

# HIGHMARKET WHEELERS ATV CLUB

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## April 2017 Newsletter

Our April meeting produced a great turnout with 36 members in attendance. Thank you to all the members who offered to volunteer their time and equipment for trail maintenance, as well as assistance with logo designs for club apparel. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 10:00 am at The Tug Hill Hideaway. Our meetings are now open to the public; please feel free to bring a friend.

### **CLUB MEETING**

#### **Memberships:**

Last year we had a total of 402 members. This year we have 252 members paid to date. If you have not renewed your membership for 2017, this will be your last newsletter. Please renew your membership to continue receiving newsletters.

#### **Sponsorships:**

Welcome back to our Sponsors who renewed this year and thank you for your continued support. The following Sponsors have renewed during the last month; Aspen Knoll Lodge & Cabin, Highmarket Inn, Adirondack Cycle & Snow, The Timberview, West Wind Motel and Tug Hill Hideaway. There are 14 sponsorships paid to date.

#### **Donations:**

Thank you to members Greg Grower, James Williams, Michael DeSanto, Randy Baker, Dale Smith and Donald Gordon for their generosity and support of Highmarket Wheelers. Thank you for your donations! Also, thank you to Greg Grower for offering to open up your land for trails.

These Sponsorships and Member donations are very much appreciated and important to fund our monthly newsletters, trail development and maintenance expenses and many other projects. Thank you!!!

#### **Trails:**

A special "thank you" to the 13 members (and guests) who volunteered to open trails this past Saturday, April 22nd. Tim Barletta, Ben Barletta, Carole Barletta, Brad Billhardt, Dave Deines, Mike Gille, Lee Heady, Rita Heady, Duane Hughes, Jamie Kent, Dan Okusko, Matt Okusko, and Rod Runnells met at Highmarket Inn at 10:00 a.m. and worked to clear trails, remove "closed" signs and broken stakes, secure existing stakes and attach trail signs on Byrons Corners Road, Kraeger Road, Duppert Road, Beecher Road and Mackey Road. Lunch at Highmarket Inn was a welcome end to a damp, cold day on the trails.

Some trails are still closed. We will inform the membership as additional trails are opened. We still need a Trail Boss and volunteers are always welcome. We will inform the membership of the next trail maintenance date. Please remember: It is a PRIVILEGE, not a RIGHT to use these trails. Please use a map, as there are roads that are not open and may not be signed properly. Thank you to our landowners for their generosity.

#### **Special Presentation:**

A special presentation on "Meth Lab Components and Dump Recognition" was given by Bob McKenzie after our April meeting. It was extremely informative, especially for our members who volunteer to clean trails every Spring. More information can be obtained by viewing this 1 hour and 20 minute You Tube presentation by Bob McKenzie. Visit You Tube and type in "Lyons Falls Community".

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#### **County Trail News:**

At the County level, the Legislature just approved a trail to Flat Rock. More information will follow.

Permits for The Lewis County ATV Trail System can be purchased online. Visit the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce site at <http://www.lewiscountychamber.org/permit.php> or you can purchase permits at the following businesses: Colleen's Creekside, Flat Rock Inn, Kovach Repair, Montague Inn, Myer's Towpath Restaurant, The Lodge at Headwaters, Tuggers, and Tug Hill Hideaway. Current paid-up Club members will receive a \$20 discount for the first Lewis County Trail Permit purchased.

If anyone is interested in attending, there will be a West Turin Public Hearing held on May 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the West Turin Highway Barn in Constableville to open Neff Road from Bower to Town of Leyden line.

#### **2017 Club Events:**

SNIRT RUN - On April 15th Highmarket Wheelers set up a table at Highmarket Inn to sell cash raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, Memberships, maps and to help stamp rider's cards. Thank you to Terry Rounds, Lee Heady, Debbie Gille, Mike Gille, Tom Gammel, Michele Gammel and Wendy Cranmer for donating their time to work this event. The Highmarket Wheeler's 50/50 drawing netted \$785 and was won by Jeff Blaisdell. Congratulation Jeff!

#### **June 10th - Highmarket Wheelers ATV Club 6th Annual Member Appreciation Day at Highmarket Inn**

Please RSVP by May 26th by calling Mike Gille @315-397-8014 or Rita Heady @315-348-8499 [VIEW POSTER](#)

July 8th - **Highmarket Wheelers 3rd Annual Poker Run & ATV Festival** Co-Hosted by the **Alpine Restaurant** and Highmarket Wheelers ATV Club. Enjoy live entertainment, Chicken BBQ, Demo Rides from local ATV dealers and a poker run. The Constableville Fire Department will also be on the grounds to accept donations for our first responders of our local fire department. Join us and support local businesses!

August 19th - **Poker Run** Hosted by the **Timberview**

September 2nd - **Poker Run** Hosted by the **Tug Hill Hideaway**

The **Cash Raffle Ticket** drawing will be held on September 2nd at the Tug Hill Hideaway right after the poker run. There will be three prizes: 1st/\$500, 2nd/\$300 and 3rd/\$200. [VIEW AND PRINT THE CASH RAFFLE TICKET](#). You can send it to us with your check and we will fill out your ticket(s) for you. The cost is \$5 per ticket. You can also obtain cash raffle tickets from Officers and Board Members.

#### **Volunteers:**

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in organizing and working club events, as well as working on trail development and maintenance. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Gille or another member of the Board.

#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to welcome all of our new members and thank all of our returning members. The 2017 season officially starts now! Most of the trails will be open as of April 22nd. When you are riding on the trail system, weather it is a club trail or a county trail, let us know if there are any issues that need to be addressed (downed tree limbs, broken marker stakes, etc.). If the issue can be taken care of while you are on the trail and you want to fix it, please do. Please stay safe while taking care of the issue.

We will be asking the membership to help us from time to time by writing letters, calling your legislators and going to town meetings. There are many issues (opening roads, state easement lands, state right-of-ways, increasing weight limits for side-by-sides, etc.) that need to be addressed. Thank you for your support.

Mike Gille  
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