

My name is Tony Palermo. I live on the corner of East Colebrook Road and Cree Road where the "Ride the Wilds Trail (Corridor C) comes out about 20 yards from my driveway. This has become a gathering spot; pit stop and meeting place that causes a steady roar all day long. Some days it starts before daylight to well after midnight, it's steady all day long. This is a funnel that goes through my back yard. Over 250 machines come through here every Saturday afternoon. The noise is more than anyone should have to tolerate. If you think this is OK, you'd have to be just plain stupid! They come in groups and all have to come in for a landing right in the middle of the road. They have to get their maps out to check where they want to go. They get off their machines with their helmets on and their radios blaring. Cars come down the hill and have to blow their horns to get them out of the road. Logging trucks come through here. This is dangerous! In an article in the local paper in March of 2019, a week after the annual town meeting it clearly stated that the town and the ATV club were aware of the problem and were going to do something about it.

The traffic on this road has increased considerably over the past few years. It's truly a four-wheeler free for all up here! There seems to be no rules, guidelines, stop signs, they don't make any difference, they just blow through here. On weekend afternoons the yahoo's come through. They jump out in the middle of the road to relieve themselves right in the middle of the road. I have tenants with small children, is this a good example for them? I have walked up on several groups, they see me coming, they reach in the cooler for another beer and spin down the road and off they go! They really don't care; they are going home tomorrow.

I have gone to a number of ATV related town meetings throughout the last three years and have been to three selectman meetings this summer to discuss this problem in hopes that we could come to some sort of agreement. All they do is sit there and blink. "Your tax dollars at work!" I have talked with Jay Weir, my neighbor, who has graciously offered another entrance for this trail down his way. I have had Craig Washburn, Metallic ATV Club up here to discuss it and he thinks he has a better idea. Craig is a good fella. But frankly I think that I am just being shined on again, but I'll give him the benefit of the doubt and we'll see what happens. If things don't come around by this year, I don't think that I can stand another summer of putting up with this. I don't really want to seek legal action but I am left with no choice if we can't come to some agreement. I really don't want to sue my friends and neighbors, that's not the way to go. Can anybody help me with this problem? I would deeply appreciate some assistance. I feel like a dog at the end of my chain who has been poked with a stick all day, I am ready to bite! I frankly can't take anymore.

Take it from a fellow who owns three Harley Davidson's tells you "it's too loud", you probably ought to listen to him. So far, I've gotten plenty of sympathy, but you know where you can find that. Look in the dictionary somewhere between sulfur and syphilis. Like one selectman said to his neighbor, when she asked about their road at the first meeting. Don't worry and I quote! "We are not going to let them down our road." Anyone who has a similar problem, and would like to get this resolved we need to group up and get together to make this work.

"Live Free or Die!"

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