



A proud member of the Albert  
County Tourism Association

November 2009 EDITION

### Trivia Question #3

Who is in the picture "What is this?"

#### 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 – Past President
- Dennis Colwell
- Gail Dryden
- Dave Lutes
- Mike MacLean
- Brenda McCoubrey
- Terry McCoubrey
- Roy Mosher – Resigned Oct 2009
- Allen Pearl
- Paulette Pearl – Resigned Oct 2009
- Royden Simpson
- Travis Smith
- Dale Steeves
- Don Steeves
- Stephen Steeves
- Susan Steeves
- Boyd Wilkins
- Brent Wilson
- Donna Wilson

#### NBATVF 2009 Delegates

- John Field
- Rob Jonah

#### 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

As our terms in the executive and BOD come to an end this year we would like to thank you all for a wonderful year full of firsts and growth. It has been an exciting year with you all, one we enjoyed every step of the way. Any challenges put forth were met and dealt with, maybe not in the fastest possible method but dealt with none the less. Thank you all for your patience and help along the way.

Elections were held in October with some new blood entering and some of our old faithful members stepping down, at least for a term. Next year promises to be interesting with several new ideas being discussed already.

This year has been a learning experience, one which proved to be interesting, fun and full of challenges. I look forward to working with the newly elected executive and BOD next year. Congratulations to everyone and thank you to the executive and BOD of 2009.

### Membership

The membership committee is proud to announce the year membership sales ended with a whopping 440 members. Thank you to everyone in the club both past and present who have worked so hard to bring this number to where it is now.

### What is this?



### PR Committee

This was the first year for The Albert County Public Relations Committee. It has been a very busy year for the committee. We are still looking for volunteers to work with this group. Currently it's members are:

Mike Pond – Chairperson  
Joanne Jonah – Media  
Valerie Copp – General Information  
Tammi Steeves – Wherever needed

Honorary Members; these two have attended the majority of meetings and do several jobs as requested;

Rob Jonah  
Stephen Steeves

Sadly we will be losing Joanne for 2010. She will be taking a year off. We are all hoping she will rejoin the committee in 2011. Thanks for all your hard work over the past year Joanne.

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.

## **Committees & Chairpersons**

### Attendance

- Terry McCoubrey

### Christmas Dinner & Dance

- Allen Pearl

### Events Calendar

- Rob Jonah

### Federation News

- John Field

### Federation Ticket Sales

- Valerie Copp

### Hotline

- Janey Smith

### Elections

- Allen Pearl

### Land Development

- Debbie Smith

### Mailings

- Tammi Steeves

### Memberships

- Debbie Smith

### Merchandise

- Debbie Smith

### Parades

- Don Steeves

### Prizes

- Dale Steeves

### Public Relations

- Mike Pond

### Trail Cleanup

- Danny Cameron

### Voice Mail

- Tammi Steeves

### Trails

- Blair Colpitts

### Winter Grooming

- Travis Smith

### 50/50 Draw

- Gail Dryden

## **Proud Sponsors of:**

Albert County Exhibition – Light Horse Show

Children's Wish Foundation

Cystic Fibrosis

Juvenile Diabetes

Ronald McDonald House Atlantic

Riverside -Albert Health & Wellness

Riverview Fire Dept.

Hillsborough Fire Dept.

Riverside Albert Fire Dept.

Shepody Food Bank

Canadian Cancer Society, Relay For Life

## **Land Committee**



The club's Land Committee is working hard on our Tucker Shed project, but it looks like a new shed will be a no-go until next year as we still haven't received word from the government on our funding request.

Still, the work continues. The committee hopes to get all the fill in place for the project this fall so they can start on the shed in the spring. More donations and volunteers are needed for this important project and a big thank you goes out to those who have already pitched in.

The committee is selling tickets on a generator with the draw taking place at our Christmas dinner and dance. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They can be purchased from Frank L. Steeves Ltd., or land committee members. Proceeds from this will go to paying for the dozing of the parking lot.

The Land Committee will also be hosting a poker run on Nov. 28, from the Dawson Shelter at 670 Dawson Rd. in Dawson Settlement. Come one come all to support this very important project! Registration will be from 9a.m. to 11 a.m. and food will be available at the end of the run.

If you get a chance, please stop in and have a look at our new parking lot and spot for the tucker shed at 667 Dawson Rd., Dawson Settlement, just across the road from the Dawson Shelter.

We all owe this committee and all who worked with them a big thank you. They have been a very busy crew this year with all they have done to try and make our tucker shed dreams a reality. There have been thousands of volunteer hours put into this project. Hats off to you all!

## **Prize Committee**

Unfortunately, Dale Steeves has had to resign as Chair of the Prize Committee. Dale has been doing a fantastic job. Thanks to Dale for all his hard work. We are looking for someone to take over for Dale, and others to work on the committee. If you know of anyone, or are interested yourself please contact one of the executive or BOD members and let us know. Thanks.

## **A bit of Trestle History**



By now we've all heard the good news about the Albert County Trail Blazers receiving almost \$50,000 in federal funding to fix up the 395-foot train trestle over Turtle Creek, to be used as part of our trail system. Hooray for us!

## 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

### Sponsors (2009-2010))

Aarons Appliances  
Advanced Motor Sports  
All State – Karen Steeves  
All Weys Doors  
Anonymous Donors – nine  
Atlantic Motoplex  
Ben's Bread  
Blair Colpitts  
Blakney Fuels  
Boyd Wilkins  
Brunswick Fry & Safety  
Budweiser  
Canada Post – Dieppe  
Carl Nelson  
Cavendish Farms Ltd  
Cheryl & Royden Simpson  
Cokes Clover Farm  
Cook's Quick Mart  
Courtney Killam Trucking  
Cross Country Services  
Dave Lutes  
Donnie Steeves  
Downey's Home Hardware - Riverview  
Fairview Fittings  
Frank L Steeves, Ltd  
Fundy General Store – Greg Horseman  
Fundy Highland Chalet – Doug Smart  
Fundy Outfitters  
G Bourque

But when you look back in time to give this great announcement a little perspective, you can see just how great this announcement is.

Since the 1800s, a rail line operated from Hillsborough and other Albert County villages leading to Salisbury and beyond. Consider that the entire rail line was built starting in 1875 for about the same amount of money that our club will now invest in that one trestle! Amazing indeed!

Once repairs to "our" trestle are done, it will be interesting to think back to those days every time we cross it on our ATVs. In the early 1900s, the rail line that relied on that trestle was operating with earnings of as little as \$17,000 per year — about the same price today as an upscale four-wheeler.

It wasn't easy to run a railway in those days. According to the fascinating records of the Albert County Historical Society, the railroad once sent a locomotive to the Moncton shops for repairs but didn't have the money to pay the \$1,000 bill for the work, so railway manager Abram Sherwood had to write a personal cheque to cover the amount, to keep the railway humming.

Remember the last time you got stuck on your ATV? And how much "fun" it was getting out?

Well, in 1896, an axle broke on one of the train's engines on the train's way from Salisbury to Hillsborough. The engineer didn't want to wait for another axle to arrive from the Moncton shops, so he set out with just one axle powering the trail. He made it only eight miles before the second axle let go.

The crew travelled the last 16 miles to Hillsborough by handcar to fetch an old set of wheels in storage, but they quickly found out that they were useless.

Instead, they decided to take the wheels from a spare engine, jacking up the massive locomotive and pulling out the wheels and hoisting them onto a horse-drawn carriage.

It was a terrible trip, as the horses had to stop and rest often because of their heavy burden. When the crew would come to a culvert, they had to unhitch the cart and drag the wheels by hand. Upon arrival, they then had to put them under the train, which then headed for Hillsborough, 23 hours late.

In 1903, disaster struck and the Turtle Creek trestle burned while both engines were on the Albert side and none were on the Salisbury side. Sherwood was told it would be impossible to move one of the engines to the Salisbury side of this now massive gap in his train tracks, but his crew did the impossible, moving the engine, somehow, through fields, up a hill, over a highway bridge and onto the train tracks on the other side of Turtle Creek. They then ran two locomotives, one on each side of the creek, until a new trestle was built just five months later.

The rail line from Albert to Hillsborough closed in 1955 and the rest of the line from Hillsborough to Salisbury closed in 1981, replaced by modern highways and trucks. At the same time, big companies that used the railway, like the plaster mill in Hillsborough, had closed anyway. Passenger traffic dropped dramatically since most people had their own cars.

ATVers, hikers and snowmobilers were just about the only folks to use the trestle since the death of the Salem and Hillsborough Railway a few years ago, but now the massive, impressive structure will see a new life thanks to the funding from the federal government and the National Trails Coalition -- and especially thanks to foresight and hard work of the executive, committees and members of the Albert County Trail Blazers ATV Club.

G H Factory  
 Gary Steeves Insurance  
 Gaudet Insulation  
 Greg Beaumont  
 Greg Horseman  
 Harbour View Restaurant  
 Hercules  
 Hillsborough Irving  
 Hillsborough Service Centre  
 Hub City Auto Paints  
 Jim Coates  
 Karen & Rod Steeves  
 Louise Richard  
 Majesta – Bob Crossman  
 Midland Transport  
 Milligan Cycle Works  
 Molsons Brewery Canada  
 On Target Courier & Cargo  
 Patty's Place  
 Pepsi/Hostess  
 Riverview Lion's Center  
 Rob Jonah  
 Robert Smith  
 Rocks View Variety  
 Same Day Courier  
 Sapanos Pizza  
 Seaside Chev Olds – Bryan Griffin  
 Sno-Mo Repairs, Ltd  
 Sobeys  
 Stephen & Tammi Steeves  
 Susan & Dale Steeves  
 Sysco Food Services – Paul Steeves  
 Tad Copp  
 Trans East Trailers – Joel Alcorn  
 Travis Smith  
 Trinity Collision Center  
 Trio Pizza  
 United Rentals  
 Universal – Rod Steeves  
 Universal Truck & Trailer  
 Valerie Douthwright  
 Vincent Frost  
 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  
 Typar house wrap  
 Red sheathing tape  
 Prime # T50 A-11 3/8 galv  
 1x3x14 spruce lumber

**Upcoming Events for 2009**

- Land Committee Poker Run contact Debbie Smith 734-3054
- December 5, 2009 Christmas Parade and food bank collection contact Don Steeves 734-1080

**Annual Pig Roast Run**



Our club's sixth annual Pig Roast and Poker Run was another great success, with 144 poker hands sold and 119 hands buying the extra chip. As well, there were 182 suppers purchased, with lots of great food for everyone -- including seconds for some!

Those that stuck around for the music had a great time indeed, with Shirley Albert and Serge singing the night away. A large number of "happy campers" spent the night, enjoying a good time well into the wee hours of the morning.

Carl Nelson took first place with four Aces for \$100 and a \$50 gift certificate from Advanced Motorsports. Carl delighted everyone by donating the \$100 to the land fund and the gift certificate to the Cash Draw & Dance. Second place went to Nathan Tower with four Kings, good enough for \$75 and a free-standing work light. Last but certainly not least was Tammy Cormier Gallant in third place, taking home \$50 and a wine-and-cheese backpack thanks to her full house. The 50/50 was won by Travis Crossman, for \$266.50. No one claimed the second 50/50 prize.

After such a rousing success, our troops are already working on next year's event!

**Cash Draw and Dance**



You never know in advance whether new events will pique the interest of club members, so organizers were thrilled when our first ever Cash Draw and Dance at the Alma Activity Centre on Oct. 17 was a total sell out!

Everyone had a blast, with lots of prizes and great music with Eddie Chase & Graffiti 4 playing well into the night. Even the weather co-operated.

The top winner of the night was Mini Cooper, for \$500. Susan Steeves took home \$250. Elmina Richardson won \$100 and \$50 winners were Rod Steeves, Kathy Bishop, Alisa Steeves, Robert Smith, Eric Lockhart, Jim Coates and Kelly Wilkins. Even non-winners took home a small prize. The evening was such a success that people are already asking about next year.

A big Thank You to our sponsors, with special thanks to Molson's Brewery, Fundy General Store-Greg Horseman, Fundy Highland Chalet-Doug Smart and to all the others who gave so generously to make this evening something truly special.

- December 5, 2009 Christmas Dinner & Dance contact Allen 372-5169

**Memberships for 2010 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
- Emilie Broad – 851-9443
- Tammi Steeves – 734-1188
- Download from our website under memberships
- Any GM meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Trivia Question # 3 Answer**

Herman Berry with the club's first groomer. Picture and information submitted by; Travis Smith.



The ACTB proudly give their third of a five year commitment to the Bennett and Albert County Wellness foundation.

**Meetings**



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

**Fall Foliage Poker Run**



The October 3rd Albert County Trail Blazers Fall Foliage Tour proved to be a pivotal event for our club when well over 200 outdoor enthusiasts showed up, buying 204 poker hands and contributing more than \$2,000 towards the club's good works.

This year's tour was hosted by Herman Berry and Valerie Copp and the run took place out of the Caledonia Mountain Getaway Lodge.

It was a beautiful, sunny & brisk October day. The run kicked off with a pancake, bean & sausage breakfast and finished off with a camp fire back at the lodge, all of which made for a very special event indeed.

Those on hand enjoyed a treasure hunt, 50/50 draw, but best of all were the points of interests on the trail. Some of the points of interest included the Kent Hill Wind Mill Farm, Lumsden Look-out, Crooked Creek look-out, Crooked Creek Falls, etc.

The treasure hunt was not that successful out of the gate but from what we are hearing it became team efforts out on the trail with everyone helping out the folks who had signed up. The feedback was that it was a lot of fun, so we hope to do it again next year.

Poker hand winners were; 1st Donnie Steeves, 2nd Trevor Sutherland, 3rd Greg Lewis. The 50/50 winner was Jamie Rooney and the Treasure Hunt winner (7" Digital Photo Frame) was Cerdic Nelson.

Many thanks to our family & friends who volunteered at the event and the group that marked the trails and the incredible points of interest.

Thank you for all your support and see you next year!

**NTC Projects**

Our Albert County Trail Blazers ATV Club was on the receiving end of some fabulous news this fall when the federal government and the National Trails Council awarded the club \$48,275 in funding towards refurbishing the Turtle Creek train trestle. Having this key link available to us will surely prove to be a tremendous asset and a key link for getting around in that area.

The club also has to contribute to this project and we're now actively fundraising to meet our obligations to what will be a huge benefit to all members by having this nearly 400-foot-long bridge at our disposal.

Another \$1,259 was awarded for the creation of the Broad View Closed Course, and \$13,500 towards the Caledonia Closed Course.

A great big tip o' the helmet goes to Conservative MP Rob Moore who was on hand in early September for the ceremonial first shovel-full of dirt to symbolically start the project, and to the New Brunswick ATV Federation for helping to secure funding for these very worthy projects, which are among the most ambitious projects of any ATV club anywhere in the province for the past several years.

executive or board members and you will be added.

### **2010 Membership Cost**

3 season (**no winter access**) = \$25.00

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

Associate = \$10.00 voting privileges included

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

At the NBATVF AGM held in April of this year the fee structure changed. All clubs in the province will be selling memberships at one rate. The new rates are listed above. The only change to our club will be the price of the 3 season pass. It is now \$25.00 per year.

Clubs which do not groom will be able to sell winter memberships however, the extra \$50.00 will be turned into the federation and they will distribute it evenly between the clubs within the zone in which the club is located. If there are no winter grooming clubs within their zone the federation will distribute it among the closest zone.

Winter passes for the 2009/2010 season will be available in the fall. Listen to the hotline for updates. Or pick yours up at the October GM meeting/membership drive.

**Hotline: (506) 857-6601**

[www.albertcountytrailblazers.com](http://www.albertcountytrailblazers.com)

If you can contribute to, or help with, fundraising for this magnificent train trestle project, be sure and contact the club asap!

Land development for the Caledonia closed course started on Sept. 3 and was completed Sept. 10. Work on the observation shelter started on Oct. 3 and was completed Oct. 15. The next step is to draft the actual course layout. Land clearing is already underway.

### **And something interesting for last** **Off Limits**

We, the proud members of the Albert County Trail Blazers, enjoy good relations with landowners and users of other trail systems in this region. Sadly, not all ATVers are as respectful of others as we are.

The club has been asked to inform our members that ATVs are not appreciated on the old gypsum quarry property in Albert Mines, which is private land. As well, the caretakers of the Dobson Trail would appreciate it if ATVers stayed off their walking trails. The Dobson Trail is marked with blue blazing on the trees.

Tammi Steeves told both groups she'd be pleased to pass the message along. Tammi will also be working closely with the good folks of the Dobson Trail system to improve signage and collaborate with them on other actions that will heighten the enjoyment of users of both trail systems.

You can help! We all know ACTB members are not the problem here, so if you know of any ATVers who are going where they shouldn't either because they aren't aware of the problems they cause or maybe because they don't seem to appreciate how their actions reflect on us all, perhaps you could remind them. And of course, encourage them to join us at the ACTB, one of the province's biggest and most proactive ATV clubs where we respect the sport, respect the environment, respect other outdoors enthusiasts and, especially, respect the image of ourselves as ATVers which we all constantly work so hard to build and maintain. Jim Foster.