

# HIGHMARKET WHEELERS ATV CLUB

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## April 2018 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Highmarket Inn; we plan to do trail clean up/maintenance after the meeting. Please call 315-397-8014 and leave message if you can help.

There were 40 members in attendance at the April 14, 2018 meeting held at The Tug Hill Hideaway.

### Memberships:

We have 248 members as of April 28, 2018.

### Communications:

President Gille met with Assemblyman Blankenbush on April 13th and talked over ATV needs for the riders and community. Our survey results were discussed. Hopefully this meeting will result in some changes. One such item was Assemblyman Blankenbush looking into getting the Motor Vehicle Law changed where possibly a section could be added; that would have different requirements to open roads for ATV travel in Rural areas.

### Club Trail News:

- **A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL OF OUR LANDOWNERS!!!**
- The 2018 Lewis County Trail map has a mistake on it (Byrons Corner/Highmarket Road trail is maintained by Lewis County (COUNTY TRAIL) NOT A CLUB TRAIL COUNTY PERMIT IS NECESSARY)
- Our trails are not open yet; we are waiting for them to dry out so we can check them out. We are planning on having a trail clean up/trail maintenance day on May 12 right after the May meeting. You can bring you machines or work out of your vehicle if you like. Plastic bags for cleanup will be provided. A late lunch will be provided for all those whom participate. Please call 315-397-8014 and leave a message if you can help.
- The Boonville Club and Highmarket Club are working on getting a trail open in/to Boonville.

- The Lewis County Trail to the Edge Hotel, Boondocks Restaurant and Marino's Pizzeria will be open sometime this season.
- The club will have to order a lot more stone for our trails, as soon as we have the stone on site we will need members with tractors to help move the stone. As usual the volunteers will have lunch on the club.
- We are waiting for the Oswegatchie conservation easement to open a comment period on a trial atv trail ,as soon as we get the info we will be posting it on facebook & our web page.

### **New/old business:**

- T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for sale. See Mike Gille
- Lewis County 2018 Maps are available for \$5.00 each. We also have our Cash, chainsaw and Wheeler tickets available for sale. See any officer for tickets.
- The Club would like to get more involved in The 2019 Snirt Run. This will be discussed at a Roundtable Meeting in May.
- It was voted on and approved we will hold an event this season for The Wounded Warrior project.
- The membership voted/ approved that we will purchase our own insurance for the club and not go through NYSORVA. This decision saves the club money and stops providing money to NYSORVA whom does nothing for us.
- We have announced before the Club By-laws need to be looked at and adjusted. Please if you have any background in this please call our president (315-397-8014).
- The club has printed 500 raffle tickets to liquidate our club ATV. Please if you are interested send in a copy shown below and we will fill out a ticket for you and return the stub.

Highmarket Wheelers ATV Raffle Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHMARKET WHEELERS ATV CLUB INC.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2015 Yamaha Grizzly 700 ATV Raffle</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Under 200 miles. Like new!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Only 500 tickets will be sold!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Drawing held when all 500 tickets are sold.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Donation: \$10.00 per ticket.</b></p>
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### **Presidents Corner:**

As we all know the Snirt event is over; however the bad press that follows is not. Some like to blame the Snirt group for these problems! But the problems come from the 10% of riders that just do not give a hoot. I understand we all like to have fun while riding and even sometimes we like to play in the mud. There has been video's posted with riders playing in the mud where they are allowed to and not. For those idiots that post video's that show them riding in the ditches and destroying them, they should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Yes, the damage can be repaired at the expense of the towns/county and bad press for our sport. We all need to weed out that 10% of misfits that only destroy! **LETS TAKE BACK OUR SPORT FROM THE MISFITS REPORT THEM TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

Mike Gille President Highmarket Wheelers ATV Club Inc.