

Johnstown ATV Club

Club News Archive 2004



(Wild) Parsnip *Pastinaca sativa*

This member of the carrot family has an edible root but it is also a source "phyto-photo-dermatitis" which causes exquisite pain and years-long persistence (at least as scars) of the resulting lesions. This wild flower is very common in our forests this year and you should know about the risks associated with handling this plant. If the stem, leaves, or fruit of this plant are damaged, sap is released and can get on exposed skin. The sap alone is not a problem, but it is activated by exposure to ultraviolet light (sunlight) causing "phyto (plant) - photo (light) - derm (skin) - a - titis (inflammation)". The wound is essentially a very severe sunburn that causes blistering that lasts longer than a week and will cause a wound that will take several weeks to heal. The scar that results can last for over two years. Don't confuse this plant with another common yellow wildflower — Goldenrod. Parsnip has tiny flowers on compound umbels supported by strongly ridged stems. Look for small umbrella shaped clusters (5 -20 cm wide) of yellow flowers on a plant that grows 60-150 cm tall.

December 22, 2004

Rob Meester sent me some pictures taken during the December 18 rally. Thank you, Rob.

[CLICK](#)

December 16, 2004

Incredible Year

As the year 2004 Anno Domini draws to a close and we await the weaving of the tapestry that will be 2005 A.D., we can take a few minutes to reflect on the success of our club.

2004 has been the best year for our club since it was incorporated on March 7, 2003 by the issuance of Letters Patent pursuant to the Corporations Act of Ontario. We faced many challenges this year starting with the very wet spring and trail closures. We had freezing toilets and problem raccoons. Beavers and vandals all contributed to our frustrations. Our membership was less than 100 at the end of the 2003 fiscal year and we faced extremely high insurance costs with the OFATV.

We now have 178 members. **178!**

Wow! that's 89% of our goal and we still have three months left in the fiscal year. New bridges have been installed on some of our trails, we invested in trail repairs rather extensively, and we have new and upgraded facilities in the clubhouse. All due to our membership dollars and the many volunteers who make this all possible.

Although this fiscal year is not over until Spring, it is appropriate that we consider the work of the many volunteers who make the Johnstown ATV Club so special. In my small part I update this web site and take some pictures, but my contribution pales against that of the others who devote so much to this club. It is refreshing to see new members like Karen Wood contributing. The trail maintenance crews have done awesome work this year. Sheldon and Ann, what can I say? You two are truly amazing. The hours and hard work cannot be properly acknowledged by a few simple words.

The executive team is always working behind the scenes. The executive team has met many times this year and many critical decisions have been taken. There are still challenges ahead. Some that I think are best not reported here, but we are making progress and we continue to grow in numbers and successes.

Safety is always a priority and to that end, we continue to invest in trail maintenance and we will continue to promote safety. With our membership growing we may offer some ATV driver training in the new year.

I'm beginning to ramble, so it's time to close this budget of news and wish you all glad tidings and happy holidays.

**May your holidays be happy,
your tidings be glad,
and your travels be safe.**

Common Sense is Yours — Go Safely

The X-mas Rally was a big success.

I have some really good pictures. [Click here to see them.](#)

[Pictures from X-mas Rally.](#)

December 28, 2004

Some Notes about Limerick Forest

The *Eastern Ontario Horses of Course Club*

has acknowledged the universal courtesy that they have received when passing, or being passed by, other users of Limerick Community Forest, such as those on bicycles, moto-cross bikes, or ATVs.

Over the past two summers (2003 and 2004), the compartments of Limerick Community Forest have been visited and inventoried for old growth values. In each of twenty of these stands, a 10-station, 200-metre transect was laid out to collect Forest Resources Inventory (FRI) data on soils, moisture regime, trees, undergrowth, and wildlife, and to classify the eco-site, using Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Ecological Land Classification procedures. In addition, monitoring plots (20x20 metres) were installed in five different old growth eco-sites.

The identified potential old growth stands are geographically located randomly across Limerick Forest. By chance, most population centres have at least one in the vicinity. These stands could become centres of bio-diversity, of tourism and recreation interest, and of research and education activity throughout the forest.

A summary of potential old growth sub-compartment statistics shows:

71 sub-compartments in the 71-90 years age category (1931-1912),
four sub-compartments at 91-110 years (1882-1911), and
three sub-compartments at 110+ years of age (before 1882).

Typical old growth forests contain:

- large, old trees
- abundant slow-growing species (such as lichens, mosses, & fungi) whose presence indicate a lack of disturbance
- abundant dead trees, cavity trees, and fallen logs (which are good for hawk nests, woodpeckers, cavity nesters, den users, and salamanders)
- other species of plants and animals which need the above features

Some of the notable species found in this study include: several fern species (Polypody, Maidenhair Fern, Christmas Fern, Leathery Grape Fern), Shining Clubmoss, Purple Fringed Orchis, Turtlehead, Pileated Woodpecker, Red-shouldered Hawk, Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, and Hermit Thrush.

Other features found include sand dunes (now covered with big trees) and large old Cedar stumps from previous harvesting operations.

So the next time that you ride your ATV in Limerick Forest, or even across other public or private lands, stop and take notice of the natural environments that you visit. There is much more there than the simple trail that you follow.

December 16, 2004

The Rally this weekend

Ann has all the volunteer help needed for the desserts and the meal is chili, bread rolls, and dessert. The meal is free to everyone. This includes day pass holders and members.

I know that this Saturday is the last shopping Saturday before Christmas, but you know that the malls will be crowded, so why not enjoy the rally instead? We are prepared for a large turnout. The hall is decorated. Each table is graced by a centre piece. We will use Christmas lights and candle light to set the mood. There is a prize for the best decorated ATV. The decorating is judged before the rally starts. The winner will be announced after the rally.

The sponsor is the **730 Truck Stop**.

Bob Lodge is the owner and he has donated nine wonderful prizes. Ann told me what they are but swore me to secrecy. You will like them. They are wrapped and Santa will distribute the prizes at 5:00 P.M.

There is well in excess of \$200 in prize value.

This is going to be a lot of fun!

Don't miss this rally. It is the club event of the year.

December 7, 2004

Athens Parade of Lights

I received some pictures of two Johnstown ATV club floats that were featured in the Athens Parade of Lights. Thanks go to Anton Lauton.

November 23, 2004

News about the Christmas Rally

Our sponsor is the **730 Truck Stop**

Registration: 9 am - 10 am

Registration fee: \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members

There will be a prize for the best decorated festive ATV. The judgement will be determined before the run and the winner will be announced after the run.

We will have a draw for prizes.

After the run there will be chili, rolls and dessert. The meal will be free this time.

Ann will be making all of the chili, but if you would like to do a dessert for this rally, please contact Ann and let her know that you can help.

The Passing of a Friend

We are sad to acknowledge the passing of Jim's wife Sandra. Jim Primrose, of Jim's Performance Plus Ltd. sponsored our last rally. Jim's wife passed away this past Thursday (November 18th) evening. We are saddened by this loss and offer our deepest condolences to Jim.

*Rose leaves, when the rose is dead,
Are heaped for the beloved's bed;
And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,
Love itself shall slumber on.
~Percy Shelley*

November 22, 2004

New Mailbox

We would like to thank John Mulder for making us another mail box. This will replace the one that somebody smashed a few weeks ago.

November 20 Rally Summary

Ann has provided this summary of the November 20th rally.

We had 80 machines register for our November 20th rally (34 people were non-members and paid day trail passes).

We netted \$1,167.69 and thanks to Jim's Performance Plus Limited for donating \$200.00 for prizes at this rally. Also sold 4 more memberships. Membership count now stands at 172.

November 21, 2004

Weekend Rally Pictures

The turn out was excellent for the November 20th rally. Late in the afternoon, we were treated to some heavy rains, but it seems that some were wet before the rains came. Thank you to Rob Meester for sending some pictures. I was at the clubhouse for a short visit to get some pictures of

the crowd. Rob sent the pictures that were taken on the trails.



Brian A. Day





November 19, 2004

Donation for Nov. 20 Rally

We have received a \$200 donation for prizes from Jim's Performance Plus Ltd. The prizes will be awarded at the club rally on Saturday, November 20. Come on out.

By the way, you should have received a letter from Ann by now. Please keep the letter in an easy to find location and mark the dates on your calendar for the upcoming club events.

November 3, 2004

Summary of the October 23rd Club Run

We had 71 machines registered for the October 23rd club rally. Twenty seven (27) of the registrations were for non-members and they paid for day trail passes.

We sold nine new club memberships.

The net profit from the rally \$1,087.52 [corrected Nov. 4] not including the memberships that were sold that day as a result of the rally.

A very special thank you goes to Knapp's Yamaha for the donation of \$200 toward prizes.

Ann would like you to know that we will continue to draw children's prizes at our club rallies.

Next Rally

The next rally is November 20th. The sponsor will be announced in a couple of days.

- Registration will be from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.
- \$10.00 entry fee for members
- \$20.00 for non-members.
- Draw for prizes at 5:30 P.M.

Newsletter

Ann would like you all to know that a newsletter will be going out within the week. It will give the dates for all of the club functions through the end of March, 2005.

October 31, 2004

I received some photos of the October 23rd club run from Rob Meester.

[CLICK](#)

October 23, 2004

Saturday's Club Rally

Saturday, October 23rd

Registration: 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.

Fee for Club Members: \$10

Fee for non-members: \$20

Breakfast is available for \$5

Meet at the clubhouse . . .

This rally is sponsored by Knapp's Yamaha.

Draw for prizes at 5 p.m.

October 21, 2004

The next club rally is this weekend. It's an early Saturday start with breakfast being served for \$5.00.

The Johnstown ATV Club has repaired the bridges leading to Limerick Forest from the south. These three bridges presented hazards that required attention. We recommend that you take caution whenever crossing bridges. Please let us know if you encounter a hazard. We can repair things if we know that a problem exists.

Last Sunday, your club was represented at the Limerick Forest Open House. It's always the same people who come out and help. Please thank Ann & Sheldon Gill, and Wayne & Kelsey Dillabough, when you see them on Saturday. They had a nice display set up for the Open House. Although we didn't have inquiries for memberships, it was very important for our club to be present at the Open House. This shows our interest as users of Limerick Community Forest.



The OPP SAVE team was also present. They DO patrol our trails from time to time, we were assured of that.



October 4, 2004

Membership now stands at 155. We are now accepting yearly memberships for dirt bikes and winter season memberships for snowmobiles. Please contact Ann for details.

September 30, 2004

Correction on the date. The next rally is Saturday, October 23rd, not Sunday, October 24th.

We now have 155 club members.

September 23, 2004

Autumn is here and the bugs are in decline. It's the best time of the year for trail running.

Results of the Sept. 18, 2004 Rally

60 machines registered which includes 34 machines that purchased day passes. Net receipts from this rally were \$1072.68

To date we have sold 62 day passes.

Club Run on Saturday, September 25

Anyone wanting to go on a club run on Saturday should meet at the clubhouse and be ready to depart at 11 am. Sheldon & Ann are going out on the trails and anyone is welcome to join them. No fees this time unless a day pass is required.

September 2, 2004

[Madawaska Story and Photos](#)

August 30, 2004

Here are the names of the members who assisted in clubhouse and trail maintenance -

- SHELDON GILL
 - ANN GILL
 - STEVE POLITE
 - JOHN FOOT
 - ZAC BRIGHT
 - WAYNE DILLABOUTH
 - KELSEY DILLABOUGH
 - ED MURPHY
 - FAYE MURPHY
 - CAROL ANN MURPHY
 - DALE COOOK
 - BRIAN DAY
 - BRIAN St. JOHN
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August 29, 2004

Trail and Clubhouse Maintenance Day — August 28, 2004

As you can see from the picture above, the hi-hoe was back in use. This time a bridge was installed and the beaver dams were removed. We had official permission to take action on the beaver dams. This required letters from two ministries.



The windows have been repaired. We are fixing the security lights. Let's hope that the vandals have had their fun for this year. Last week it wasn't over as our mailbox was the target of vandalism. Fortunately, the damage was minor.

Just check out this section of trail J-100. No more drowning of machines (Ann). We will have to block truck access with a couple of posts, but the big job is done. Inset, Brian St. John stands on a culvert that was restored to service.



this trail.

It used to look a lot worse than this—

\$3,400 of your membership contributions to fix



Critical Feedback

We received a message from a member about the lack of club activities this summer. It was disappointing to the executive to read the criticism from one of our valued members. We created this web site to provide communication for our club members. There was concern that the web site was not being adequately updated and that more club runs are required. Furthermore, there was criticism that our club is not as progressive as another club in Eastern Ontario. We value your feedback, critical or otherwise. I offer this response in case other people have had similar questions or concerns.

This club has a lot to offer.

- We have an extensive trail system.
- We have our own club house.
- We operate all year long.
- We groom trails in the winter for ATV use.
- We have spent nearly \$7,000 so far this year in trail maintenance.
- We had to request permission from Lands and Forests and Fisheries and Oceans and then hire a trapper to remove beavers that were damming trail J-101.
- We had tonnes of gravel laid on trail J-100 in the past couple of weeks. (We now need to put up a barrier to prevent trucks from accessing the trail.)
- We repaired the trails east of the tunnel.
- We have promoted our club at open house events.
- We have solicited sponsors.
- We've dealt with vandalism.
- We had four official club runs since the beginning of March.

Okay, there were only four official events that we can call club runs, but we had some very wet conditions this spring and a landowner who was concerned about deteriorating trail conditions. We had to take action and we did.

The trails are open to you and we encourage you to use them. Enjoy the clubhouse. As for club runs, well we need your help too. All of the work that your executive committee and trail workers do is on a VOLUNTEER BASIS. That is the key to the success of your club. We *need* your help. Only 8% of our members made it out to last weekend's trail and clubhouse maintenance event. Eight

percent!

The next club rally will be on September 18th. How about volunteering to help? Do you want to lead a group? It's a lot of fun.

Ad hoc runs are just as much fun and they are free. We charge a fee for an organized run because we must cover our expenses for the year. We will have to earn about \$4,000 more this year if we are going to be able to groom the trails this winter.

I propose the "**Rule of Thumb Club Run**": On any weekend, go to the clubhouse by 10:00 in the morning. Meet with the people who arrive and head out on an ad-hoc run at 10:30. You should never be alone on the trails if you follow this simple rule of thumb. Use the clubhouse and clean it up before you leave.

Some Good News

John Foot's daughter is recovering well from her accident. She was quite badly injured but is now back to work. She has partial mobility restored to her injured arm—she had a bad elbow injury.

August 24, 2004

A Trip to Madawaska

Ann Gill writes . . .

17 members of our club went to Madawaska and stayed at the Riverland Lodge on . . .

[more](#)

Beavers

The beavers are gone from the trail north of the camp and we are trying to get Steve Polite with his high-hoe to come in and dislodge the dams. We are also getting the trail with the deep water just before Brian St. John's place filled in this week.

August 14, 2004

More Vandalism

The clubhouse has been vandalized once again. This time the kitchen window was hit and broken. We have determined that the other windows were broken by sticks or rocks and not bullets. Nevertheless, the clubhouse is in rough shape and requires extensive repairs to all of the damaged windows.

August 7 Club Run

The club run on Saturday August 7th went very well. We sold 17 day trail passes and added 3 new members to the club. We had a total of 49 bikes on the run.

Receipts from registration:	\$490.00
Receipts from day passes:	\$170.00
Receipts from kitchen:	\$281.50
Total receipts:	\$941.50
Expenses - liquor:	\$288.52
liquor licence:	\$ 75.00
Total expenses:	\$363.52

Net profit from club run: **\$577.97**

All of the hamburgers and hot dogs that we had were sold. Thanks to Amanda and Kaila — they did a great job. They are willing to serve spaghetti for our next club run. This will be a change from hamburgers and hot dogs. We had some prizes for children from previous donations, so we drew children's names to distribute the gifts. That went over very well with the little ones. Ann thinks we should purchase some small prizes and have a draw for anyone under 12 on all of our next runs.

We didn't have a sponsor for this run - we had some prizes that were donated previously and we used them for this run. We received compliments from several people who purchased day trail passes and are new to the trails. They said that we are a very friendly club and go out of our way to make people welcome. This is good to hear and makes it all worthwhile.

Next Trail Maintenance Day

We would like to have a trail maintenance day on Saturday August 28th. We must get the beaver dam out and get rid of the beavers before our permission to do so expires. We also have a couple of bridges that must be put in place.

Trail Maintenance Summary — Fred's Trails

Moulton Sand and Gravel did the work to fix up the trail on Fred Fraser's property. This cost us **\$1380.00**, but was well worth it — that part of the trail is now like a highway. We still need to get the swampy area just before you get to Brian St. John's place fixed up (the part of the trail where Ann drowned her bike as the water was well over the seat and it took 1 1/2 hours to get all of the water drained out). We need a culvert at the north end of this deep water and some large rocks put in there. We are going to get in touch with Gary Moulton again. This is part of our main trail system and we need to get this fixed up.

Planning Dates for Upcoming Runs

The tentative dates for the upcoming club runs are—

- September 11,
- October 24,
- November 20, and
- December 18.

July 30, 2004

Veterans Memorial Highland Games

A thank you letter was received from the Veterans Memorial Highland Games Committee thanking the following Johnstown ATV Club members for directing parking for the 1st Annual Highland Games in Spencerville on Saturday, June 19th —

- Sheldon Gill
- Ann Gill
- Brian St. John
- John Foot
- Barry Reid
- Ed Murphy
- Garry Kavanaugh
- Bob McLaughlin
- Dale Cook
- Mitch Collison

This is evidence of the willingness of our membership to participate in community events. The notice for this event was not posted on the web site because Ann contacted several people by phone and solicited enough volunteers that no web notice was required. This also came up very quickly so a web notice may not have been effective. In future, we will do our best to post notices of these community events in plenty of time for you to volunteer.

Limerick Forest Open House

The Limerick Forest Open House will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2004**. We will be asked to present a display in a manner similar to last year. The Open House is a family event featuring food, speeches about Limerick Forest, tours, horse drawn wagon rides, and other activities. Please advise Ann if you are interested to volunteer some time.

By-Law Update

Garry Dewar, Brian St. John, and Sheldon and Ann Gill met with a representative of the United Counties at the end of June to go over our request for a by-law allowing ATV's access to roads to connect to our trail system and other roads that we feel are necessary for access to obtain fuel, food, parking, club houses, and so forth. It was to be discussed at the following United Counties meeting, but as of this update, we have not heard of the results.

Trails are Open

All of our trails are open now. Repair work was completed on the trails crossing Fred Fraser's property (east of the tunnel). There is evidence that some machines are not staying on the marked trail (especially on Fred Fraser's property). Machines must stay on the marked trail or our permission from land owners will be revoked.

Day Passes and Trail Patrols

We have day passes that non-members can purchase for access to the club trails. The trails are now being randomly patrolled —

if someone is riding on a club trail, is not a member, does not hold a day pass, and is confronted by one of our executive on patrol, then the driver will be charged \$10.00 for a day pass.

Membership

Membership now stands at 137

July 9, 2004

Club Update

Hi, All. I've been rather active with my canoe over the past few weekends. I took the sunrise picture (above) when camping a couple of week ago.

There is news to report, and I apologize for the lack of updates here. Please forgive me for the lack of web updates over the summer.

The windows at the club house have not been replaced, but fortunately not all windows were broken and a temporary repair is keeping the rain out. Some of your membership dollars will have to be spent on glass replacement.

The trail north from the clubhouse is flooded. We are working to secure permission to remove the beavers that are building the dams. A letter from MNR has been promised. In the mean time, that trail is deep with water.

Fred's trails are still closed. Our Trail Boss has secured some heavy equipment (a grader or some such machine) to begin reparations. We will have to rent the machine and purchase gravel and rail ties to do a proper repair. If you are willing to help or observe, send an e-mail or call Brian St. John to get his schedule. We have been waiting for the trails to dry up enough to get some equipment into the woods.

By the way, someone tore down the fence that was across the trail. Obviously, someone does not respect Fred's private property. Because of that, Fred has completely blocked the main trail with a gate.

On a sad note, John Foot's daughter was involved in an accident while driving John's ATV. She suffered cracked ribs, a broken arm, and a punctured lung. Somehow she lost control and drove into some trees. The machine was not damaged. This should be a warning to us that low speed collisions can be very dangerous. The accident did not happen on our trails. We hope and pray for John's daughter to have a full recovery.

I am a member of the Limerick Forest Advisory Committee and can tell you that the recent damage to the lawn at the Chalet has not gone unnoticed. The Administration Sub-Committee was at the Chalet for a meeting this week so everyone got to see the damage. Limerick Forest is a managed community forest. There is full time staff responsible for this forest. ATVs have free access to Limerick. This is allowed because the Limerick Forest Advisory Committee and the United Counties permit such use. There is a simple policy that all ATV users must respect. It is simple to remember so pass it on to other ATV drivers in Limerick. The policy is: "Stay on the trails." I expect that it was a non-member of our club who spun the donut on the grass. We should be watchful for such

foolishness. Please take the license number of any machine that does not respect the policy in Limerick.

We are up to 134 members.

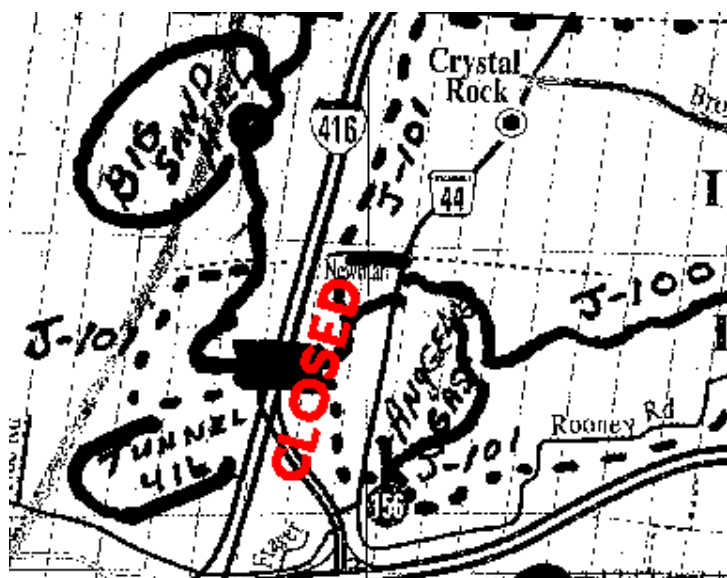
Ann advised me that there are few activities planned over the summer because of vacations. If some club members would like to have more summer events, please volunteer to help. With more volunteers, we can arrange more events.

That's all for now.

Brian

June 6, 2004

Trails on Fred Fraser's Property



The trails on Fred Fraser's property will not be opened until we fix them up. Sheldon Gill has been talking with Dave Baker (President) and Brian St. John (Trail Boss) about this and a plan is being developed. A work activity will have to be planned. Please watch this web site for news about the plans for these trails.

Vandals Wreak Havoc at Clubhouse

News update - Brian St. John stopped in to check the clubhouse on Saturday morning (June 5) and discovered that all of the small windows on the north side of the building have been broken. The windows appear to have been shot out. The police were called to investigate.

Ann was at the clubhouse this past Thursday evening (June 3) to check for mail. She went into the clubhouse to check things out and all appeared to be in order. The windows were all in one piece; therefore, the vandalism must have occurred sometime Friday, June 4, perhaps overnight.

Membership Update

We now have 130 members. Please keep sending in the referrals.

May 29, 2004

Limerick Forest Trail Running

Last weekend I met John Foot in Limerick Forest. He was on his Honda and I was in my Argo. I guess we both had the same idea.

May 8, 2004

Member of the Month

John Foot was designated "[Member of the Month](#)" for May.

Appreciation Day – May 8, 2004

For those who came out, Appreciation Day was a big success!

This social event was well attended despite the busy season for farmers. The air was cool, at 10 Celsius, but the food was hot, the furnace was blasting, and the kitchen was buzzing.

[Link to Appreciation Day Pictures](#)

Bridge Girders have been Welded

Sheldon, ever working, has welded some girders to the underside of our new bridge. You see, folks, your membership dollars *are* invested back into the trail system. Please continue to encourage your friends to join our club.



May 5, 2004

Club and Trail Maintenance Day: May 1

The following is a list of the volunteers who attended and worked on our trail and clubhouse maintenance day—

- Sheldon & Ann Gill
- Brian St. John
- Lee MacDonald
- Carl & Judy Smith
- John Foot
- Dave & Daniel Baker
- Garry Dewar
- Ron Nolan
- Bob McLaughlin
- Dale Cook
- Brian Day
- Steve Polite (donated equipment)

We had hoped for many more volunteers. We have 127 club members but only 15 people came to help. Although those who helped worked hard, there remains plenty of work. A High-Hoe was provided to the club by Steve Polite for our use to grade the trails and install a new bridge. The bridge deck was unloaded; however, there wasn't enough time to install it with the number of people available to help.

We may have access to the High-Hoe this weekend. If enough people come out for Appreciation Day (barbecue), we may be able to install that new bridge.

We offer a special *thank you* to Steve Polite for donating his equipment for our trail maintenance day.



April 30, 2004

Update for May 1 Weekend

The trails are still very wet and remain closed in some areas. We are having problems with beaver dams and are seeking the necessary permits to remove the dams. Beavers are protected by law.

The plans for Saturday, May 1 are for members to come to the clubhouse to help with maintenance chores and for a road side clean-up from Angelo's to the club house. ATVs are permitted on the road for this cleanup activity.

Please help us if you can. Ann has been working very very very very hard to prepare a wonderful spaghetti supper for all of the hard workers on Saturday.

We have only received two (2) reservations for Appreciation day! What's up, folks? All you have to do is call Ann or send in an e-mail to say that you will attend. It is very important to show our support for land owners and sponsors. Please take one minute and send in your confirmation to attend. We are also looking for help with food preparations. Thank you.

Kemptonville Motorsports Open House

It was Sheldon, Ann, John, and Brian at the Kemptonville Motorsports Open House on Saturday. Brian had some fun taking passengers in his Argo.



April 19, 2004

Upcoming Activities

Saturday, April 24: Kemptonville Motor Sports Open House

Saturday, May 1: Trail Maintenance Day

Saturday, May 8: Land Owners, Members, Volunteers and Sponsor Appreciation Day

April 11, 2004

Pictures

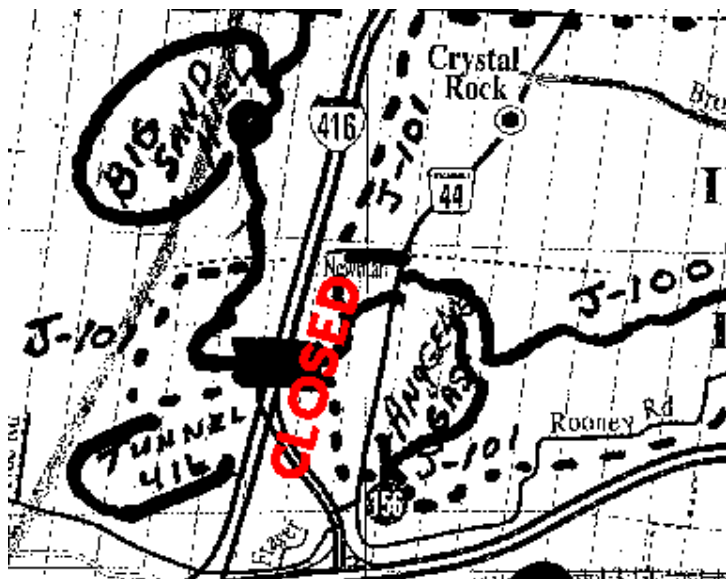
Check out the [pictures](#) that Janice and Lee MacDonald sent to me...

April 9, 2004

Fred's Trails are Closed

The trails over Fred Fraser's property east of the 416 tunnel are closed. This includes the trails going north and the trails going south from the east side of the tunnel. Fred told us that the trails over his property are being torn up by the trail users through the spring melt. Fred has graciously offered to reopen the trails on May 1, 2004.

There will likely be some offenders. If you see anyone violating this closure, please take their license number and report it to us. We will pass on the offender's license number to Fred. This is a principal trail for our club. It is important for us to respect Fred's request and his posted signs.



April 3, 2004

The April 3 Club Run

- 80 Club Members came out for the event today.
- 40 pounds of ham consumed.
- Lots of water
- Lots of mud
- Lots of Fun

Club Run April 3, 2004

April 2, 2004

The [trail maps](#)

are now available in Portable Document Format (.pdf). Now you can easily print the maps with Adobe® Acrobat Reader.

March 25, 2004

March 6 Club Rally

Quick Facts

Our sponsor was [Tibben Equipment Limited](#)

Turn-out: 65 machines

We sold 36 memberships of which 19 are new members.

The ice held up - no machine broke through; however, there was a lot of water.