

HIGHMARKET WHEELERS ATV CLUB

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June 2017 Newsletter

Our June meeting produced a great turnout with 51 members in attendance at The Highmarket Inn. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 10:00 am at The Tug Hill Hideaway.

Member Appreciation Day

Member Appreciation Day was a great success with 109 members registered. Everyone we spoke to had a great time and enjoyed the fabulous food! Thank you to Jake and staff at Highmarket Inn for their hospitality and to Bob Kenyon for the mouth-watering barbecued chicken. The scavenger hunt was enjoyed by many. Thank you to the following members and businesses who donated prizes: Wendy Cranmer, Elaine Esposito, Tom & Michele Gammel, Mike & Debbie Gille, Lee & Rita Heady, Mike & Jake Hulsizer, Terry & Joyce Rounds, Mary Grace Ryder & Skip Subbe, Rob & Gail Snyder, and The Montague Inn. The winners of the Chinese Auction were Dan Okusko (LED Light), Shorty (Jump Start Battery Booster), Alicia Rushing (Montague one night stay), Mary Grace Ryder (Montague one night stay), Debbie Gille (Flag Pallet), Mary Grace Ryder (Syracuse Quilt). The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Joe Powell (\$140). A good time was had by all!

Memberships:

Last year we had a total of 402 members. This year we have 367 members paid to date.

Sponsorships:

Welcome back to our Sponsors who renewed this year and thank you for your continued support. Please welcome our new sponsor, Dolhof's True Value Hardware.

Donations:

Thank you to member Barry Brunst for his generosity and support of Highmarket Wheelers. Thank you for your donation!

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

Club Trail News:

Our Trail Committee consists of Dan Okusko, Trail Boss, Mike Gille, Lee Heady and Palmer Morgan. New directional signs will be installed on West Turin's trails by Dan Okusko, Palmer Morgan and Mike Gille. We will inform the membership of the next trail maintenance date.

There was substantial trail damage (\$4,000+) done on Memorial Weekend in Barnes Corners. A kiosk was torn down and 3 bridges damaged, with multiple signs torn down. This damage was done after 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Anyone who has information regarding this vandalism is encouraged to contact local law enforcement.

Trail Update: Attention all ATV Riders. The Village of Constableville trail is currently closed and will be re-opened after it is signed. We hope to have it open by July 1st. The new section of trail on the Alpine's property will go from James Street behind the business and will follow the edge near the corn field. Please follow it to the end and do not cut through to The Alpine.

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.

County Trail News:

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: Barrows Performance, 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.

2017 Club Events:

July 1st - **Highmarket Wheelers ATV Club July Monthly Meeting** will be held the first Saturday of the month at the Tug Hill Hideaway at 10:00 am due to the ATV Festival at the Alpine being held on the second Saturday.

July 8th - **Highmarket Wheelers 3rd Annual Poker Run & ATV Festival** Co-Hosted by the **Alpine Restaurant** and Highmarket Wheelers ATV Club. Poker Run Pre-registration: Friday, July 7th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm @ Kovach Repair and The Alpine. Saturday, July 8th Poker Run Registration (\$10 donation for trail maintenance): 8:00 - 10:00 am @ The Alpine. Poker Run: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (sharp). ATV Festival: 12:00 - 4:00 pm. 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!

July 22nd - **Highmarket Wheeler ATV Club Family Ride/Picnic**. Steve Demko has volunteered to be our guide for this ride. The picnic will be held after the ride at the Sportsman.

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. There is a \$5 per ticket.

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:

I would like to personally thank everyone who helped with and participated in the Member Appreciation Day Event. Thank you to all!

Mike Gille
President
Highmarket Wheelers ATV Club