



A proud member of the Albert  
County Tourism Association

**May 2009 EDITION**  
**Trivia Question #1**

Who was the first president of our club and what year did he/she hold that position?

**ACTB Executive 2009**

- President – Tammi Steeves
- Vice President – Herman Berry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Carl Nelson
- Treasurer – Debbie Smith
- Secretary – Emilie Broad

**ACTB BOD 2009**

- Danny Cameron
- Blair Colpitts
- Dennis Colwell
- Gail Dryden
- Dave Lutes
- Mike MacLean
- Brenda McCoubrey
- Terry McCoubrey
- Roy Mosher
- Allen Pearl
- Paulette Pearl
- Royden Simpson
- Travis Smith
- Dale Steeves
- Don Steeves
- Stephen Steeves
- Susan Steeves
- Boyd Wilkins
- Brent Wilson
- Donna Wilson

**NBATVF 2009 Delegates**

- To be filled
- John Field

**Web Master**

- Mike Pond

**Hot Line**

- Janey Smith

**Talk Mail**

- Tammi Steeves

**Newsletter**

- Jim Foster

**NBATVF Vice President**

- Herman Berry

## ALBERT COUNTY TRAIL BLAZERS INC.

2449 Route 114, Weldon, N.B. E4H 4R5

### Club Message

Another exciting year is underway for the Albert County Trail Blazers and the sport of ATVing in general. The ACTB have many projects and events underway all held and worked on by their wonderful group of volunteers. Hats off to those involved!! What a year we had for memberships last year. 344 members in the final count. That is a record high, and one the club is very excited about reaching. The events held were supported by you the members. Thank you all for attending, you, the members, is what this club is all about.

There has been a new trail developed by the trail committee. We now once again have access between Salem and Hillsborough. It was touch and go for awhile as to whether there would be enough time before the snow flew to finish the work on the trail enough to open it for the winter but with the help of all the volunteers and Mother Nature holding back the snow the group was able to pull it off. Travis took the groomer up it for its first test run and found very few obstacles and the groomer operators were able to keep it open all winter.



### Membership

2009 memberships are selling quickly. It is exciting to watch our membership totals grow every month as we get our membership report from Debbie Smith. Debbie is heading up the membership committee this year and is inputting new and renewal memberships every few days.

We have members from as far away as New Hampshire, Prince Edward Island, Annapolis Valley, NS, Sussex and several other locations. Of course the majority of our members are from beautiful Albert County.

Dirt bike memberships are available with the Albert County Trail Blazers.

If you are a new member and have not received a membership information kit you can pick yours up at the general membership meeting held the second Wednesday of any month. If you are interested in receiving club updates or information via email please forward your email address to our webmaster, Mike Pond at [webmaster@albertcountyclubblazers.com](mailto:webmaster@albertcountyclubblazers.com)

### Congratulations

Long time member of our club and our very own vice president has been elected to the position of NBATVF Vice President!! Congratulations to Herman Berry. He will be a wonderful asset to the Federation executive, as he is to our own.

## **Committees & Chairpersons**

### Attendance

- Terry McCoubrey

### Christmas Dinner & Dance

- Allen Pearl

### Events Calendar

- Rob Jonah

### Federation News

- John Field

### Federation Ticket Sales

- Valerie Douthright

### Hotline

- Janey Smith

### Elections

- Allen Pearl

### Land Development

- Debbie Smith

### Mailings

- Tammi Steeves

### Memberships

- Debbie Smith

### Merchandise

- Debbie Smith

### Prizes

- Dale Steeves

### Public Relations

- Mike Pond

### Voice Mail

- Tammi Steeves

### Trails

- Blair Colpitts

### Winter Grooming

- Travis Smith

### 50/50 Draw

- Gail Dryden

## **Proud Sponsors of:**

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Ronald McDonald House Atlantic

Riverside Albert Health & Wellness

Riverview Fire Dept.

Hillsborough Fire Dept.

Riverside Albert Fire Dept.

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Canadian Cancer Society, Relay For Life



## **2009 Membership Cost**

3 season (**no winter access**) = \$20.00\*

4 season (**winter access**) = \$75.00

Associate = \$10.00 voting privileges included

\*Includes NBATVF membership & \$2000.00 accidental death benefit.

At this time we are only selling 3 season passes. Our 2008/2009 winter grooming season was a huge success this year. A special thank you goes out to all the people who work so hard to ensure we have an enjoyable season. There are many hours of hard work put into a winter season. Thank you all for everything you do. Thank you also to all you members who purchase your winter passes. It is through membership sales we are able to finance the grooming season.

Winter passes for the 2009/2010 season will be available in the fall. Listen to the hotline for updates.

## **It's a real Albert County mystery!**



Some litter bug threw dozens and dozens of sales flyers in the woods alongside one of our trails near Stevescote Road. Luckily, members of the ACTB took matters in hand and immediately called to report the mess to Brunswick News, which prints and distributes the flyers.

The company launched an immediate investigation and said they'd have the mess cleaned up the very next day.

Meanwhile, our community-minded ACTB members went back to the scene of the crime to clean up the mess themselves – only to find it all gone! And nobody knows who picked it all up and lugged it out of the woods.

Nevertheless, a tip of the helmet to club members who stepped up when they saw something wrong and did everything they could to make it right again. It sure makes a person proud to be an ATVer, and even prouder to be a Trail Blazer!

## **Newsletter, Hotline, Website and Voice Mail**

Communication is a big part of any club.

So with that in mind, your Albert County Trail Blazers are planning to continue issuing three newsletters per year. If you know of a member who isn't getting their newsletter and would like to receive it, let us know so we can add them to our mailing list.

Also, if you know of a member who isn't on the club's voice mail list and wants to get in on our frequent club updates, meeting reminders and notifications of upcoming runs via voice mail, be sure they contact us! The Voice mail lists are revamped at the end of June so make sure you stay on the list by renewing your membership if you have not already

## MERCHANDISE

Please see Debbie Smith at our meetings & events or email [Debbie@albertcountytrailblazers.com](mailto:Debbie@albertcountytrailblazers.com) to purchase your club merchandise.



T-shirts are \$12.00 each



Pins are \$3.00 each



Hats are \$10.00 each

done so.

Remember to remind members and non-members alike of our hotline. It is accessible 24/7 and is frequently updated by Janey Smith! 857-6601 Our newsletters are available on the website also.

Do you know about your Albert County Trail Blazers' website? You can check it out at [www.albertcountytrailblazers.com](http://www.albertcountytrailblazers.com).

Bookmark it today and visit it again frequently to see members' photos, club news, dates and details of all the club's events, other clubs' events, trail maps, club memorabilia, federation updates, safety tips and more, More, MORE.

[www.albertcountytrailblazers.com](http://www.albertcountytrailblazers.com) is one of the best websites of any ATV club in the province, but don't just take our word for it, check it out!

## PR Committee

The PR committee met for their first meeting in March. The chair of the committee is Mike Pond. To date the members are Tammi Steeves who will be working on the voicemail, Janey Smith on hot line, Jim Foster on newsletter with Joanne Jonah and Val Douthwright heading up the PR division. The PR division will be working hard to get this club out into the media in a positive light!! How exciting. If you have an event and would like them to try and get something out there contact them. This group now has a link on the website where they can be contacted with a simple click of the mouse! If you do not have internet access then simply call one of them and they will let you know how to get your information on our information bulletins.

The PR Committee will become "The Go To Group" of the Club for getting the information out there to the public. They look forward to working with and for you in the future!! We need your help, please come and join our committee or participate without joining. Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in having something on any of our information sources contact the PR committee. Access to them is easy you can click on the link on the website which is: [PR@AlbertCountyTrailBlazers.com](mailto:PR@AlbertCountyTrailBlazers.com) or call Joanne at 734-2308. Keep in mind if you are chairing a meeting or event and you would like the information out there you must contact them.

## Land Committee



On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ACTB purchased almost 30 acres of land on our trail system in Dawson Settlement.

Since that time some of the land committee members have spent weekends last summer and fall cutting, clearing and burning brush to make way for a parking lot and also cut out the lines.

### Sponsors (2008-2009)

Aarons Appliances  
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All State – Karen Steeves  
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Boyd Wilkins  
Brunswick Fry & Safety  
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Patty's Place  
Pepsi/Hostess  
Rocks View Variety  
Same Day Courier  
Sapranos Pizza - Alma  
Seaside Chev Olds  
Sno-Mo Repairs, Ltd  
Susan & Dale Steeves  
Travis Smith  
Trio Pizza  
Universal – Rod Steeves  
Universal Truck & Trailer  
Wal-Mart, Trinity  
Wallace Equipment  
Woodworths General Store  
Zellers, Mt. Rd.

### Materials Needed for Building

2x6x14 kiln dried lumber  
2x6x12 kiln dried lumber  
5 1/2 " foam sill gasket  
1 3/4"x9 1/2" microllam  
7/16" waferboard 4x8 OSB  
Truss package  
5/12p 16"OH  
2x4x12 kiln dried lumber  
15/32 ultra roof osb  
1/2 roof clip  
Drip edge 10' white 2 1/4  
25 yr marathon dual black  
15 asphalt felt  
2x6x16 kiln dried lumber  
2 1/4 common nails  
2 3/8 common paslode  
3 1/2 common nails  
3 1/4 common paslode  
Galv roof nail 1 1/4  
Tyvar house wrap  
Red sheathing tape  
Prime # T50 A-11 3/8 galv  
1x3x14 spruce lumber

We held a poker run in November, a draw for a generator in February, which was won by Paul Rossiter. We currently have a draw on a Harley Davidson Softail Rocker. Tickets available from any Land committee member or Frank L. Steeves Ltd.

We have purchased the culvert pipe and secured the paperwork necessary to put the culvert in place. We have been generously offered a couple loads of gravel to cover the culvert as well.

We have also received generous donations from Carl Nelson, Blair Colpitts and Dave Lutes. Thanks guys.

We are currently working on estimates for a building around 32x40'. As well as being in touch with both the Federal and Provincial governments to see if this club might qualify for any type of funding for this building. We are looking for donations of building supplies. Should you have anything on the list found on the left please contact Debbie at 734-3054.

As soon as weather permits we will be back clearing again and all help is appreciated.

### Meetings



Did you ever wonder how and why club decisions are made on certain issues? Sure you do! It's your club, after all. Well, come and find out for yourself at a club meeting, where the coffee's always hot and the welcomes are always warm. The next general membership meeting is May 13th at Patty's Place in Hillsborough, which is located just past the old railroad station, on the right side of Route 114. Parking for club meetings is at the side of the building. Feel free to drop by for the meeting, and if you can't make it on the 13th, come on out to the next one.

General membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and the board of director meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Board meetings are open to all members for the first half of the meeting then they close off to do board business. Should you wish a spot on the agenda of either meeting please contact one of the executive or board members and you will be added.

### Prize Committee

Have you ever wondered where the prizes come from when you attend a poker run or ACTB event? Well there is lots of hard work involved. The prize committee goes to businesses and collects donations wherever they can. It is long tedious work. Thanks to the committee now and past for all your hard work.

The prize committee is responsible for obtaining prizes, wither donated or purchased to be used on the ACTB poker runs and the annual Christmas dinner and dance. They try to have one prize for every six to seven people attending these functions. Persons who chair these events will contact the committee members prior to the event to request

## Upcoming Events

- May 2, 2009 Poker Run, contact Blair 734-2381 or Travis 734-2932
- May 23, 2009 Annual Trail Clean-up contact Danny 882-2571
- June 6, 2009 Audbur's Annual Poker Run contact Rob 734-2308
- June 20, 2009 Extreme Poker Run contact Dave 382-2105
- July 1, 2009 Member's Day contact Tam 734-1188 or Deb 734-3054
- August 8, 2009 Pig Roast & Poker Run contact Deb 734-3054
- September 11, 2009 Obstacle Course contact Travis 734-2932
- October 3, 2009 Fall Foliage & Poker Run contact Herman 882-2222
- December 5, 2009 Christmas Dinner & Dance contact Allen 372-5169

## Ongoing Trail Committee Projects

- Ings Interval Bridge/Crossing
- Rail Line Lease Extension -Salisbury & Dawson-
- Trail side Fuel/Food Access
- Linking ACTB trails to NBATVF Clubs - Region 5 & Province wide
- Improved Trail Signage
- GPS Trail System for Maps
- Expanding the Winter Trail System
- Bridges & Buildings maintenance
- New Land Development -Transferred to LDC
- Trail Security - Enforcement

**Please note trail cleanup day has changed from May 31 to May 23, 2009 for more information contact Danny Cameron at 882-2571**

prizes.

Hats off to the committee for all wonderful prizes they manage to collect!!

## 2008 Christmas Dinner and Dance

The verdict is in and it's unanimous, the ACTB's annual Christmas dinner and dance is one of the most popular events of the year. Event chairman Allen Pearl has gotten tons of feedback on this, and it's all been positive. He extends his thanks to all those who help make it a success every year, including Patty and her excellent staff, and you can count on it being another great evening December 5, 2009 as well.

## Thin Air Run!



Here's a fine example of hard-working ACTB members coming together on short notice to create an excellent run out of thin air. With talk, but only talk, of holding a January poker run, Debbie & Robert Smith, Tammi & Stephen Steeves, Rob Jonah & Mike Pond met at President Tammi's house on Jan. 25, with the goal of hosting a poker run on Jan. 31. Short notice indeed - just six days! The run left Patty's Place in Hillsborough that morning under sunny skies with an amazing 69 hands sold, with a pit stop at the Dawson Shelter for hot chocolate and coffee for everyone.

From just an idea, in just a few days these members along with Royden & Cheryl Simpson and Dennis & Darla Colwell created an event that everyone enjoyed and ended with a profit of \$865 for the club and its good works.

-1st place- Stephen Oulton

-2nd place- Steven Spudik

-3rd place- Mike MacLean

-50/50- Terry McCoubrey

It goes to show you, if you have an idea for an event that you think the members will enjoy, bring it to our attention!

## ATV and Motorcycle show



The positive feedback keeps rolling in from the ACTB presence at the recent Atlantic Motorcycle and ATV show. Chairman Allen Pearl says the NB ATV Federation, the Off Road Vehicle Enforcement Officers, show managers and of course the ATVers who dropped in to our club's outstanding booth all gave positive feedback on how our club volunteers promoted our club in a very positive way, as well as ATVing in general.

A big thanks to Allen, who chaired this event last year as well as this

**Memberships for 2009 are available for purchase through:**

- Downey's Home Hardware, Riverview – Contact Brent Wilson
- Frank L Steeves Ltd, Weldon – 734-2932
- Mike MacDougal – 386-1643
- Rob Jonah 734-2308
- Tom Lane 387-7697
- Carl Nelson 386-6219
- Blair Colpitts 734-2831
- Allen Pearl – 372-5169
- Gail Dryden – 882-1980
- Debbie Smith – 734-3054
- Bobbi Sweetland – 871-9803
- Download from our website under memberships
- Any GM meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Trivia Question # 1 Answer**

Jim Campbell 2001

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**The Land and PR Committees will be working hand in hand to hold a member's appreciation day on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be held at our new property details to be announced. Check the hotline and website.**

year, and his team of volunteers, as well as to Atlantic Motoplex for lending us a bike, Aaron's for the big-screen TV and to Brent Wilson of Downey's Home Hardware in Riverview for the donation of building supplies that allowed our booth to be one of the best looking ones at the show. A lot of comments were received as well on Robbie Jonah's slideshow that he put together for the show. Well done gang!

"This type of exposure is very beneficial to promoting ATVing and the ACTB gained recognition as a result," Allen says.

**Back in Black Poker Run**



Club members and guests bought 60 hands at the Back in Black Poker Run, marking another great success for the Albert County Trail Blazers.

First prize at the Back In Black poker run was won by Justin Richard, second prize went to Shawn Walker and the third prize winner was Rollie Richard. Janey Cameron was the lucky 50/50 winner.

A big thank you goes out to all those who gave up their time to make OUR time the best time it could be, as well as to everyone who came out for the run!

With the spring weather now here, the next poker run will be coming up soon. It is Mac's Run scheduled from Fundy Outfitters on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information call Blair at 734-2831 or Travis at 734-2932.

**And something interesting for last ACTB Heroes**

There are even more reasons to appreciate ACTB members, as well as our club's well-marked ACTB trails, after a recent incident. April 28 featured record-high temperatures, so a couple of young fellows, one of them ACTB member Vincent Frost's son, headed out on the trails on their bicycles, dressed only in shorts and T-shirts. Vincent was visiting Mike Pond later that day when he received a text message: the boys were lost! They knew they were on Trail 1A, thanks to the excellent signage on ACTB trails, but not much else. Vinny, Mike and David MacDonald discussed launching a search. The boys said they were near a U in the road, so Mike and David thought they might know where they were. Vinny and David headed out and eventually came upon two very cold, very wet and very thirsty young men! Everyone got out of the woods safe and sound, but not before 10:30 p.m., after the temperature had gone down significantly and after some torrential rain showers had drenched everyone. Three cheers for our heroes!