brother who lost his life in a tragic truck accident a few years back. It is named the "Brian Matthews Memorial Trailhead". We thank the Matthews Family for allowing us to name it in Brian's honor. I'd also like to welcome the landowner, Brad Matthews and his brother Brett to ATV Traction as new members. Anyone needing directions to the new trailhead contact Scott Vogel at 724-791-2139 or scv2469@embarqmail.com

OLD TRAILHEAD

Under no circumstances is any member of ATV Traction permitted to enter or ride through the old trailhead or the trails immediately adjacent to. The trailhead is blocked off with logs and the trails are clearly marked on the other end with signs stating NO ATV's at the request of the Landowner. Anyone caught not obeying this rule may be subject to removal from the Club.

TOWNSHIP ROADS

It has become necessary at the request of the Township Supervisors to set a maximum speed limit of 15 MPH on all township roads. If we do not obey, our privilege may go away. If we lose these roads we will be done. Our compliance and behavior is critical to keeping our privileges as we are currently working with neighboring as well as current townships to seek approval for opening of more roads to ATV travel, thus expanding our riding opportunities.

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ANNUAL PICNIC

Our Chapter held it Annual Family, Landowner, and Sponsor Appreciation Picnic on Saturday August 8th. It was held at the new trailhead with a nice turnout and some great food and fellowship shared that day. We started the day off with a meeting, then a ride, and the picnic to follow. Many thanks out to all who participated and sharing a dish with friends.

PARADES

Many of our members have shined and decorated their machines and participated in various parades throughout the summer. Starting off with the Memorial Day Parade in Harrisville, the 4th of July Parade in Harrisville, the big Sheakleyville Parade and the Community Day Parade in Clintonville. Congratulations to the gang for taking 1st Place with the float in the Clintonville Community Day Parade.

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

You will be receiving a ballot soon to vote for Chapter Vice Presidents and Corporate Board Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Advisor positions. I urge everyone to take the time to vote. These folks are the people who will be helping **your** club in the future. All ballots must be returned as indicated on the ballot. Please be prompt in voting and its return.

ATV JAMBOREE

Two Jamborees are now in the books for 2009. Although the tallies have not been made for the most recent, the turnouts this year have been very good . Dan Scott, President of our Mercer Chapter has informed me that ATV Traction has shown more profit again this year, telling us that our jamboree is becoming more and more popular. Anyone who hasn't attended should try to put it on your "things to do" list for next season. Being it a worker, a spectator or participant the Jamboree is a fun time. It is held at Yankee Lake in Brookfield, Ohio about 10 miles north of I-80 off the Hubbard exit. Hope to see you there next year.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Hospitality Committee is currently making plans for our Annual Christmas Party. It will be held on Saturday Dec. 12th at the Clintonville VFD Firehall. We will have a live band this year....Double Take. More to come as it becomes available.

TRAILS/HUNTING SEASON

As in years past the trails at Misty Ridge will CLOSE for hunting season ALL DAYS from Oct 3- Jan 9. The Clinton /Irwin Twp. trails will be open SUNDAYS only throughout the same period.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 12th Redbank Poker Run visit redbankpark@windstream.net or

Or call 814-365-5924 (35 miles of trails)

Sun. Sept 13th Chapter Meeting 1:00 PM Brian Matthews Memorial Trailhead

Sat. Sept 19th Trail maintenance 9:00AM Brian Matthews Memorial Trailhead

Sat. Sept 26th Corporate Board Meeting 11:00AM Eagles Club, Warren PA

Sat. Sept. 26th CMATVA ATV Rodeo Flatrun Speedway, Allport PA

See <http://cmatva.org>

Sat. Oct. 3rd Erie Chapter Club Group Ride, Mines & Meadows, Wampum PA

Sat. Oct. 11th Meeting 1:00PM Brian Matthews Memorial Trailhead

Sat. Oct 17th Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup 8:00AM Brian Matthews Memorial Trailhead

You may be asking yourself as I have, "Where did the summer go?"