



Volunteer Riders Newsletter

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Club News

- **The Volunteer Riders Forum is UP!!!**
- **Recent Work Days**
 - February 4th Club Work Day
- **Recent Rides**
- **Sportsmen Group Rides** – If you prefer a more relaxed pace with more frequent breaks, then keep an eye out for rides tagged as “Sportsmen Group”.
- **Vol Riders Stickers!!** – Think we still have some of the Vol Rider stickers available to bling your bike out! Stop by the meeting this week and pick up a set for your bike or truck!! They come in sets of 2 stickers each, \$10 a set.
- **Windrock/Coal Creek permits** – Everyone, please be sure to purchase your annual permit for Windrock. **Fees have increased to ~\$100.** They are starting get a bit tougher on enforcement of permits and even checking at the Brown’s parking lot. Don’t want the club sending out bad vibes by having a member get caught without one. See notes at end of newsletter for purchase info.

New Volunteer Riders Forum is UP!

One of the goals of the club for this year was to get off of the Yahoo Groups page and set up a proper "forum" for the club to use. Well, we finally have that in the works. A forum has been added to our existing web site, and we are in the early stages of getting it configured and tested out. We would appreciate all club members going to it and getting signed up as soon as possible so that we can start the process of testing and troubleshooting.

For the moment, this is the link to the forum:

<http://www.volunteerriders.com/forum>

In addition to the web-based forum (which we presume everyone already knows how to use for the most part), we have added an integration for a mobile device based App called TapaTalk which can be downloaded from the Google Play or iTunes store. We believe that this will greatly enhance the usability of the forum on mobile devices, and encourage everyone to try this out.

In the not too distant future, we expect to have this set up for a secure connection using:

<https://www.volunteerriders.com/forum>

(In fact, you can already utilize the "secure link" however you'll get a warning about the certificate not being valid or proper... The site is still perfectly safe to use.) The primary reason for this is that we believe that mobile devices are going to be requiring secure HTTPS connections for nearly all Apps starting in 2017.

While Alan Smeltzer and Blake Arnold did a lot of the research and back-end work getting the forum installed and functioning, Curtie Eldridge and Blake are planning on taking the lead in managing the forum. If you're having any trouble getting set up or using the new forum, please reach out to one of them and they'll be happy to see if they can assist.

And as with every forum that has ever existed, remember this: If you ask a question (ANY question), you WILL BE FLAMED by the Forum Trolls and asked to (re)read the forum FAQs, the Sticky Threads, and to use the <bleeping> Search Function!!! (Come on, it wouldn't really be a forum without the Trolls, would it?)



Upcoming Events/Club Rides:

- **Monthly Club Meeting** - Meeting this Thursday, February 16th at Time Warp Tea room, 7:30 pm.

Permit Info

For TWRA managed land - Now known as the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area. (WMA) (Royal Blue/Sundquist/Brimstone sections) This includes what we have known for years as Royal Blue, and what use to be the lower half of Brimstone. \$61 Annual Resident OHV Permit, **OR** you can get a type 01 hunting/fishing license (\$28) **and** a \$17 Type 093 WMA small game permit (for a total of \$45). You can get it at any Walmart.

Coal Creek / Windrock – Annual permits are \$100 and **MUST** be purchase at the Windrock General Store at the main entrance in Oliver Springs. Daily permits are \$17 and can also be purchased at the General store, at the Shell Station in Oliver Springs, or Ginger's on Hwy 116. Ginger's is on the left (coming from Briceville) just before you get to the intersection of 330.

New Members / Visitors

Todd North
Robert Padrta
John Jennings
Mark Kotrys

2017 Club Points

Stay Tuned!