



ATVANS NEWS Fall 2019

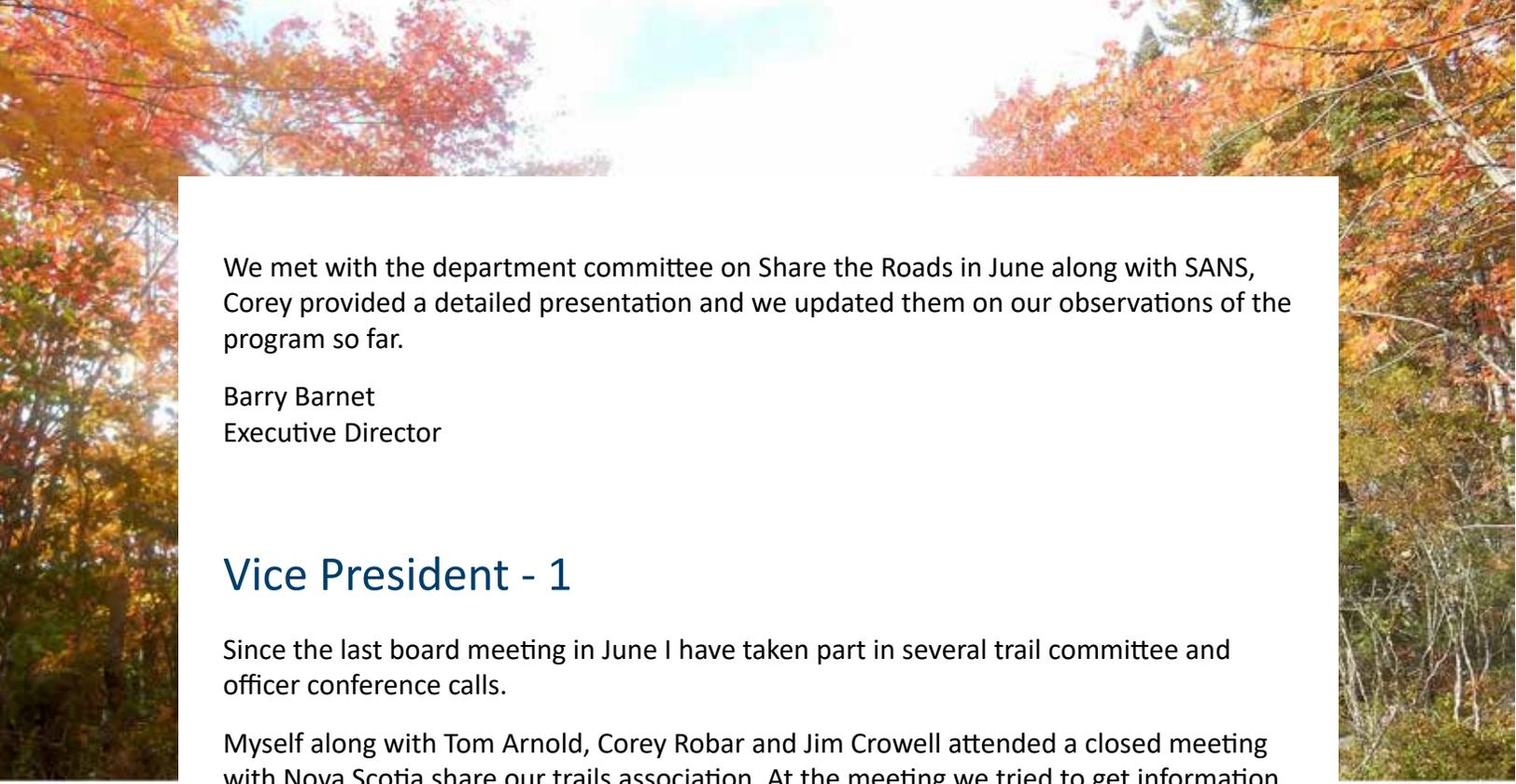
Executive Directors Report

Q-3 2019 was very busy this year with lots of positive and productive meetings and interactions. The lottery prize was secured and the lottery launched in conjunction with Pro Cycle and Honda Canada. An event was held at Pro Cycle with coffee, cake and good sized crowd of onlookers. The event was streamed on Facebook. I continued to meet with Manufacturer's to secure a deal for Cory's machine, including Kawasaki, Yamaha, C.F Moto, Polaris and Honda along with dealers. In the end we were provided with a Polaris Demo that did not fully meet our requirements. It was decided that we would go ahead and purchase a side by side that met our specific needs. On direction of the board a RFP was prepared and dealers were solicited to submit proposals. It was decided that a Can Am Maverick Trail would be purchased from Go Power Sports. The deal has been struck and Corey has the machine.

I attended an announcement for additional WPAs across Nova Scotia, it appears these are mostly add-ons to existing WPAs and have little to no effect on existing trails. Government announced changes to the WPA act that will allow riding opportunities in Ogden Round Lake and Portipique River WPA which is great news for riders in those areas and long sought after. I would like to point out the hard work of members from Broadhorns ATV club and Ocean Lake Riders whose efforts will soon pay off.

I presented in favour of the changes at the Law Amendments committee and I will provide members with the text of the presentation upon request.

We met this summer with a group of ministers including Environment, Lands and Forrest and TIR to discuss ongoing issues. The meeting was positive and productive. Representing ATVANS was myself, Kevin and Corey.



We met with the department committee on Share the Roads in June along with SANS, Corey provided a detailed presentation and we updated them on our observations of the program so far.

Barry Barnet
Executive Director

Vice President - 1

Since the last board meeting in June I have taken part in several trail committee and officer conference calls.

Myself along with Tom Arnold, Corey Robar and Jim Crowell attended a closed meeting with Nova Scotia share our trails association. At the meeting we tried to get information on their mission statement as well as what they expect from ATVANS and we gave them advice on ways to better their cause.

We had a joint trail conference in Truro with SANS where we discussed joint projects as well as ways on working together.

I attended the Sutherlands Lake Trail groomers association opener where I fielded some questions on them forming an ATV club. I also attended their rally where we enjoyed a hot meal afterwards along with fireworks and live entertainment.

In October I attended media day that was hosted by Trevor Cruickshank from Pictou County ATV Club. There were several members of the RCMP, Department of Environment and newspapers as well is some club members. We took questions on the OHV fund, insurance, connectivity and the increase in participants in the sport along with several other questions.

Steve Foley

Trails Coordinator

Met with Eigg Mountain Trails Association and spent time with them and NSE on their trails to look at work that had been completed and work that was being planned. Marty Jefferies accompanied me, and we used the Polaris General.

Attended Zone 3A meeting held at the SMATV Clubhouse and fielded questions from those in attendance.

Met with members from Kings County ATV Club, Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, Hants Snow Dusters Snowmobile Club and Crossburn Snowmobile Club regarding brush cutting project for the South Mountain – Crossburn Area. Mid-Valley ATV Club members were unable to attend because it was their meeting night but are going to take part in the project which will see each club apply for \$5,000 each through their respective organization's Small Grant Programs.

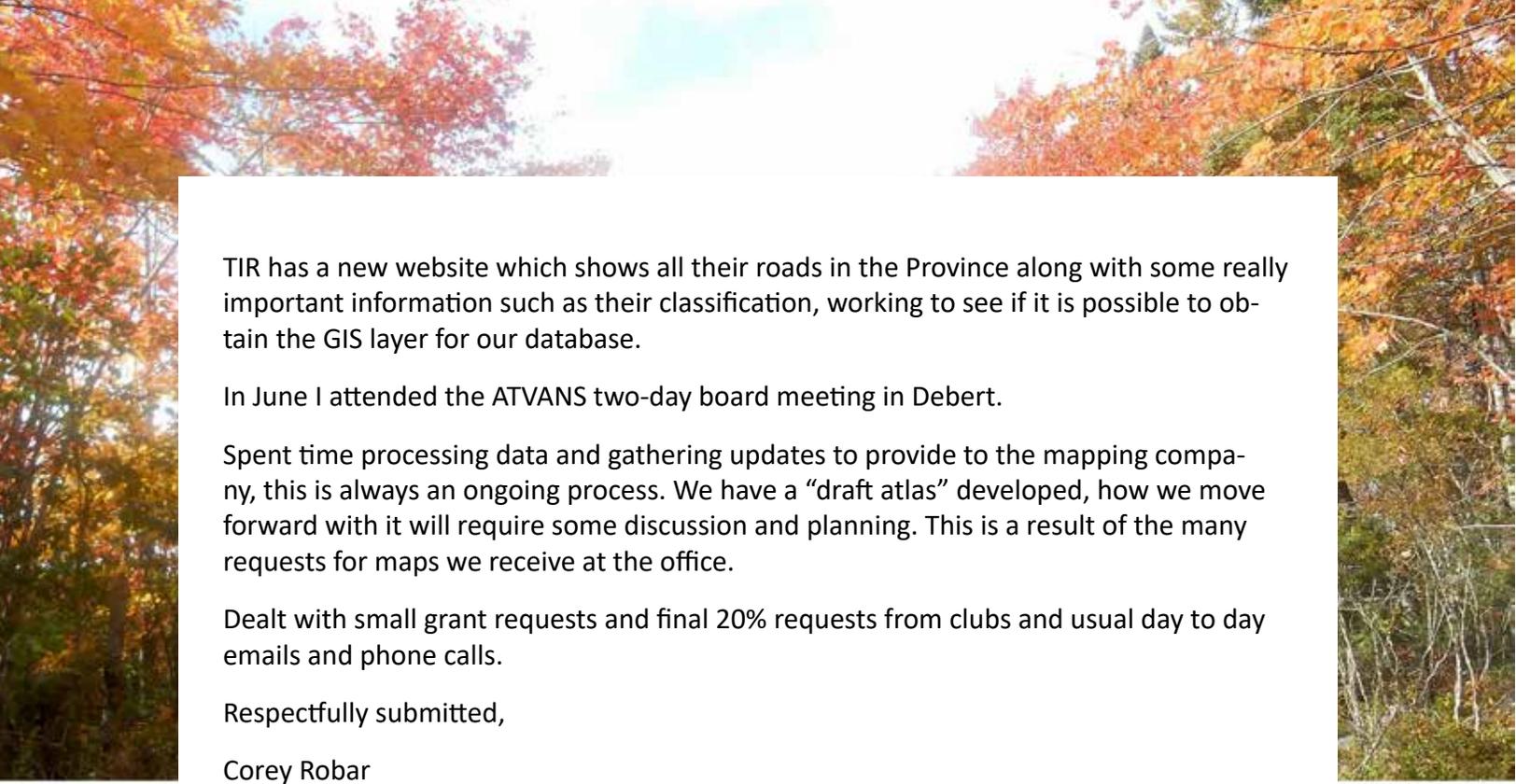


Attended the OHVIF meeting.

Met with Community Cultures and Heritage, the government Interdepartmental Committee on Trails and members of the OHVIF committee discussing funding and the alignment of applications and funded projects. I see this as a productive meeting which could help simplify the application processes and make the process for our clubs to get funding from CCH easier.

Participated in Officers and Trails Committee Conference Calls.

In communication with TIR about the Highway 104 twinning project in the James River – Addington Forks area. We had already met with them in 2018 when the project was announced and another meeting will be planned for late February – early March of 2020. Their current plan includes having two crossing/tunnel locations.



TIR has a new website which shows all their roads in the Province along with some really important information such as their classification, working to see if it is possible to obtain the GIS layer for our database.

In June I attended the ATVANS two-day board meeting in Debert.

Spent time processing data and gathering updates to provide to the mapping company, this is always an ongoing process. We have a “draft atlas” developed, how we move forward with it will require some discussion and planning. This is a result of the many requests for maps we receive at the office.

Dealt with small grant requests and final 20% requests from clubs and usual day to day emails and phone calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Robar

Zone 1 Report

SOU’WEST NOVA ATV ASSOCIATION – YARMOUTH

The Sou’West ATV Club have been having a busy and successful year with their fun runs. This year they have been focusing on building their trail committee funds. The group is struggling with their bridge project on Major Road. This project has been open for quite some time and went to a stand still with the engineers and TIR. They have been working frantically to get this project moving again but still struggling.

DIGBY COUNTY ATV CLUB - DIGBY

The Digby County ATV Club have completed a grant on repairing the rails on Joggins Bridge and is ready to apply for a grant to improve their by-pass trail. This year the group received a new overpass across the Highway 101 as the Dept. of Highways adds a new stretch of highway. The Club is looking at reforming their club by looking into redoing their by-laws and a new logo. They are in the process of creating committees and providing more runs. The club struggles with legally connecting their rail bed trail to a network of back wood trails leaving no option other than to trailer the buggies.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY ATV AND MULTI USE TRAIL SOCIETY - ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Annapolis ATV Club have been hard at work finalizing their new trail that leaves the rail bed up to Toms Pizzeria. Proud of their accomplishments, and should very well be, this club plans on expanding that trail all the way to Lequille Country Store. This club is very well organized and their committees work very hard to establish monthly runs and trail work.

MID-VALLEY ATV CLUB – MIDDLETON

Mid-Valley hosts a great rally every year and this year was no exception. After every rally this group gets together and look at the does and don'ts and it is no surprise why they keep getting better. I would like to tell you more about this group but unfortunately, I'm new to this zone and haven't had a lot of time with these guys yet. All I can say for now is that they are a strong team and well established.

KINGS COUNTY ATV CLUB – WATERVILLE

Unfortunately, due to my lack of time as a zone director I haven't been able to spend much time with Kings County Club. I am looking forward into getting to know these guys. I have visited their club and I can't wait to get to know them. As of this time I do not have anything to report with this team but look forward to doing so in the next quarter.

Allan Dugas
Zone 1 Director

The Annapolis County ATV and Multi-Use Trails Society

The Annapolis County ATV and Multi-Use Trails Society are very pleased to announce that we have completed work on the new trail in Lequille that runs from the Harvest Moon Trail up to Tom's Pizzeria and Helen's Cabins on the Highway 201.

The route is well marked and we have installed signs on the Harvest Moon Trail, directing OHV drivers to the new trail. This new trail now allows OHV riders heading west on the Harvest Moon Trail to enjoy a meal or rent a room at the far end of the old Dominion Atlantic Railway line.

The trail is a little rough in two spots but it is all cut out and it is SXS friendly. We hope to smooth out the rough spots later this year. We have a dedicated spot roped off by the restaurant for parking our ATV's and SXS's. Please use this parking spot when you visit the restaurant.

Many thanks to those members who worked so hard in negotiating the land use agreements and those who worked so hard in actually building the trail itself. We also want to acknowledge the support of Tom's Pizzeria because the land that we cross belongs to them and they have been great to deal with. Finally, thanks to Robbie Bent Contracting for the expert installation of the culverts and the building of the two driveways at each end of the trail.

We wish to thank ATVANS for their guidance and their help in sourcing funding to help us build the trail. We could not have done it without them!

If anyone has any questions as they relate to the above, please feel free to contact Ron Guest (President) or Mike McKinley (Secretary).



Dave MacLean Benefit Run

The Dave MacLean Benefit Run that took place on Sunday, September 15, 2019 was hosted by ACAMUTS in partnership with the Mid-Valley ATV Club was a resounding success.

The weather was perfect and the route that we took was scenic and for most of us on the run from ACAMUTS, we got to travel over some new territory, thanks to run leaders Rocky Pearce and Bob Wright.



As a group, we raised almost \$3,000 to help ACAMUTS member Dave MacLean cover his travel expenses as he battles cancer. These monies included the receivables from the 50/50 draw, we “passed the hat” looking for donations from participants, a cash donation by ACAMUTS, a cash donation from the Mid-Valley ATV Club and finally, ACAMUTS member Anna Guest won the 50/50 draw and then she donated her winnings back to Dave....a very generous gesture indeed!

A call-out to all of you, who despite the fact that you couldn't attend the run, still found time to drop off a cash donation prior to the event.

As Mid-Valley President Rocky Pearce said in his speech at the run, “it is our ability as ATV Clubs to host events like this that bring positive value to all of us in the community”.

Attached are a few pictures from the event that were taken by club member Pat Powell, one which shows ACAMUTS President Ron Guest presenting a cheque to Dave, one which shows MVATVC President Rocky Pearce presenting a cheque to Dave and one which shows the 63 participating machines on the trail.

Mike McKinley
ACAMUTS – Secretary

ATVANS CLUB DEVELOPMENT SESSION



Recently ATVANS conducted our first half day club development training session. We provided direct to members training on how to conduct a meeting, good board governance, roles and responsibilities and answered question from club members. The inten-

tion is to provide members with the tools they need to move their clubs forward in a positive productive way. Max Chauvin led the session and those who attended were very happy with what they experienced.

Additional sessions are being planned over the coming 6 months. Clubs and members will be notified in advance and must register to attend. We will be hosting meetings of two zones at a time. We look forward to good productive sessions to help you better manage your club business.

Barry Barnet
Executive Director

ATVANS YOUTH FLEET AND TRAINING CHANGES

ATVANS recently assessed the youth training program to ensure highest and best use of assets. It was determined that the program could affectively operate and successfully deliver the youth training with four groups of bikes. The assessment considered the frequency and location of existing training. It was determined that 95% percent of the youth training was being conducted by just three trainers.

The board decided to include one mobile training unit with four bikes and a trailer that can be booked by trainers who agree to train through our program. The bikes and trailer will be in a ready to use condition at a nominal cost of \$35 per student. Trainers are required to return the trailer and bikes in the same condition that they receive it. In addition, the board decided that the three trainers who conducted the vast majority of the training will continue to operate with their fixed and or mobile units.



The revised program was necessary because the fund set aside to pay for expenses like insurance has been depleted. The board directed that surplus machines and trailer would be sold at public auction. The auction was held last month and was very successful. A huge crowd led to top dollars for the surplus equipment and renewed funding to support the revised program into the future.

Barry Barnet
Executive Director

Zone 2 Report

I have reached out to the clubs to see what the members points of interest would be in a Zone meeting within the next couple months. I have not heard any problems, questions or concerns from zone 2 members.

I spent several months organizing and planning an adult and youth training course with Kevin Lombard which we completed October 12th and 13th. I started with my club, Central Nova, at a club meeting for a show of interest. There was not as much interest as expected so I conducted a survey with Paul Smith to reach out to all zone 2 members. From there a gathered a list and started calling! I hope to have another back to back training course sometime in November if weather permits.

Some highlights of what the clubs have been up to;

Central Nova ATV

Central Nova ATV club had another successful summer rally held in June and a club fun run in September. They also took advantage of the lotto trailer with the Honda Talon and sold tickets at two local events in their area. One at the truck pull held at the Bridgewater Exhibition ground and the other at the demolition derby in Wileville. They plan to sell more tickets at their local mall near Christmas time. Many club members took part helping cut and clear trails after the hurricane! They are also still working hard with groups to gain a significant portion of connectivity!



Shore Riders ATV

Shore Riders hosted their annual fish and chip run in January with another great turn out. They also have been working with trainers and hosting ATV training courses.



Shelburne ATV Club

Shelburne County ATV Club placed a memorial bench on the trail in memory of Paul Smith. Ogden Creek Bridge was replaced by Baxter construction and Trucking.



Michelle Wile
Zone 2 Director

Zone 3A Report

It has been a very busy summer with the Hurricane Dorian damage and Halifax Water changing some boundaries which affected a couple of clubs. Clubs are doing lots of trail work in the area, both related to cleanup and also both new and old trails being fixed up and opened.

I spent some time working with the PSA committee on the first video to be released. It has been created and was presented to the board at the October board meeting.

Beaver Bank ATV Club

Opened and closed a small grant to do some work on their club trail (5K). The work made a huge difference in the condition of the trail however they are struggling to find a way to get the large materials needed to fill in the large holes in the center of the trail. This work did however make it considerably easier to reach the areas they need to get to.

I held a zone meeting on October 6th at the SMATVA clubhouse in St. Margarets Bay.

Corey Osborne
Zone 3A Director

Zone 5 Report

Zone 5 in general has been quiet this summer and picked up at the end of summer/beginning of fall with several rallies and fun runs.

I kept in contact with the clubs either on the phone or emails. I attended the yearly corn boil for Pictou County ATV Club in September. I attended the new annual Guysborough district recreation department fun run hosted by Ocean Lake Riders ATV Club.

Ocean Lake Riders (New Harbour)

They had a rally in October and it was attended by well over 80 bikes, they hosted the Guysborough recreation department fun run at end of September with well over 200 participants. They replaced the North West brook bridge with a new 50' DNR-certified bridge and upgraded a section of the trail north of the bridge.

Pictou County ATV Club (New Glasgow)

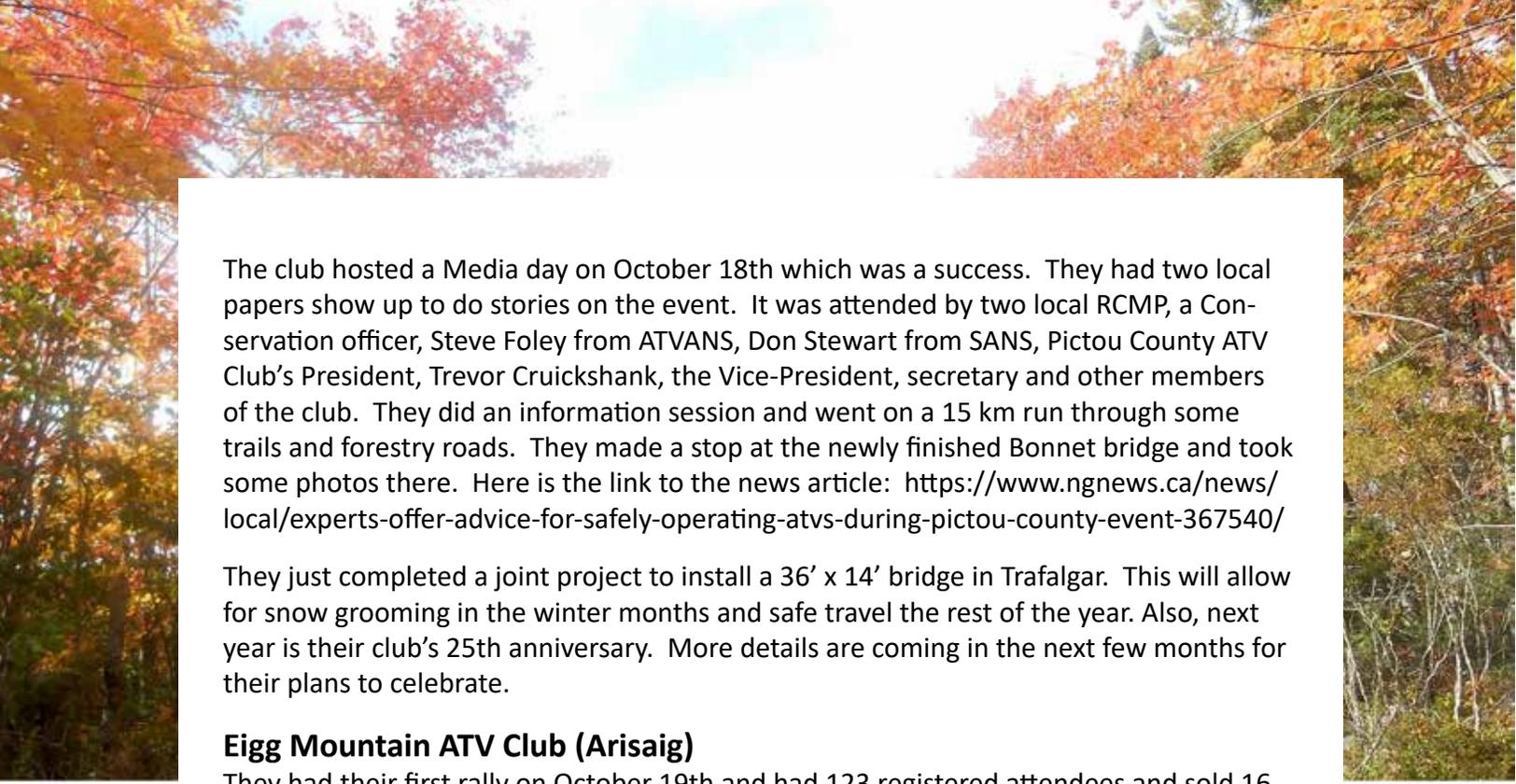
Since June the club has been fairly busy.

In June they hosted a lobster dinner/social event for the club members. It was well attended with an ATV run earlier in the day.

In August they hosted the annual parade for the Hopewell Ceilidh. This is an annual community event and the club hosts and organizes the parade. As always it was well attended and many thanks were expressed by community members for their work in the community.

In September they also hosted a corn boil social for their members with an ATV ride that morning.

In October, they had their annual Fall rally on Saturday, October 12th in support of Children's Wish, Pictou County chapter. It was a very wet day but 55 people made the journey and all proceeds will go towards Children's Wish Pictou County.



The club hosted a Media day on October 18th which was a success. They had two local papers show up to do stories on the event. It was attended by two local RCMP, a Conservation officer, Steve Foley from ATVANS, Don Stewart from SANS, Pictou County ATV Club's President, Trevor Cruickshank, the Vice-President, secretary and other members of the club. They did an information session and went on a 15 km run through some trails and forestry roads. They made a stop at the newly finished Bonnet bridge and took some photos there. Here is the link to the news article: <https://www.ngnews.ca/news/local/experts-offer-advice-for-safely-operating-atvs-during-pictou-county-event-367540/>

They just completed a joint project to install a 36' x 14' bridge in Trafalgar. This will allow for snow grooming in the winter months and safe travel the rest of the year. Also, next year is their club's 25th anniversary. More details are coming in the next few months for their plans to celebrate.

Eigg Mountain ATV Club (Arisaig)

They had their first rally on October 19th and had 123 registered attendees and sold 16 trail permits for 2020. No other items to report.

Broadhorns ATV Club (County Harbour), Chedabucto Multi-Use Trails Association (Queensport) and St. Mary's ATV Club (Sherbrooke) had nothing to report.

Richard Dumas
Zone 5 Director

Zone 6A Report

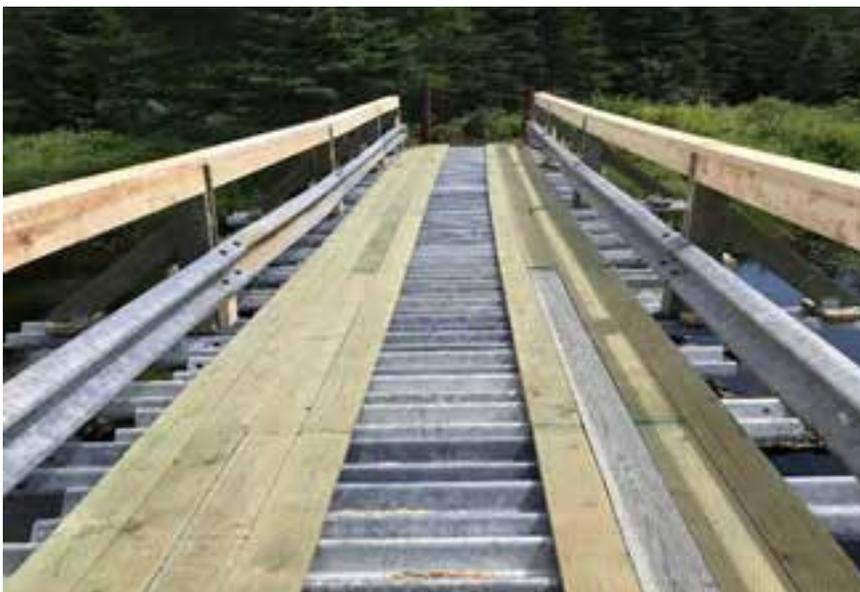
Isle Royale ATV Club

Trail Work in Framboise

Working with the Marconi Trail Blazers ATV Club, members carried out repairs to an old bridge in preparation for the opening up of an old K Class Road for which the Marconi Trail Blazers received authority from TIR to carry out the required upgrades. The old structure is seen in photo and repaired bridge in the other photo listed as MacDonald Road Bridge.



The picture ABOVE depicts club members on old bridge
The picture BELOW is the repaired bridge



VJ Plant Trail

With the assistance of an ATVANS Small Grant, the Club was able to complete work on the re-opening of an old trail on the request of the property owners who wanted ATV traffic off their Drag Strip property. The old trail runs parallel to the main road leading to their facility. A photo of work carried out is listed as VJ plant bridge.



Father's Day Run

The Club held a Father's Day run in June. This has been an annual event undertaken by the Isle Royale ATV club and it is well attended with a BBQ mid way along the trail system. The BBQ is hosted by Club Member Reg Delaney and his wife Heather at their summer place on the shores of beautiful Lake Ainslie.

Highland Quest

The tenth anniversary of the Highland Quest was well attended with over 300 ATV's and side-by-sides in attendance. A lovely meal was provided at the Community Rink in Cheticamp and prizes were distributed. Some ATVer's were stopped in Cheticamp by the RCMP and the Environment Enforcement Officers; warnings were given in terms of no current registration.



Unfortunately, this great event was marred by tires being slashed on several parked vehicles at Wreck Cove. Fortunately, dedicated club members stayed to replace tires and to get participants on their way.

Burn Camp Trail Ride

The Club conducted the second annual Burn Camp ATV Run with participants of the Burn Camp who appreciate the opportunity to travel in the area where the Camp is located at the Seal Island Bridge. The photo, Burn Camp 2019 shows the participants.



Gabarus Trial Area

The Club was pleased to have a visit by Corey Robar when he brought the maps and direction signs to place at the start of and along the highway trial area in Gabarus.





Rat Lake Trail

The Club is in receipt of an OHVIF Grant to carry out trail development in the Rat Lake Forestry area. This work will be carried out on Crown Land; however, due to the reality that the authority from the Department of Lands and Forestry has taken 13 months to approve, there is some doubt as to whether or not this project will be completed this fall. The contractor was prepared to carry out the work in the late spring/early summer but with the approval coming late, other undertakings by the contractor may interfere with our project. This of course is a disappointment as it delays construction of a trail system undertaken by the two local ATV Clubs to circle the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Marconi Trail Blazers

Rail Bed Trail - Gardiner Mines to #11 Pit Yard

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Public Works have agreed to take over the rail bed that runs through Glace Bay. There are currently discussions underway about paving part of the railbed from King Edward Street to Park Street. Club members are pleased with this development.

Club Trail Ride

Marconi Trail Blazers held a trail ride for it's members and 28 ATVS and side by sides participated in the ride. The club had a BBQ for participants at the club cabin in Broughton. Thanks to Gary Fukula, the trail ride was a big success.

Proposed Poker Run

The group from Glace Bay, Bay It Forward, expressed interest in sponsoring a poker run with the club. Club members voted in favor and a date will be chosen for a ride some time in November.

MacDonald Road Trail

The Marconi Club is now finishing up work on the MacDonald Road portion of the atv trail. The intensive labour required on building this trail was completed with the assistance of members of the Isle Royale ATV Club.

Trail Repairs

The Marconi Club used a \$5,000 grant, to carry out repairs on the Louisbourg Highway to New Boston Road portion of the ATV trail. This work was requested by the land owner due to safety concerns.

Isle Madame ATV Riders Association

As far as activity in the club over the summer there hasn't been much except some tree clearing along the trail and some runs out with the bush hog to clear some growth along the trail along with a bit of trail maintenance that was required. We are in the process of putting together a trail maintenance plan (ditching, reshaping, resurfacing, new pipes and culverts, new signage, etc) and quote to apply for funding from our local municipal-

ity and the ATVANS small grant program. We also participated in the application for the shoulder of the road project.

This year as per usual we held two rallies, one in January and one in February along with participating in the ATVANS Lottery program which, for the last couple of years, has been our only source of funding. We also plan on holding two rallies again in January and February of 2020.

In May we held our AGM and we changed a few board members. Like all clubs we have only a small number of members that step up to contribute.

East Richmond

Ricky Stone, club President, advised that the club received money for some upgrade to 9 kilometers of trail. They are hoping to complete 2 to 3 kilometers of trail this year with the money they have available. Club members plan to apply for more funding for further work on this trail.

The club is currently doing minor work on a connecting trail in preparation for their poker run.

Pictures attached show work being carried out in this area.



Coastal Riders ATV Association

Marie Prout, president of Coastal Riders, provided a club update. She reported that club members had a hiatus over the summer months; therefore, not a lot of trail activities were carried out. The club purchased a new GPS for club members to use to map their trails. Club members are planning an ATV rally "The luck of the draw" on January 4th. All are welcome.

Judy Giovannetti
Zone 6A Director

ZONE 6B Report

Baddeck & Area ATV Club: Paul Brown, President

ATV run in spring from Whycomomagh to Lake Ainslie.

Our club sponsored a team for the Lions Clubs' Bonsfield.

Trail maintenance work in Big Brook cutoff.

Put culverts and railing, cutting trees, replaced a bridge on Garlock Mountain in the spring.

New trail constructed from the Dennison Road to MacDonald Road.

Work on Moon Rock in St. Ann Bay.

Members sponsored an ATV run in Iona Peninsula on October 5th with 88 ATVs and 123 people participating.

Members put an ATV run along the rail bed in Mabou.

Maintenance work on North Gut Road and Old Big Harbour Road.

The over pass bridge in Baddeck is now complete. The work to build a 2 Km trail from the Curling Rink to the overpass was started in October and is just about finished. It needs a good topping. On the north side of the bridge there is a snow mobile trail on private land that can be used for this winter but ATVs are not permitted at this time.

The Victoria County Trails Federation are working on getting permission from land owners to work on the next phase later this year or in the spring.

Graham Menzies
Zone 6B Director



Hartie Thurber (left), Baddeck and Area ATV Club and Wayne Mead, Safety Minded ATV Association, looking over scenic Whycocomagh, August 6, 2019. Hartie took us (Wayne & Geri) on a guided tour of the Trans Canada Trail from Whycocomagh to the MacLean Mountain lookoff overlooking East Lake Ainslie. He is very knowledgeable of the trails. What a great ambassador for his club!