



Capital Area Trail Riders Association

Newsletter

November 2017

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President's Report

The annual NETA Observed Trial was a hit with the participants. The weather was fabulous and the course was challenging but fun. Thank you to all the club members who volunteered to help.

Members should have cleaned out property camp sites by now. Trailers are to be removed and sites broken down. Contact Tom Curtin if you have a problem removing your equipment.

Club officer elections are held in December. Members should consider nominations to be presented at the November meeting. Members can also nominate themselves.

There is an ongoing problem with members not following CATRA Land use guidelines. Officers are concerned with the seasonal issue of hunting. Members have been found hunting on the property when others are riding. This is not OK. The officers may need to consider whether to discontinue hunting on CATRA Land. One hunter suggested that no one follows the club rules and people ride on the road and in the field regularly, so hunting is OK. We should all follow club guidelines. The guidelines are listed here as a reminder.

**Members cannot hunt on CATRA Land on
Sundays or when others are riding.**

Possible 2018 Event

Lee Sumner is hoping to plan a night ride next summer. If you are interested in participating or helping to plan the event, call or text Lee at (518) 898-0694.

CATRA Land Use Guidelines

1. Ride in designated areas only. Do not start or ride bikes in buffer zone. No riding on the driveway.
2. Stay on bridges when crossing creeks. Respect our wetlands.
3. Ride safe, helmets and over-the-ankle boots required, more protective equipment is recommended.
4. Follow directional arrows. Slower riders keep right, faster riders use caution when passing. Use common sense.
5. All riders under age 18 must have parent or guardian present while riding.
6. Ride only on CATRA property. Respect our neighbors' boundaries. Property lines are posted on both sides.
7. Be courteous to our neighbors, do not argue or threaten. Report complaints to club officers.
8. When encountering non-member riders on CATRA property, do not argue or threaten. Give them information about CATRA and invite them to join.
9. When camping, keep fires to a reasonable size and in a safe area. Metal fire pits are available. No open fires when DEC declares a hazard due to severe dry conditions.
10. Target shooting is never allowed. Deer hunting is allowed, except on Sundays or when other members are riding.
11. Do not litter. There is no trash service available on CATRA property. If you bring it in, bring it out.

CATRA
PO Box 373
Burnt Hills, NY 12027

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2017 Club Meeting Dates

(first Thursday of each month *)

7:30 P.M.

January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6

May 4
June 1
July 6
August 3

September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7

Meetings held at **Carney's, Upstairs Meeting Room ***

17 Main St. (Route 146A)

Ballston Lake, NY

* unless otherwise noted

Notable Club Events

Club Elections - December Meeting

Holiday Party - TBD

Black Fly Hare Scramble

third weekend in May: Pee Wee Scramble,
Vintage Enduro, Hare Scramble

NYACT Vintage Observed Trial - Sunday, August

Family Picnic - Sunday, Labor Day Weekend

NETA Observed Trial - October 7th & 8th

Work Party

Sundays to prepare the property
for winter

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the month for publication in the next issue.