



Fall 2007 NEWSLETTER

November 2007

www.rideausnowmobileclub.com

THE TIME IS NEAR!

It's November already! Hard to believe that winter is just around the corner. We hope you had a great summer, and looking forward to seeing you on the trails this winter.

Rideau Snowmobile Club has had another very successful year in 2006/07.

2007/08 OFSC trail permit remains the same price as last year. Remember, you save \$50 if you get yours on or before Dec 1st, 2007.

We look forward to seeing you again at the Breakfast in January and the Rideau Grand Rally in February.

Rideau Snowmobile Club wishes you a safe and fun-filled season on the trails!!

Web Sites worth a Visit:

Check these sites and keep up to date in your area!

www.rideausnowmobileclub.com

www.district1ofsc.ca

www.sledderschoice.ca

www.ofsc.on.ca

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Heading into another season of snowmobiling, the Rideau Snowmobile Club enters its 33rd year. We ask you to respect the landowners on which the trails we travel – without them, there wouldn't be a trail system.

Our landowners are our most important asset. Speed limit on an OFSC trail system is 50km/h. If you are traveling on the trail along a roadway it is still 50km/h. If you are traveling along a roadway with no designated trail then the speed limit is 2/3 that of the posted limit. For your own safety be aware of the above.

These trails are developed and maintained by a team of unpaid volunteers who spend countless hours, ensuring the trail system is ready for you to enjoy.

We ask you, as a sledder, to respect the landowners and the trail system by staying on the trails, do not drink and drive, and drive at a sensible speed. There are many snowmobiling incidents each year, and we want to remind you to be responsible when you ride. You could lose your license or worse – your life. Please remember – **BUY BEFORE YOU RIDE!** Club and Trail survival comes from the sale of permits. If you are going to sled on the trails, it is the law – you must have a valid trail permit, insurance, current validation sticker and a valid driver's license. Wishing you a safe and happy season on the trail,

Wayne Avery
RSC President

IMPORTANT DATES!

Jan 13/08 Annual Breakfast

Pierce's Corners Hall

Great Family fun!

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

Feb 2/08 Rideau Grand \$1000 Rally

Approx. 100 miles, Registration: 9:30am to 12:30pm.

RSC 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE

Here are the names and numbers of your new executive formed at the AGM in April, 2007. 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: Bryan Sullivan 489-3356

Secretary/Trail Permits:

Jackie Baird 489-2891

Trail Boss:

Dan Vandenhagenberg 489-0377

Assistant Trail Boss: Jamie Ried 838-5716

Events Coordinator:

Penny Hermer 283-6699

Webmaster: Andre Poirier 489-0937

Director: Arnold Hermer 283-6699

Director: Paul Gamble 489-3799

Director: Richard Clarke 489-2966

Director: Todd O'Connor 489-2711

Director: Fred Seabrook 489-3007

Director: Shane Poulter 258-4767

Director: John Wilson 258-4217

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 \$30 and includes a minimum of 6 hours of instruction. Please contact our invaluable training volunteer.

George Pratt for details at 489-1227

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Rideau Snowmobile Club is again establishing dates to prepare trails for our machines this winter. The club has always depended on volunteers to prepare, stake and sign the trails for safe winter function. Over the course of the years, many people have been willing to help the club with the trails. Trail volunteers are not expected to contribute several hours a week all year long. These are short term yearly projects that can be done in a morning, and afternoon, or a day. As a volunteer, you can contribute what time you can spare to assist the club again this fall. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

We currently are looking for volunteers for the following dates to help brush trails. This is an excellent opportunity for students who need to fill those volunteer hours!

If you can help, please contact:
Dan Vandenhanberg at 489-0377
or Wayne Avery at 489-3265.

Brushing Dates: (meet at Pierce's Corners)
Please call for dates.

OFSC CLUBS SUPPORT OUR LANDOWNERS

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) is the leading family-oriented, not for profit, recreational trails association in Ontario, representing 240 community-based clubs for the past 40 years. The OFSC and its member snowmobile clubs appreciate the generous contribution of our landowners in providing our clubs with land use permission for snowmobile trails. Each winter these community spirited individuals donate the use of a portion of their land for the betterment and enjoyment of their community. OFSC clubs foster strong relationships with Ontario's public and private landowners by respecting, preserving and protecting their property. We also recognize that these longstanding, landowner partnerships contribute many social, health and economic benefits to our local communities and Ontario winter tourism. These partnerships are based on people helping people voluntarily, thereby reflecting the rural values and recreational heritage in Ontario. The OFSC is committed to supporting our landowner partners and to help ensure the well being of their land, their land-based livelihoods, and their home communities.

We, the executive of the Rideau Snowmobile Club, ask that you assist in protecting the partnership we have with our landowners, by obeying signs, staying on trails, and refrain from littering.

Your club along with more than 240 member clubs makes up the Ontario Federating of Snowmobile Clubs. Aside from the recreational activity provided by snowmobiling, the industry generates \$1 billion a year for the Ontario economy and donates \$1 million to Easter Seals.

2008 TRAIL PERMITS

Purchase a season trail permit on or before December 1st and save \$50 off the regular price of \$230.

Also available:

7 day permit- \$120.00

3 day permit - \$90.00

1 day permits are no longer being offered.

Where to purchase your permit?

You can pick up your permits from any RSC executive member, at club events, or from one of the following local businesses:

Perkins Lumber (North Gower)
Doug's Truck and Automotive (Manotick)
Snow City Sales & Service (Kars)

Please note this year, credit card payments will not be accepted. Cash and Cheque only. We apologize for the inconvenience.

“A” TRAIL CHANGE

You will observe new signage. This new signed trail is a more direct link from east to west through the Rideau system. It is called the “A” trail which will cut off miles if you are traveling from the Quebec border to Renfrew and beyond.

INSURANCE?

If you are looking for insurance, try sledder's Choice Group Insurance Program

www.sledderschoice.ca

