



**October 2011 NEWSLETTER**  
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Rideau Snowmobile Club continues to be in a strong position financially and, as evidenced by the list of our 2011-2012 Executive, also continues to benefit from an experienced and dedicated group of volunteers. This group enters the busy fall season full of optimism that Mother Nature will bless us with plenty of snow. Git R' Done is the motto used by this group as we complete the annual maintenance of the groomer fleet, ensure signage and field markers are ready for installation, repair bridges, brush trails and plan events.

We ask you for your continued support of the Rideau Snowmobile Club functions and by purchasing permits from us. Permits are the lifeline of the Club so please ensure that you name OUR CLUB if you purchase your permit on line through the OFSC website.

2012 trail permit information (together with an application form) is available at the end of this newsletter. The Club's outlets kindly donate their time to sell permits so we ask you to ensure you have the appropriate documentation available.

As always we owe our landowners a sincere thank you for the use of their property for snowmobiling so please STAY ON THE TRAILS and remember to treat their land with respect.

We want to be your "club of choice" so please do not hesitate to contact any member of our Executive should you have any suggestions or concerns or if you wish to become a volunteer.

**Happy and Safe Sledding**  
**Wayne Avery, President**

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

**Annual Fall Freeze-Up Dance**

**Friday, October 21, 2011.**

North Gower Community Centre.

Featuring **Local DJ: Todd Thompson**

Starting 9pm to 1am

Admittance Restricted. Minimum Age of 19 Required!!

**Annual Breakfast & 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Classic Sled Show**

**Sunday Jan 15/2012**

Pierce's Corners Hall at 3048 Malakoff Rd.

Great Family fun!

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

Sled Show – Judging at 11am

Classic Sled Rally – 11:15am weather permitting

**Rideau Grand Rally**

**Saturday Feb 4/2012**

North Gower Community Centre.

Approx. 100 miles,

Registration: 9:30am to 12:30pm.

**AGM – Meeting (early April, 2012)**

Date to be announced through RSC website.

**TRAILS**

**Great News – Trail Numbering** – In order to enhance trail status reporting through the OFSC interactive trail guide and RSC website we have implemented a trail numbering system. Look for these numbers on the 2012 OFSC District 1 map, OFSC website/Interactive Trail Guide and new signage throughout our trail system.

**Groomer Fleet Technology** – Every groomer in the OFSC fleet now has a digital data unit installed. This enables the Districts and Clubs to view the location, direction and speed of their groomers at any time. It also provides accurate GPS digital data for the OFSC website/interactive trail guide so snowmobilers will be able to plan their rides, check for in-season re-routes and obtain accurate digital trail distances.

**Trails** – At this time, we are not anticipating any major refurbishing of bridges or trails and are not aware of any requirements for trail re-routes. Our main focus will be to provide a well-maintained trail system whenever snow conditions are favorable.

## **SKI-DOO MILLION DOLLAR CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM**

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In its fourth year, the beauty of this program is that the only thing our club has to do to earn a BRP cheque is to encourage all our members to complete a ballot (each worth \$10 to our club). We have received over \$3,000 during the first 3 years of this program.

Simply fill out the participation certificate available at [www.ski-doo.com](http://www.ski-doo.com) (or already mailed to you by BRP) and, when received by mail, drop it off at a participating dealer before November 15, 2011. Unfortunately we cannot send you a blank ballot this year since BRP has initiated a pre-numbering system.

### **Local Dealerships Drop off:**

- **George's Marine and Sports** – Carp
- **Loiselle Sports** – Embrun
- **Carson's** – Perth
- **Jim's Performance Plus** - Iroquois
- **Annual Fall Freeze-Up Dance** – North Gower
- **OR any of the current Executive**

## **MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS**

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All members are welcome to attend our regular monthly meetings taking place on the fourth Monday of every month (unless there is a posted change) at 7:30 pm at the Pierce's Corners Hall, 3048 Malakoff Road.

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

### **RSC Meetings - All Welcome**

## **YOUNG DRIVER TRAINING**

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Rideau Snowmobile Club is pleased to offer a driver training course again this year. The course will be held in mid-December and 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 at 489-1227.**

## **TRAIL PATROL**

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Snowmobiling is a user pay system and the law requires that all drivers have a valid Trail Permit, Snowmobile Insurance, Current Registration and valid drivers licence with all these items being in proper designated places to be on an OFSC prescribed trail. Failure to have any of these documents will result in a \$255.00 fine plus possible trespassing fine. You can assist the club by insisting that your friends and neighbours purchase permits before riding with them. We wish for voluntary compliance but experience dictates that trail patrol is necessary. **Don't be surprised if you see patrollers on our trails on days when you least expect them.**

## **ONTARIO SNOWMOBILING BY THE NUMBERS**

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### **TRAILS:**

- 34,262 – Total kilometers of OFSC prescribed trails
- 22,270 – Approx. kilometers of OFSC trails on private land
- 13,226 – Number of landowners with OFSC trails on their property
- \$2,000 – Cost per kilometer to build a new trail

### **GROOMING OPERATIONS:**

- \$496 – Annual dollar cost per kilometer to operate OFSC trails
- 334 – Number of large grooming equipment pieces owned by OFSC clubs
- \$22 Million – Value of grooming fleet
- 87,681 – Number of grooming hours logged by clubs last winter
- 1.3 Million – Litres of fuel used by club groomers last winter

## **2012 TRAIL PERMITS**

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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: \$200 On or before December 1, 2011**
- \$250 after December 1, 2011
- 7 day permit \$140 or 3 day permit \$100.
- Classic \$125 (Model year **1997** or older)

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

## RSC 2011-2012 EXECUTIVE

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Here are the names and numbers of your new executive formed at the AGM in April, 2011. 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.

<b>President/Landowner Liaison:</b>	
Wayne Avery	489-3265
<b>Vice President/Risk Management:</b>	
Andrew Mess	269-3715
<b>Treasurer:</b>	
Sharon Ebbers	489-1745
<b>Trail Permit Secretary:</b>	
Jackie Baird	489-2891
<b>Trail Boss:</b>	
Dan Vandenhanenberg	880-3791
<b>Secretary:</b>	
Mark Sullivan	258-7762
<b>Assistant Trail Boss:</b>	
John Wilson	258-4217
<b>Sign Inspector Coordinator:</b>	
Allan Seabrook	258-1974
<b>Webmaster:</b>	
Andre Poirier	489-0937
<b>Events Coordinator:</b>	
Eric Poulter	229-0861
<b>Director:</b> Theo Ebbers	489-1745
<b>Director:</b> Todd O'Connor	489-2711
<b>Director:</b> Fred Seabrook	880-7845
<b>Director:</b> Terry Thompson	229-7633
<b>Director:</b> Arnold Hermer	283-6699
<b>Director:</b> Penny Hermer	283-6699
<b>Director:</b> Ron Seabrook	489-1586
<b>Director:</b> Bryan Sullivan	489-3356
<b>Director:</b> Shane Poulter	258-4767
<b>Director:</b> Doug Seabrook	489-9732

