



October 2010 NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the RSC executive members and volunteers commence the upcoming 2010/11 snowmobile season we anticipate a longer snowier season this year. The executive has already planned for events for the coming season and is preparing the equipment for readying the trails. We have purchased an older piece of equipment to pack the swamps and hard to get areas so we can groom these areas sooner. Progress is ongoing by the district to have the trails open to the west of our system (i.e. Carleton Place and Perth). We should see an improvement in this area this season.

We ask you to support the Rideau Snowmobile Club functions and by buying permits from us.

Our existence is very dependant on the generosity of the community- minded landowners. They permit us to use their property to accommodate our trail system and all they request in return is that ALL snowmobilers stay on the marked trails and treat their land with respect. If you meet a landowner in your travels please thank them for their kindness. The Club does hold a "Landowners Appreciation Banquet" each spring as our way of expressing our sincere gratitude for their continued contribution to the sport of snowmobiling.

Our Club also benefits from the kindness of the Club's outlets that donate their time to sell our permits. Please keep their task as simple as possible by ensuring you have the appropriate documentation available.

We are in good financial shape but certainly need your continued support to provide the best trails possible. Please remember to purchase your trail permit from Rideau Snowmobile Club.

The success of our club rests with a core group of volunteers who not only have a "built-in" passion for the sport but also donate their time, vehicles, equipment and knowledge in completing the many operational activities of the Club. Your club is saving thousands of dollars annually by not having to engage commercial entities to perform such tasks as annual brushing, bridge construction and repairs, groomer maintenance, and administrative services.

I know we are all starting the new season with hopes of a snowy winter in Eastern Ontario. I look forward to meeting you on the trails but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact any member of our Executive should you have suggestions or concerns or if you wish to volunteer your time.

Thank you for your support.

Wayne Avery, President

2011 TRAIL PERMITS

We thank you for purchasing your prior year trail permits from Rideau Snowmobile Club and hope that you purchase your trail pass from our club again this season. Permits are the lifeline of the club and we rely almost solely on the revenue they generate to operate.

Full season: \$250.00

\$200 on or before December 1, 2010

7 day permit \$140.

3 day permit \$100.

Classic \$125 (Model year **1996** or older)

Please find additional permit information at the end of the newsletter.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Annual Fall Freeze-Up Dance

Friday, October 22, 2010.

North Gower Community Centre.

Featuring **Local DJ: Todd Thompson**

Admittance Restricted. Minimum Age of 19 Required!!

9pm to 1:00am.

Jan 8/2011 Annual Breakfast & 1st Annual Classic Snowmobiler's Rally

Pierce's Corners Hall

Great Family fun!

Enjoy a hearty breakfast from 8:30am to 10:00am.

Feb 5/2011 Rideau Grand Rally

Approx. 100 miles, Registration: 9:30am to 12:30pm at North Gower Community Center.

AGM – Meeting (mid April)

Date to be announced.

DRIVER TRAINING

Rideau Snowmobile Club is pleased to offer a driver training course again this year. The course is available to all enthusiasts who are at least 12 years of age by the course date. The cost is \$40 and includes a minimum of 6 hours of instruction. Please contact our invaluable training volunteer.

George Pratt for details at 489-1227

MESSAGE FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Firstly, I would remind you of the trail improvements completed during the past year. We obtained a government grant that enabled the installation of a new bridge on the road allowance near Burchill Road. We were also successful in completing the re-route of the Paauw Road to Klondike Road trail but unfortunately Mother Nature did not bless us with the necessary snow after opening to commence grooming activities. Also, landowner permission provided the opportunity for trail access directly to the Marlborough Pub & Eatery in North Gower.

Early season trail preparation is always challenging due to exposed rocks and stumps and the abundance of swamps and beaver dams. In the past, the Club has relied heavily on volunteers who use their personal equipment without compensation to assist with these tasks. While we enjoy the benefit of experienced groomer operators, initial packing of swamps, plowed fields and residue of farm crops and filling of ditches places the greatest stress on our groomers. In an effort to alleviate some of these early season issues, we have acquired a wide-track Used

Bombardier Tractor and intend to activate an old drag to be utilized primarily at the beginning of the season. We do not intend to use this equipment for regular grooming activities.

Speaking of groomers, members of the Club's Executive have been busy completing the annual maintenance, welding repairs and other servicing requirements to ensure both units are snow-ready. We are truly blessed to have a team with knowledgeable mechanical skills and tools to perform these volunteer services.

Looking ahead, our primary project for fall 2010 is the refurbishment of the bridge on the west side of McCordick Road. We always complete trail brushing so if you can help please contact me at 613-489-0377 or Wayne Avery at 613-489-3265 for confirmation of dates.

Our commitment to our membership and snowmobiling visitors is to provide a well maintained trail system for your riding pleasure and we look forward to meeting this challenge again in 2010/2011.

Dan Vandenhanenberg, Trail Boss

BE PART OF THE SKI-DOO MILLION DOLLAR CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM

Simply fill out the certificate available at www.ski-doo.com and in select snowmobile publications and bring it to your local Ski-Doo dealership before November 15, 2010. Your dealer and BRP will then donate \$10 cash to your snowmobile club, easy as that.

Local Dealerships Drop off:

- **George's Marine and Sports** – Carp
- **Loiselle Sports** – Embrun
- **Carson's** – Perth
- **Jim's Performance Plus** - Iroquois
- **OR any of the current Executive**

EVERY DOLLAR WE CAN RAISE HELPS MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY TRAIL SYSTEM.

For more details, visit www.ski-doo.com.

TRAIL PATROL

You are reminded that snowmobiling is a user pay system. While our club will be diligent in performing surprise trail patrols during the 2010-2011 season we urge all members to encourage their friends and neighbours to purchase permits before using our trails. It is the law. Your continuing ability to sled on local trails or to gain access to the Provincial Trail System from “your own back yard” depends on our success in maintaining an adequate membership base to provide funds not only for covering operation expenses but also to set aside funds to replace our aging grooming equipment.

Snowmobilers should not be on the OFSC trail unless they have a valid:

Trail Permit, Snowmobile Insurance, Current Registration, and Valid drivers licence with all these items in the proper designated places. Failure to have any of the above is a \$255.00 fine plus possible trespassing fine.

Don't be surprised if you see patrollers out on our trails on days when you least expect them.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

You are all invited to attend our general meetings taking place on the fourth Monday of every month (unless there is a posted change). **Meetings are held at 7:30PM at the Pierce's Corners Hall, 3048 Malakoff Rd.**

If you ever wonder what projects and events that the current executives are working on, you can see and hear the ongoing discussions. Who knows, you may be inspired to help or join in. Every year we have bridges to build or repair, trails to brush cut and events to plan such as Fall Freeze-Up Dance, Rideau Grand Rally.

For more info, please contact Wayne Avery at 613-489-3265 or visit our web site.

RSC Meetings - All Welcome

RSC 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE

Here are the names and numbers of your new executive formed at the AGM in April, 2010. Please don't hesitate to contact any of these people with questions or concerns you may have now or throughout the season. Trail permits, event tickets, and information can be obtained from any executive member.

President/Landowner Liaison:

Wayne Avery 489-3265

Vice President/Risk Management:

Andrew Mess 269-3715

Treasurer:

Sharon Ebbers 489-1745

Trail Permit Secretary:

Jackie Baird 489-2891

Trail Boss:

Dan Vandenhanenberg 880-3791

Secretary:

Mark Sullivan 258-7762

Assistant Trail Boss:

John Wilson 258-4217

Sign Inspector Coordinator:

Allan Seabrook 258-1974

Webmaster:

Andre Poirier 489-0937

Events Coordinator:

Eric Poulter 229-0861

Director: Theo Ebbers 489-1745

Director: Todd O'Connor 489-2711

Director: Fred Seabrook 880-7845

Director: Terry Thompson 229-7633

Director: Arnold Hermer 283-6699

Director: Penny Hermer 283-6699

Director: Ron Seabrook 489-1586

Director: Bryan Sullivan 489-3356

Director: Shane Poulter 258-4767

Director: Doug Seabrook 880-1020

