Tri-County Times

September 15, 2008

Dear Member,

Our theme for this year was "Let's Build Together". As we pass the half way mark in the season, we see more than just a wishful theme, we see progress and completion. A noticeable addition to the landscape is the completion of the BBQ pit. Those who attended the picnic were the first to enjoy many barbeques ahead. The sponsor sign for the BBQ pit has been ordered and will hopefully be up for Open House. It will read Roll's Meats & Wike's Heat, to represent the two sponsor who made it possible, we thank them. Surrounding the BBQ area, the seating area has been graded and tapered, temporary seating around the fire ring has been established with permanent ones to follow. Perhaps not as noticeable to the naked eye but extremely important is the reconfiguration of the water areas to utilize every drop for both the kitchen and the holding sites. Another Thank you to those who work behind the scenes to make everyone else's live easier.

Building comes in many stages both exciting and mundane. One of the most exciting pieces is the opening of new trails, land and riding areas. In June, we started the trail project grooming. Clymer Rentals, a long standing sponsor, works with us to provide a skid steer for a month of use. This year through one thing or another one month turned to 2 and started to push three when an agreement was reached to purchase the skid steer. The club is now the proud owner of one which has already helped in fulfilling our theme. Spearheaded by Ron Lute and a handful of diligent members the trails have been and continue to be groomed as well as the new trails and property opened. Clipping and Cutting crews following the example of Tom and Pam Henderson have been working days and weekends to make an enjoyable riding experience for everyone. The new GPS coordinates, mapping and trail marker should be complete for Open House. Following Open House, new maps will be available online.

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News (cont)

Members will receive a laminated custom color 19 x 20 map when they return the sold ticket enclosed with this newsletter at Open House. Our last ticket sale for this year goes off on September 27th. We have approximately 837 unsold tickets in hand plus whatever is returned unsold. In April we came into Open House with only 27 tickets available however by the end of the day, with unsold tickets being returned we ended up with 242 unsold. That translates to \$2420 that the club did not make on the ticket sale, or the equivalent over 1 land payment. It is important to have successful ticket sales. Each member is being sent 1 ticket. Even if you have sold tickets (we thank you) we ask that you buy or sell this ticket. When each family buys/ sells this one ticket over 700 of the unsold will then be sold. This will put us in a good position to sell the remaining at Open House. Each ticket has been assigned by numbers to a member, if you cannot attend Open House, you will receive a Custom Color 19x 20 laminated map of the trails including all the new trails, numbers and newly opened properties. Please remember that ticket sales help to keep membership prices low as ticket proceeds go directly to the land fund to insure that members will always have a place to ride. We thank you for your support in this.

Expanded memberships are being released now. Expanded memberships are designed for those who want to join now but also include the entire 2009 season with membership expiration date of 2010. Current members do not need to rejoin under this special as current members will receive their renewal packages in February. Members who are not in good standing or who have let their membership lapse received a letter this week with the same offer.

September 20th & 21st is Open House. Open House represents the last open riding event to non members for the season. The next opportunity for non members to openly ride the trails will not be until the April Open House. This is an excellent opportunity to share your club with your friends. Enclosed are invitations to share. These invitations explain Open House and give your friends a chance to win a free membership please distribute them. More are available at the pavilion or online. Members are expected to bring a dozen cupcakes to show their hospitality. Please bring your cupcakes to the kitchen upon your arrival.

As a perk in your membership, members may camp on club grounds at no charge. Active members have campgrounds at both the entrance and exit areas. These members work consistently to make the club grow. Camping is available elsewhere on a first come first serve basis. A new camp area has been made from the lower road, in the next few weeks members will see new markers indicating the newly created campsites. If you have camping questions or need assistance please contact Harold Myers, Campgrounds Director, he can usually be found at the top of the active members campground or the welcome building. Members are reminded that all campers are to be pulled out at the end of the EVENT season.

We have built much so far this year both mentioned here and unmentioned and there is more to come but we need everyone's support and help. If you can give a hand, please come out and do so. If you can use that hand to find much need items, please do that..... And if you prefer to use that hand to write a check to make a booster donation, or attend an event, or support a pet project or become a sponsor please do that.

Each and every effort and deed is an important cornerstone that by itself may simply look like a block, but when placed together diligently and consistently form a great foundation from which comes a

Great Organization.

Upcoming Events

Tri-County ATV's Open House Weekend September 20th & 21st Doors Open at 10AM Saturday!

This is the last GUEST Open Riding event for the 2008 Season

Join Us for a Fun Filled Weekend *Mud Bog *Drag Races *Powder Puff Drags *Big Boys Toy Race *Tie Dye a T-Shirt *Individual Scavenger Hunt *Kitchen Open **Camping Kid's Games Tours Open Trails Prizes & More** Members are FREE. Members are asked to bring a dozen cupcakes **Guests \$15 per person* includes Saturday night buffet dinner** Guess that join can apply their \$15 towards expanded membership *Event participation may require additional fees **Expanded memberships are now available** Expanded memberships include the remaining 2008 season and the entire 2009 season for \$160 Includes 1 bike and up to husband wife kids under the age of 18 in the same household. Additional Quad/bike(s) \$5 each Membership expires March 31st 2010

Upcoming Events

This years Haunted Ride is expected to have a record turn out. The ride has been extended to 3 nights. Saturday Oct 18, Oct 25 and Nov 1st. The Haunted Riders have worked extremely hard to make this year better than ever, including donating a brand new custom designed 110 cc quad and helmet to be given away from the prepurchased tickets. Tickets are available for only \$15. Tickets prepurchased by Oct 10 include a free collectible shirt, ride, meal, movie, door prize and a chance on the quad. Drawing will be held from all prepurchased tickets on Nov 1st. The Haunted Ride is a one of a kind riding event and one of the largest fundraisers of the year. It features a guided haunted trail ride, night riding, movie, popcorn, carnival type games, good food and thousands of dollars in prizes. If you can't attend the ride, ticket holder will still receive their Collectors shirt, door prize entry and quad chance. BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY! Tickets are available at the club, sponsors, online, calling 814-948-8783 or from a Haunted Rider.

Halloween Help is always needed.

If you are interested in manning an established scene for 1 night or more please contact Joann or Ann ASAP.

Leaders and Followers are extremely important to make the evening run smoothly and insuring our guests safety. Leaders and followers must LEARN the trail.

Followers need to know the trail as well as the leaders. The trail is currently marked so that you can familiarize yourself with it while riding.

You must register with Ann to lead or follow and which nights you are available.

Tom and Pam Henderson will be helping leaders and followers learn the trail and the set up.

<u>Members who are not registered to work will be treated as guests and expected to either</u> <u>have a ticket or purchase one at the gate.</u>

TRAILS ARE CLOSED TO ALL NON EVENT RIDING OCT 18, OCT 25th, NOV 1st

Upcoming Events

Sponsors are a huge part of our success.

Our partnerships create a win win for the club, between Sponsors and members.

Please welcome our Newest Titanium Sponsors and always patronize

Sponsors first as their support helps provide a secure future for everyone.



Truck Accessories ATV & Dirt Bike 279 Railroad St. Hyde Park Pa 15641 724-845-5702 Members receive discounts starting at 10% off Visit us at Open House and the Haunted Rides

Ott's Auto Body

and ATV Repair 138 Franklin Street Belsano, PA 15922 814-749-1100

Or



980 Chestnut St Nanty Glo Pa 15931 brandonfornarimotors@comcast.net See our Quad at the Kids track or Haunted Ride MEMBERS COUPON \$75 off any Quad



OOPS.....

Occasionally we make an error and sometimes that error continues though we make every effort to correct it. Such has been the case with one of our premier Sponsors. Our apologies to R.L Myers Financial Group and Robert L. Myers, owner. A slip on the keyboard resulted in a wrong phone number and email address being printed. While this was corrected in the membership records and website, when copying the logo to print the original incorrect logo was repeatedly used.

Bob is a valued sponsor, booster, member and supporter of our organization. We apologize for the oversight and encourage every member to update their records with the correct information:

R.L. Myers

Financial Group Robert L Myers, Registered Representative FSC Securities Corporation 724-459-6439 Phone 724-459-6025 Fax rlmyers@fscadvisor.com

President's Corner

Dear Members,

I personally don't believe that you can tell people "thank you" enough for the things that they do. It never fails to amaze me with our organization that when someone finds themselves overwhelmed with work or personal responsibilities that requires them to step back or cut down that different ones step up to help out to fill in the gaps.

In any volunteer organization or club there are always those that do and of course those that don't, but our "**Doers**" are a special breed. Over and above the work weekends or weekends in general you find the **Doers** on weekdays, week evenings, holidays and even spending their vacations **DOING**. We have **Doers** that have put off a work start date, plan their vacations, save their time off, work at home and those that go over and above to save the club money through their own tireless efforts and more. Sometimes we don't even know the **Doers**, where there or which ones they were, all we know is when we left Sunday it needed done and when we returned Saturday it was done. Our organization is filled with Special **Doers** that diligently work to get things done and though I may fail to name or thank each one personally, please know that the organization, the officers and I appreciate all that you do.

In closing today, I would like for everyone to take a moment to pray and wish well, Chris Hawn, an active member, former officer, but more importantly an American soldier. He will be leaving us for a year tour in Iraqi next week. We thank him for his service, wish him and all our other service men and woman God-speed and a safe return.

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President