

HIGHMARKET WHEELERS ATV CLUB

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July 2017 Newsletter

Our July meeting produced a good turnout with 28 members in attendance at The Tug Hill Hideaway. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 10:00 am at The Highmarket Inn.

Member Appreciation Day Update:

Additional businesses who donated raffle prizes were Flat Rock Inn and The Hook and Ladder. Raquel Smith won the first 50/50 for \$107 and gave \$50 back to the club. The second 50/50 was won by Joel Powell for \$140 and he donated \$40 back to the club. Thank you both for your generosity.

Memberships:

Last year we had a total of 402 members. This year we have 383 members paid to date.

Donations:

Thank you to members Michael Allain, Sarah & Duane Hughes and Brian Kehler for their generosity and support of Highmarket Wheelers. Thank you for your donations!

Club Trail News:

Our Trail Committee consists of Dan Okusko, Trail Boss, Mike Gille, Lee Heady and Palmer Morgan. New directional signs have been installed on various trails. Dan Okusko has been working diligently on brush hogging (using his own 4-wheeler) and weed wacking trails. He suggested that we purchase some stone to repair some of the trails. More trails need to be weed whacked and we need volunteers. Lee Heady volunteered to weed wack the trails on Mackey Road and John Furness also volunteered to weed wack trails. Rod Runnells volunteered to brush hog trails. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Okusko (315-942-6624) or Mike Gille (480-272-5723). We would like to complete the maintenance on these trails by the July 8th Poker Run.

A special "Thank You" to Jake @ Highmarket Inn for treating Dan Okusko to lunch for all of his hard work!

Trail Update: Attention all ATV Riders. The Village of Constableville trail is now open. The new trail will cross over NY State Route 26 to James Street to the back of the Alpine to the bridge where you can continue over the bridge to the Nice N Easy or enter the parking lot to the Alpine Restaurant. Please do not prematurely cut off of the trail into the Alpine parking lot; follow it all the way to the end at the bridge before entering the parking lot.

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 (new addition), 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 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. You must be back at the Alpine by 3:00 pm sharp to draw cards. The prizes are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100. The Alpine Restaurant will be hosting the ATV Festival from Noon until 4:00 pm featuring 50/50 raffles, Vendors offering demo rides and selling apparel, live music, drink specials and a Chicken Bar-B-Q for sale. The Constableville Fire Department will also be on the grounds to accept donations for our first responders of our local fire department. Join us for the fun and support local businesses!

July 22nd - **Highmarket Wheeler ATV Club Family Ride/Picnic**. Members, David and Susan Orff have purchased The Sportsman's Bar and have graciously offered their property and gas grill for our picnic. Steve Demko has volunteered to be our guide for this ride. All interested riders will meet at the Sportsman's by 10:00 am. Riders will return to the Sportsman's by 4:00 pm for a club picnic. The Club will purchase the hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls and condiments for the picnic and members are asked to bring sides or desserts. An invitation is included with this newsletter. Please call Rita Heady (315-348-8499) to RSVP with a head count and what you are bringing. If you are interested in assisting with organizing or volunteering at this event, please let Rita know or contact another Board Member.

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 cost.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

As the new trail signs go up on the roads, riders will need to obey them. Once these signs are posted, be careful to ride only on the open section of the road before and after the off-road trail, otherwise, you could be subject to a ticket. The sections of the road between the off-road trail openings is closed to ATV traffic. I apologize for any confusion, however, this is necessary due to the NY State Traffic Law. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (480-272-5723); if I don't answer, please leave a message and I will call you back.

Mike Gille
President
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