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SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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Legislative Review 2017

Early Friday morning, May 19, 2017, just after midnight, the Legislature finally went home. It was a rather strange night and the lightning storm greatly added to the ambiance. The all but certainty there will be a Veto or two, loomed over the end of session ceremony. Legislators and the Administration were disappointed that an agreement on the last remaining issue failed, the teachers' healthcare benefit that if negotiated state-wide could return up to \$26 million back to the property tax payer. They all will need to come back June 21 and 22 to a Veto Session to reconsider their work on a number of issues. The Session started more slowly due mostly to the fact that there was a new Governor, Lt. Governor, Senate and House leadership, but as the session progressed, so did the pace. There was also a very high number of first year Legislators. One of those new legislators is VASA Director and Treasurer, Gary Nolan of Morristown. Rep. Nolan serves on the House Transportation Committee, a very impor-

tant committee for ATV uses and trail policies. We are very fortunate to have him there and he has already made a difference on our behalf.

There were a number of bills that came onto the watch list mostly housed in the transportation and government operations committees. There were also a few bills of interest dealing with agriculture and forestry that impact landowners. Frank Stanley and I kept a careful eye on these and other bills to be sure VASA's concerns are addressed. At the end of the session, no changes in law occurred that could have negative impacts on VASA's interests. A summary of some of our activities are below. More detailed information is found in the Spring 2017 VASA Newsletter.

A bill, H.287, requiring landowners to attach reflectors or visible flagging on wire, cable, rope or chain across a trail may make sense, but had the unintended consequence of upsetting the balance with respect to landowner liability. It's Vermont strong landowner liability statutes

that protect the landowners from lawsuits and allow us access to their property for ATVing and diluting those protections could have profound effects on continued access. The House Transportation Committee listened to our concerns and turned back the requirement, instead choosing the creation of an education piece to provide information to landowners about danger of such things. Rep. Gary Nolan is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and with his Chair, Rep. Pat Brennan worked out this compromise.

A bill regulating certain large forested parcels, H.233, adds new criteria to Act 250 that reviews impacts on fragmentation of a forest block or habitat connector. This measure, if passed, will increase costs of development and will reduce property value and antagonize landowners. A primary concern to VASA was in the definition of fragmentation. The definition included confusing language defining a recreational trail as having "a minor impact on the values of a forest block or habitat

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connector. This measure, if passed, will increase costs of development and will reduce property value and antagonize landowners. A primary concern to VASA was in the definition of fragmentation. The definition included confusing language defining a recreational trail as having “a minor impact on the values of a forest block or habitat connector”. An amendment proposed by Rep. Gary Nolan on the floor of the House sought to remove this language therefore allowing recreational trails to not be considered fragmentation. This amendment passed and a major improvement to this bill was made. This bill passed the House with the friendly Nolan amendment and is now in the Senate to be considered next year.

A few bills slated for action next year include:

H.39 a bill that reduces the acreage threshold of impervious surface for

a storm water permit from one acre to one-half acre. Now in House Ways and Means Committee.

H.231 - Authorizing municipalities to prohibit through traffic by heavy vehicles. This bill gives municipalities the authority to prohibit large and heavy trucks and trailers from using a class 3 or 4 town road to shortcut through an area. The exception is for local stops. Of concern is if there is a need to use this road to access a trail or build a trail, transporting equipment using heavy or large trucks and trailers also needs this exemption. In response to our concern, the sponsor of the bill does not object to adding language to assure that is an allowed use of the road.

We now look forward to further advancing a VASA agenda that seeks to increase compliance on VASA trails and increase registrations. Danny Hale, Frank and I are working closely with the Commissioners of Fish and Wildlife, Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Dept. of Motor Vehicles to find ways to

improve VASAs ability to serve this important recreational and economic activity. A stronger cooperative partnership will go a long way to gain more club members, enhance landowner relations and increase safe use of VASA trails.

We also will be working on monitoring and commenting on management plans and uses of state forests, wildlife management areas and Federal lands including the Silvio Conti National Wildlife Refuge.

Frank and I were hard at work this past session looking out for VASA’s interests and were able to keep things going in the right direction. Frank Stanley and I enjoy representing VASA in the Legislature and we look forward to continuing to do so. Thank you to VASA and the VASA membership and have a great riding season.

From the desk of the President...

I would like to start out by giving credit where credit is due— if you attended our Annual Meeting on June 10, 2017 then you know what a fantastic event it turned out to be. It was the 19th annual meeting that VASA has hosted and the very first that took place directly on one of our trail systems and also incorporated a ride into the meeting. I think this meeting was our best yet and we have many people to thank for it. The VASA staff put in a ridiculous amount of time and energy to make this happen so my first shout out goes to Danny, Dani, Emily, Jesse and Kaleb— thank you for all of your hard work guys! We couldn’t do it without you! Next, a huge thank you to the Caledonia All Terrain Travelers and the town of Hardwick for allowing us to have our event on their trails and in their town. Both the club and the town were very supportive and welcoming and it was truly refreshing to be in an area that understands the benefits of managed motorized recreation. This was also the first year that we had a major sponsor of the event— Buffalo Mountain Power Sports. BMPS is the local Arctic Cat dealer located right on CATT’s trail system in Hardwick. They helped with funding the event as well as provided man power to help us prepare for the event and brought a great selection of machines to the event for our members to familiarize themselves with. Our members loved checking out the latest and greatest traditional ATVs and side by sides. If you are in the market for a new machine, make sure to take the trip to Hardwick to see what they have to offer. Let’s support the businesses that support our organization! Lastly, to all of the members who showed up for the meeting— THANK YOU. Your support keeps our sport alive! I really hope that all of you are enjoying riding season so far, despite how wet it has been. We ask that you use common sense and don’t ride where you could cause any damage. We are all hoping for a much drier end of the season and a warm fall! Ride smart, ride safe and have fun!

-Craig Vance, President of the VT ATV Sportsman’s Association

Agreement Allows NH ATVs to Cross the CT River to DeBanville's Store

Featured article from the July 7, 2017 edition of the Colebrook Chronicle...

A ceremony took place on Friday morning, June 30, to open the New Hampshire/Vermont bridge between North Stratford and Bloomfield, VT to ATV traffic. It allows for New Hampshire ATV traffic to access DeBanville's Store, but no further at this time.

Representatives gathered at the Stratford Market at 10 am, featuring some of the key folks behind the opening of the bridge to ATV traffic - notably, Ted Burns of the North Country ATV Club and Danny Hale, Executive Director of the Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association. The project was the result of work between the Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association, the NH Fish and Game, the NH Department of Transportation and the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

The agreement connects North Stratford and Bloomfield, VT via route 105, providing access to DeBanville's General Store by crossing the bridge in North Stratford. Ted Burns, who has a history of business operation in Stratford, spoke highly of the connection to the DeBanville's Store in Bloomfield, which has recently re-opened. Four years ago, this project was approved and underway, and shortly after, DeBanville's went out of business. The re-opening has allowed the project to reach success.

"This has been an adventure," said Burns. "It is absolutely delightful for an ATVer to be allowed access to another state, and another business opportunity for the other side of the river. To me, I've been in this 19 years now, I believe, and anytime we can connect to another business, it's just fantastic to have the opportunity at the end of a destination ride to connect to a business that will provide services."

Danny Hale spoke from the Vermont



Executive Councilor Joe Kenney, NH State Senator Jeff Woodburn, Ted Burns of the North Country ATV Club, Danny Hale of VASA and ATV Advocate Harry Brown hold up a proclamation in honor of the new agreement connecting North Stratford and Bloomfield, VT by ATV trail. Photo by Charles Jordan.

perspective of the new connection. "In this part of Vermont, access to New Hampshire is critical," he told the Colebrook Chronicle, "because to the west of here it's basically public land- either the National Refuge or state land, which prohibits ATV use. So the connection to New Hampshire for these Vermonters is a critical part of what needs to happen." He went on to add, "This will allow ATVers on both sides of the river to be able to be one."

Also present at the Friday morning celebration were Stewartstown resident, Harry

Brown, a key part of establishing the Ride the Wilds network, State Senator Jeff Woodburn, and Executive Councilor Joe Kenney. Kenney and Woodburn both praised the persistence and tenacity of those involved in making the project happen. Down the line, there are hopes that further Vermont and New Hampshire connections can be established, linking the Bridge Street and Commerce trails in Colebrook and Lemington, VT., as well as downtown Canaan, VT.

A gathering at the bridge between North Stratford and Bloomfield, VT recognized an agreement between the two states, allowing ATV travel along the bridge. Photo by Charles Jordan



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Borderline Ridge Riders

Our ATV season is in full swing. Our hats go out to the many volunteers who make this club function. A huge thank you to Chris Donovan for organizing a work day at the bog on June 17th, to Dan Pepin excavating, Brian Lafoe logging, James Donovan Trucking, D&C Transport, and the crew for taking care of the bog. Lots of work was needed due to high water. A hug thank you to all our members who are working to make new trails and maintenance to our current trails.

Our point of sales are doing a fantastic job this year. We currently have about 420 members. This is about a 75% increase from last year. It's still not too late to buy a membership. Please register your ma-

chine and get a VASA membership. It's a lot cheaper than getting a ticket. We have new decals for your machines this year. It's a two part decal. One part is for the front and the second is for the back. Please remove your WHITE PLATE. It is no long valid.

We held our first spring poker run on June 24th. Great turn out. We sold approximately 200 cards. Thank you to the Cajun Snack Bar in Lowell for hosting the event serving over 75 dinners and enjoying a live band. To all those who donated to our silent auction and the crew who organized the event.

Check out the VASA website (VTVASA.org). Click on Clubs, BLRR for a listing of our point

of sales and other points of interest.

Upcoming events: July 29 Mt. Washington Ride – see Newsletter for more detail and September 9th Poker Run and Year end raffle.

We've had a change of address. New address is: BLRR P.O. Box 1218, Newport, Vt. 05855. Our monthly meeting is the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Carriage House Restaurant in Orleans, Vt. Please attend. We need your support and ideas. See you all on the Trails. Respects our landowners. They are the heart of our organization.

Caledonia All Terrain Travelers



My hat goes off to the CATT club officers and VASA who put together the annual meeting! My wife and I had a great time! We listened to the speakers, and the game warden, and people who had comments/questions. It was a huge success!! We couldn't have asked for better trail conditions for the after dinner ride.

My wife and I very much enjoyed the (Mackville trail) very scenic and much natural beauty. During the meeting the game warden was taking comments/ questions. I explained that I liked what the wardens were doing, I just didn't see much of them on the trail. Well, -(the funny part!!) we met a warden

on the railroad bed and he reminded me that I needed to remember to put my tag on my license plate!! I said no problem, LOL. Met many new people who are ATVers, and I think a good time was had by all. -

Tim and Maggie Celley

Central Vermont Quad Runners

Greetings from Central Vermont Quad Runners:

Our riding season has gotten off to a wet and muddy start, but our trails are in good shape, and are being enjoyed by many. We are hoping that the rain will stop sometime this summer and give us a break. Unfortunately we have received

complaints of riders going too fast past camps and houses and when meeting vehicles on the roads. Please remember that the speed limit in Stockbridge for ATVs is 25 MPH and is 15 MPH in Barnard. There also seems to be riders without current registrations and/or VASA tags on our trails. Riding our trails is a privi-

lege that can be taken away from us at any time, so please follow the rules and regulations of our club. We are looking into having law enforcement help us with this matter, so please remember that there is a hefty fine for unregistered machines and machines not showing valid VASA stickers. We welcome legal machines on our trails

and hope you enjoy them.

Please check our Facebook page for upcoming events. We have a club ride on the last Sunday of every month through our trailhead at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there and enjoy the rest of the riding season.

Tri-Village Wheelers

Hi Everyone,
Well another great wet season is underway with lots of mud and rainy weekends. It's been tough getting out there to put up signs and check our trails. Lots of trees down. But with lots of hard work thanks to Bob Connell, George Soroka, Alan Partington, Daryl Fowler and his buddy, it all got accomplished. We are always looking for people interested in helping so please let us know if you have so time to help.

I am sure many of you have seen our bright new logo. We have it on our T-shirts, Sweatshirt and Hoodies that are for sale through Facebook, Bunnie Caruso or The Waits River Country Store. If we don't have your sizes or style let us know, we can order whatever you want from GMM.

Our Trail Head at Harts field, located on Harts Road in Topsham, has a new sign as well. Hope you all get a chance to get up there, the view is spectacular and you can see pretty far off on a clear

day, The fall leaves are amazing and you can take some awesome photos. There are also picnic tables for those who would like to stop for lunch. Many thanks to the Hart family for letting us use their beautiful land for our trail Head. So please be respectful and only ride and park where the grass is mowed, the Hart's hay the rest of the field and it won't be much good if it gets all trampled down.

Hope you all have great rides and please stay safe and remember our trails are a gift to enjoy by all, so please be respectful of our landowner's and our neighbors who live in the towns we ride in. Think about it, not everyone loves or appreciates eating

dust, being sprayed by mud or hearing the roaring noise of ATV engine's like we do.



Northwest VT Wheelers

I hope everyone is having a great summer and riding season.

We've been busy creating trails. Thank you for who have helped out. Stay tuned to northwestvermontwheelers.com and our Facebook page for more trail work days. We are always looking for help.

We have a Bingo Run and BBQ planned for September 9th at 10:00 AM. It starts from at Peaked Hill trail head. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle and will also raffle some NWW gear (a hat and a t-shirt). It will be a great time, hope to see you there! Check out our website and Facebook for more details.

We are teaming up with our friends at the Franklin County Snow Raiders to hold a Outdoor Powersport Swap Meet. It will be held on October 1, 2017, 9:00AM - 4:00PM rain or shine at the 'Hard' Ack Recreational Area, 90 Congress St. St. Albans, VT 05478. The cost is \$15 to sell if purchased prior to the event, \$20 to sell if purchased at the gate. All proceeds will be split to benefit both clubs. C & M concessions will be on site. There will be music and a 50/50 raffle. If you would like more info,

would like to purchase you spot in advance or would like to be an event volunteer please contact Justin Rocque at atv4wheelin@gmail.com or 752-0583. Dan Bockus at dbockus@me.com or 309-3095. So

gather up your old gear, your ATV or your snowmobile you would like to sell, swap or trade and bring it to the swap meet.



Top of the World ATV Club

Top of the World is off to a busy start and great trails. We had hoped to say that the trails have finally dried out but after the storms the first weekend of July it may be awhile before we can boast of dry trails. We can however boast that our trails offer a little bit of everything-some road riding, some mud, some steep, some level. TOW participated in Green Up Day and crews were out cleaning up our trails. Members rode in the Memorial Day in Concord- the most patriotic parade and ceremony that you may ever see. TOW meets monthly and directly after the meeting we head out for trail and sign maintenance. We look forward to more member participation for trail

maintenance- if you want to continue to ride these amazing trails please remember we need your help! As always we thank our landowners for graciously allowing the use of their land for the VASA trails. TOW has more than 70 miles of trails.

Visit our website:
www.towatv.com
Or find us on facebook by searching Top of the World ATV Club



Tri County ATV Club

Tri-County ATV Club is based out of **Island Pond** (Brighton) and reaches into surrounding towns. You probably haven't heard from us in a few years as the club was almost defunct, but we have a new energy that is exploding! Welcome to our new officers: Reno Gervais, President; Stacey Roese, Vice President; Craig Warner, Secretary; and Bill Bailey, Treasurer. Pete Walbridge continues as our VASA delegate with Craig Warner as the alternate.

Things are off to a great start this year with the **town passing a new ordinance in town that allows ATV use on designated streets in town!** This is a huge win for ATVers and the local businesses. You can now ride to food, fuel, and shopping! Each week we are expanding our trails and the VASA crew has been out repairing a very tough area for us. Thank you Danny and crew! **A special thanks to our half-dozen or so VERY dedicated members that have been working day and night to get landowner permission, work with the town, cut trails, and sign them.** This Spring was one of the wettest on record which caused us to delay opening until June 29. How excited are people? We have over 70 members, and that was BEFORE the trails even opened!! Wondering what our trails are like? Well, they're a little bit of everything, and they will all take a 64" wide machine. There's a few flat stretches, but not many. The trails to the north of town are the best to ride and have a nice variety of hilly, rocky, forested, muddy, wet, and just plain good trails with some beautiful views. The trails to the south of town are more technical and you'll want to be both mentally and physically prepared for steep climbs, big mud holes, and technical rock terrain. We have two trailheads with plenty of parking. **The best way to get up-to-date trail information is by joining our email list from our web-**

site (www.IslandPondATV.com) or liking our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/IslandPondATV).

NEW!! You can now join the Tri-County ATV Club and VASA ONLINE!! Go to our website at www.IslandPondATV.com for more information (yes, we can mail you a Trail Access Decal). **Already a member of another club? Consider joining Tri-County for just \$20** and we'll mail you a membership card (club only), decal, and club map! You'll also soon be able to get maps at Gervais ACE Hardware in town.

It probably goes without saying to those reading the newsletters, but **we must work together to show the ultimate respect for our communities and landowners.** The club's permission to use roads in town will only continue if we use the roads respectfully. The same goes for our generous landowners. It only takes one bad apple to ruin the bushel. Please help spread the word of good sportsmanship and **hold those accountable who create a risk of having trails shut down.** As with all clubs, we are still looking for more volunteers. **More hands make for small work.** There are many small tasks we could use help with that would help out enormously. Please drop by one of our **club meetings at 9:30 AM on the Second Saturday of each month at the VFW in Island Pond.** Don't forget to check out Facebook (or get on our email list) to find out about a summer ride-in we hope to have in August.

We hope to see you in Island Pond!!

**Tri-County ATV Club
Island Pond**

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Bennington Trail Cruisers

Well, rider's we made it!!! Warm weather is finally upon us. Seemed to take forever for Mother Nature to decide what season she wanted to stick with.

Love the Trail Access Decals (TADS).

They are so much easier to see, and I think it will make it much easier for VT State to get everyone Legal.

Our (TADS) can be purchased either @ a meeting, with a member or at:

Ronnie's Cycle (Bennington, VT)
(802) 447-8606

Fat City Motor Worx (Wilmington, VT)
(802) 464-2891

As you will notice on the 2017 VASA maps there are no trail systems listed for Bennington, County. (BTC)

I'm sure most of you know Mike Smith.

He is the President of our club and is working very hard with National Forest.

We do still ride on the (2) trail systems that are located in

Bennington, VT, but since they are Town Roads we don't have any liability to maintain them.

Hopefully by next year's riding season, we will have all the

Ordinances in place with all the towns, (With-in the Bennington County) and

with the help of the National Forest, plus our President, Mike Smith who is working very hard on this. Mike is doing a Super Job! So fingers crossed, we will have more trails

Trail Systems will be on the 2018 VASA map next year. Mike is been a busy little beaver, and he isn't the type to give up on something. Mike will continue to work on these connector trails, until we get them all set, and in order! Mike is finally gaining some headway. It is an uphill battle with VT. Keep up the Good Work Mike!!

Trails are still extremely wet, here in Bennington County, and we ask all members to respect the VASA Trail Systems, as we don't want to be in a position where the landowners close their trails due to destruction of property.

We have had so much rain here, that it

has caused substantial damage to some major roads/highways. Some of our members have also had damage to their homes. (Our NY Members)

We also have shirts, hats, hoodies (zip & pull over) available for sale. If we don't have it in stock, we can order it for you. Our officer's are all the same as they were last year. Below you will see their names/phone #'s.

(President) - Mike Smith (518) 279-3385

(Vice-President) - Bill Bakaitis (518) 618-1341

(Sec./Treasurer) - Anne Gerity (518) 892-4719

(Trail Master) - Kevin Tatro (518) 269-2092

I am in the process of working on a ride schedule. We try to do at least (2) rides per month. Our club also will get together for clean-up days, at least once a month. I would love to see more rides than that, since I love the fresh air, and all the beauty Vermont has to offer.

We also love to travel to other trail systems within the VASA network, so please send me your ride schedules or any benefit rides/ect you may have going on, and we would love to attend. You can send me your schedules to our email address which is: Benningtontrailcruisers@yahoo.com

This year has been very busy, we have sold twice the amount of memberships already than we did this time last year.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are looking to join we meet the 3rd Wednesday of every OTHER month. We are currently having the meetings at the Vice-President's house located @ 67 Elm Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090 @ 7 PM. due to construction going on at our normal location.

Once the construction if complete, we will go back to meeting @ the VFW on North Street in Bennington, VT 05201 @ 7 pm.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE FOR A LOCATION CHANGE, WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED.

Any questions, feel free to call or email me. Info is at the bottom.

I always like to bring up safety, must be the EMT in me. Let's all practice what we preach. Our young adults watch everything we do/say. Promote safe driving habits while crossing any crossroads or driving by anyone's home. Always drive at a safe speed. There is no rush to get there, you will get there. No Alcohol/No Drugs! They don't mix well with any type of motor vehicle. HELMET ALWAYS!!! You are out riding to have fun, enjoy the scenery. Take your time, stop and smell the roses, or in some cases COW POOP! Tomorrow is never guaranteed! Enjoy riding safely.

Don't forget to send me your ride schedule of rides/events so our club can attend some of your rides.

Club email is: benningtontrailcruisers@yahoo.com

We also have (2) facebook pages. Just look for benningtontrailcruisers. 1 page is a friend page and the other is like a fan page, just hit LIKE!

Hope to see you on the trails.

Anne Gerity, BTC



Southern VT Trail Riders

June 10th 2017. How many of you remember that date? Well if you attended the 2016-2017 annual meeting held in Hardwick VT you just may well remember it. Deb and I have attended VASA annual meetings for 16 years, and this was without a doubt the best one ever. My hats off to the CATT members, Danny Hale, and the members of VASA and the VASA office for putting on one heck of a show. The set up was excellent and they topped it off with a chicken BBQ and an opportunity to ride the CATT trails. All of which was great.

With the amount rain we've had our southern trails are off to a slow start. Bill was able to announce the opening of our trails just this past week. I'm hoping we get to enjoy a few great months of riding. Talk about great riding how about a night ride on the great Mount Washington. Deb and I haven't missed a Mt. Washington ride yet. Though this may be the last Mount ride she and I do, we are definitely looking forward to the Saturday night ride. The ride is always a lot of fun so if the big man upstairs can bless us with a great sunset. Wow! Won't that

be something?

Thank you to all of our Land owners and to all our members. Members please remember to stay on trails. Renegade riders only cause trouble. Respect our Vermont Land and respect the rules of our great landowners and the rules set by VASA. Have a great 2017 riding season. Ride Safe!

Lloyd Church
2017 VASA Director at Large.
Proud member of the SVTR.

What's the Deal with Helmets?

We get lots of inquiries at the VASA office about helmets. Everyone's first question is "do we have to wear helmets?" followed by "how about if I'm in a side by side?"

We would like to shed some light on the situation as it can be a bit confusing. The short answer is that helmets are required on the VASA trail system. Helmets are also required in nearly every town which allows ATV use on select roads. This rule applies to all ATVers- and yes, that includes side by sides and UTVs.

Here's where it can get a little confusing... is there a Vermont Law that states that helmets on ATV's are mandatory? NO.

If you ride on VASA trail or town roads without a helmet can you get in trouble? YES.

You are risking fines and citations... not to mention, your own head.

Wondering why you have to wear your helmet in a side by side unit when they are equipped with roll bars and seat belts? Let me ask you a quick question before I give you the answer why- have you ever banged your head on one of those roll bars? Hurts doesn't it? Now for

the "official" answer: The state of Vermont has one definition for an ATV- the definition includes both traditional and side by side varieties of machines. This one definition is the reason why side by side units are allowed on the VASA trails instead of excluded from them- you have to be able to register your machine as an ATV in order to purchase a VASA Trail Access Decal and membership. This one definition is also the reason why there is no separation in helmet rules. ATVs and side by sides are viewed as the same thing in the state of Vermont.

We understand that helmets can be inconvenient, hot, -you name the excuse, we've heard them all multiple times. We get it. They aren't always fun- but the landowners that so graciously allow us to use their land, and the municipalities that allow us to use their roads are more comfortable allowing use if they know that the participating riders are being safe. We don't blame them. For us, it's a small price to pay to be able to have 800+ miles of legal trail opportunity in Ver-

mont. Remember, without your head intact, you can't ride at all! Put your helmet on, fasten your chin strap, be grateful for the wonderful opportunities that we have and have a great ride!

Remember, don't just wear your helmet, ROCK IT.



ANNUAL MEETING 2017



Member of the Year

A huge congratulations goes out to our 2017 members of the year. We can't think of anyone more deserving than these two. Pictured left is President of VASA Craig Vance presenting Lloyd Church with his Member of the Year plaque. Lloyd is a founding member of the Southern Vermont Trail Riders and has been a club leader as well as an active member of the VASA board of directors for nearly two decades. He was elected to the Executive Board at this annual meeting and is looking forward to serving VASA in this new role. His dedication to the sport, his club and the association is unmatched. He is as dependable as they come, always volunteering to do whatever is necessary to improve ATVing in Vermont.

Pictured right is President Vance handing Mike Smith his Member of the Year Plaque. Mike is an officer of the Bennington Trail Cruisers and has put in countless hours of time trying to reduce illegal activity as well as work with the Green Mountain National Forest in his area– he's held his club together through dark times and has helped them get to and celebrate the good times. He always makes himself available to help and is one of the hardest workers you will ever meet. Both of these two men work so hard to better our sport, we all owe them a round of applause and a thank you. Both are also humble, never wanting to take the credit they deserve – so if you see either them out and about on the trails, stop and shake their hands. ATVing in Vermont would not be what it is today without the blood, sweat and tears of these two members.

THANK YOU LLOYD AND MIKE AND CONGRATULATIONS!

ANNUAL MEETING 2017



Thank you to all who attended! Pictured top left is the Caledonia All Terrain Travelers trail head kiosk. Thank you to CATT for welcoming us on your trails and a huge thank you to your local dealership Buffalo Mountain Power Sports for sponsoring the meeting! The Town of Hardwick was so supportive! Top right is the event tent under which we had our meeting and delicious lunch! Our guest speakers where amazing– huge thank you to Senator Rodgers, Representative Nolan, and Col. Batchelder. Your support is so appreciated and we look forward to working with all three of you as much as possible to further our sport! Pictured bottom left is the display of equipment VASA had on hand to showcase our Trail Maintenance Program and bottom right are three members from the Northwest Vermont Wheelers ready for some good old fashioned family fun on the trails! Thanks so much for coming everyone! We can't wait for next year!

Please welcome our newly elected Executive Officers!
Craig Vance, Northeast Kingdom Wheelers, President
Adam Lane, Lost Nation ATV Club, Vice President
Gary Nolan, Green Mountain ATV Club, Treasurer
Justin Rocque, Northwest Vermont Wheelers
Lloyd Church, Southern VT Trail Riders, Member at Large





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