



Fall 2008 NEWSLETTER
October 8, 2008
www.rideausnowmobileclub.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2007/08 snowmobile season was one of the longest for many years and we are praying that history really does repeat itself. Our trails were second to none in the area – as evident by the number of snowmobilers that took the opportunity to thank our volunteers who groom and maintain them in such good condition.

While great riding conditions certainly require lots of snow, I think you will agree it is the tireless effort of all our volunteers who have a “built in” passion and devotion for the sport that translates into the best trails possible.

We are fortunate to have some very generous landowners. They permit us to use their property to accommodate our trail system. Please continue to treat their land with respect. We have been and will continue to be on top of all possible means to protect and ensure the safety of all our volunteers and members by reviewing current procedures and implementing changes where deemed appropriate.

As in any business it proves tougher each year to sustain operations at a high level given cost increases in almost everything we do and while

we are in good financial shape we certainly need your continued support to provide the product you deserve. Please remember to purchase your trail permit from Rideau Snowmobile Club. This enables our club to maintain our trails in great condition.

The success of our club rests with a core of volunteers who make riding our trails enjoyable so if you can devote any time at all for trail brushing, bridge repairs, picketing and signage, trail patrol, or with upcoming club events, please contact any one of our executive. We are always open for any suggestions that can improve your ride.

I look forward to seeing you on the trails but in the meantime sing along with our team –“LET IT SNOW” – “LET IT SNOW” – “LET IT SNOW”.

Thank you for your support.

Wayne Avery
RSC President

2009 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 lifeblood of the club and we rely almost solely on the revenue they generate to operate.

The price of permits remains unchanged from last year as follows:

Full season:
\$180.00 on or before Dec. 1, 2008
\$230.00 after December 1, 2008

7 day permit - \$120.00

3 day permit - \$ 90.00

For additional permit information, please see the document enclosed.

SKI-DOO MILLION \$ CLUB SUPPORT

It is the **50th** anniversary of **SKI-DOO** snowmobiles. BRP and its dealers want to celebrate this historic milestone by giving your club the opportunity to raise funds for your trail operations.

Simply fill out the coupon enclosed and bring it to your local BRP dealership. Your dealer and BRP will then donate \$10 cash to your snowmobile club, easy as that. So grab a pen, fill out your coupon and deliver it to one of the local dealerships before deadline of November 15, 2008.

Dealerships:

- **George's Marine and Sports** – Carp
- **Loiselle Sports** – Embrun
- **Carson's** – Perth
- **Jim's Performance Plus** – Iroquois

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

For more details, visit www.skidoo.com.

TRAIL PATROL

Trail patrol will be out through out the province on the weekends of:

Jan 31/09, Feb1/09
Feb. 7 & 8/ 09
Feb. 14 &15/09

Don't be surprise if you see patrollers out on the trails days where you least expect them.

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

- Trail Permit
- Snowmobile Insurance
- Current Registration
- Valid drivers licence

All these items in the proper designated place. Failure to have any of the above is a \$255.00 fine plus possible trespassing fine.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

This fall will be a particularly busy time for the club as plans are underway to complete several projects in addition to the annual brushing, staking and signing of trails for safe winter function.

We have received approval of two OFSC grants, one for re-decking the Rosedale Road Bridge and the other for upgrades to the Smiths Falls trail to accommodate an alternative land crossing of the Rideau River in the Burritt's Rapids area. Repairs to other bridges are also planned.

Look for a new trail to bypass North Gower on the north side of the village. This will connect the existing trail on the west side, near the bowling alley, with the Third Line Road. Subject to finalization of landowner permissions, this may also require construction of a new bridge.

Additional volunteers will be most welcome as we complete these projects so if you can help, please contact Dan Vandenhaneberg at 613-489-0377 or Wayne Avery at 613-489-3265 for confirmation of dates.

Dan Vandenhaneberg, Trail Boss

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

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Annual Fall Freeze-up Dance

Friday, October 17, 2008.

North Gower Community Center.

Featuring the Music of **The Talegators**

Admittance Restricted. Minimum Age of 19 Required!!

8:30pm to 1:00am.

Jan 11/09 Annual Breakfast

Pierce's Corners Hall

Great Family fun!

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

Feb 7/09 Rideau Grand Rally

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

Family Cookout

Date to be announced – after mid-February

Plan a family style ride to this cookout on the trails during prime snowmobiling season.

Check our website and local bulletin boards for details.

RSC 2008-2009 EXECUTIVE

Here are the names and numbers of your new executive formed at the AGM in April, 2008.

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 Vandenhaneberg 880-4985

Assistant Trail Boss: Jamie Ried 838-5716

Events Coordinator:

Penny Hermer 283-6699

Webmaster: Andre Poirier 489-0937

Director: Fred Seabrook 880-7845

Director: Richard Clarke 489-2966

Director: Todd O'Connor 489-2711

Director: Shane Poulter 258-4767

Director: Arnold Hermer 283-6699

Director: John Wilson 258-4217

Director: Allan Seabrook 258-1974

Director: Ron Seabrook 489-1586

Director: Darrell Buchanan 258-0845

Director: Theo Ebbers 489-1745

Director: Gord Costello 880-5569

