

## Future Club Rides

There was discussion about splitting club rides into two groups. We could have a group that wants to go at a leisurely pace; this would be for those who want to stop for pictures, may have young children, or ride in more utility-based UTVs/ATVs.

Another group could be for those who like to drive at a more spirited pace, want to put on more miles, and possibly go beyond the Harrison trail system. We could have a leader for each group and coordinate meeting up for lunch or at the end of the day for a soda.

It is never too late to start planning for next year's riding season! If you are interested in hosting a ride, please contact Jon with a date and plan.

## Trail Maintenance

The trail leading to Ditch Runners (formerly Harrison Oasis) is closed for the season for bow hunting. There is an orange safety fence on Keg Road and there is a "No ATVs" sign where that trail starts there. You can still access Ditch Runners via Highway B.

Reminder that trails officially close December 1. Most people stop riding just prior to deer season as a courtesy to the hunters.

If you see problems, please let Garth know (715-551-3705 or [gheckendorf@gmail.com](mailto:gheckendorf@gmail.com)) and he will let the appropriate volunteer know that their section of the trail needs attention.

## Christmas Party

The club will host a Christmas party on Saturday, December 1 at the Gleason Bowling Center. All club members are invited! We will have a buffet-style dinner beginning about 6 pm. You must RSVP to attend. RSVP by text or voicemail to Jon Drew at 715-297-3929 or email [hhatvclub@yahoo.com](mailto:hhatvclub@yahoo.com) no later than November 27! Please bring an **unwrapped** toy that will be donated to the Merrill Fire Department for their Christmas giving. There is no minimum or maximum amount but it **must be new**. Jon will deliver the toys to the fire department. Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill has requested donations for their residents as well; contact Brianna VandenHeuvel at 715-539-2548 for more information.



## How to Prepare Your ATV for Long-Term Storage

The following tips should keep your quad in pristine condition and ready to ride after the winter thaw.

- 1. Complete Cleaning** - Completely clean your ATV. Soap it down, rinse and lubricate it (drive chain and anything that takes some grease) then use protectant on your plastic such as Pledge. Stuff a rag into the opening or, what's better, use a muffler plug. Additionally, it doesn't hurt to wipe down all raw and polished metal surfaces with a metal protectant as a precaution.
- 2. Drain the fuel or Add Stabilizer** - Gas tends to go bad when you leave it sit for long periods. If your ATV is stocked with a plastic gas tank it's best to drain all the fuel out - this goes for not only the tank but the fuel lines and carburetor. Machines with metal tanks, fill up and add fuel stabilizer. Be sure to run the engine and get the stabilized fuel throughout the system.
- 3. Tend to the Battery** - In this case, you'll want a battery tender. An unused battery dies pretty quickly and when left in this state ruins its lifespan. The most convenient method to charging the battery is hooking it to a battery tender which uses very little juice to keep the battery charged all winter long. Don't forget to remove it from your machine first.
- 4. Inflate tires** - Tires tend to deflate slowly overtime so you'll want to inflate your tires to the max unless you can be vigilant in checking them weekly. Additionally, you don't want your tires resting on frozen concrete for the next six months. Use blocks to lift the ATV off the ground which also removes the stress from the suspension.
- 5. Fresh oil and filter** - Change the oil and filter. Used oil contains dirt and debris which might congeal to the pan and engine parts overtime. After adding fresh oil and a new filter let the engine idle for a few minutes to allow the new oil bathe over moving parts. Then every month or so let the engine turn over once or twice, without starting, so the moving parts stay lubricated. Additionally, remove the air filter as rodents find foam filters a great place to sleep and/or store food plus it can dry out sitting there all winter long.
- 6. Cover your ATV** - Cover your ATV but don't use plastic. Use breathable fabric otherwise moisture can't evaporate which creates a rusty environment for your quad not to mention the buildup of mold and mildew. Overall, it's best to store your ATV in a dry area that doesn't get too cold. If your garage or shed has windows ensure sunlight doesn't reach the tires or the plastic.

Adapted from: <https://www.motosport.com/blog/how-to-prepare-your-atv-for-long-term-storage>

## Dan Adamec Benefit

There will be a benefit for Dan Adamec on November 11 from 11 am to 4 pm at Les & Jims in Merrill. There will be food, music, and raffles.

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Gail's Place Again!	N4090 County Road K, Merrill (715) 536-3434
Gleason Bowling Center	N5353 Hwy 17, Gleason (715) 873-4588
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Tomahawk Resort on Lake Alice	W4095 County Road A, Tomahawk (715) 224-2868
Z's Fork Horners	N4291 County Road X, Gleason (715) 873-4538

**2018 Meetings**

Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm at various business sponsors:

November 26	Gail's Place Again
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All activities are posted on the club website and Facebook.

**Club Officers (term)****President**

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**Donation**

Crushed gravel was donated to the Harrison Baseball Diamond in the cost of \$1,745. The material will be hauled in this fall but not applied until spring of next year.

**Harrison Oasis Reopened As...**

Harrison Oasis is reopened under new management and is called Ditch Runners. In the future, there will be maps at this location.

**Remember**

We have one more month of riding and a newsletter in November but ... as the season is coming to a close, our club also goes dormant for a time. December, January, February, and March will not have a newsletter. Officers will continue to work during this time preparing for the 2019 season. A notice of the first 2019 meeting will be sent out in late March or early April.