



BOW PIONEERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

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Introduction

Welcome to the First Edition of the new Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club Newsletter! This is a new approach to an older idea for communicating to our members.

The club intends to distribute three newsletters to the club members each year. You should expect to see a newsletter for Fall, Mid-winter, and Spring seasons. The intent behind a fall newsletter is to get the members up to speed on upcoming events and preparations for the snowmobiling season. The mid-winter newsletter will showcase the in-season events, and a brief preview of upcoming late winter events. And finally, the spring newsletter will recap the events of the winter, and of course give a brief preview of the summer and fall events.

As this is our first, and last newsletter of the 2009 season, please bear with us, as there may be a lot of extra information. Also, we will be working out the "bugs" so to speak; so if you happen to see some errors or formatting irregularities, don't be alarmed! We are doing our best to make this as perfect as we can.

Season Recap

Wow, this was a great snowmobiling season! Plenty of snow (over 90" at my house) made for beautiful trail conditions. Most of our riding was done right here in town, no trailering required. That is not always an easy thing in the southern part of the state. Trail conditions were fantastic thanks to all the hard work put in last fall, and grooming throughout the season. The club did have to do a bit of trail work to clean up after the ice storm of December, but it sure could have been worse. We are certain we will need to do some extra work next fall once we are able to assess the trails after the snow melts.



Season Recap-cont'd

All told, here is the nitty gritty of the clubs season.

Our fundraisers, including a mum sale and flea market, raised a total of \$4866. To help raise that money, our club members put in an estimated 235 hours of work! That is awesome. Thanks to all members for your hard work!

Fall season saw a lot of trail work being done. We estimate that our members put in over 900 hours getting the trails ready. That includes paperwork and permits (100 hours), working with landowners and securing permission (150 hours) and then the actual labor (650 hours).

For grooming in 2008/2009, the state of NH allotted the club 350 total grooming hours. The club was able to use all 350 grooming hours, and then some. Many thanks to the guys and girls who spend their time making the trails nice for riding. A lot of late nights were put in.

When all is said and done, our club members will have put in over 2,600 hours of volunteer work to make the 2008-2009 snowmobiling season a success. That is a lot of hours, but it is worth it!

News and Current Events

*Unfortunately, the club had to cancel the Radar Run, which had been scheduled to be held in March. We had to cancel due to poor conditions on the ice at Turkey Pond. Hopefully the weather will be a bit more cooperative next year! Our thanks go out to those who put time and effort into organizing this event.

*Scott Nadeau has decided to step down as Trail Coordinator for the Clinton St/Dunbarton area. Club member Nick Tristaino has volunteered to take over Scott's position. Thanks to Scott for all his hard work, and thanks to Nick for stepping up!

*The clubs nominating committee met in late March to determine who will fill Officer vacancies. President Rick Nylen's term is up, and Vice President Mitch Wilber has decided to step down (Mitch will stay on the Board of Directors). The nominating committee has nominated the following Officers for the 2009-2010 season:

President-Vickie Moffett
Vice President-Chip Johnson
Treasurer-Sue Eaton
Secretary-Lisa Johnson

The General Membership will vote on the Officer nominations at the final general meeting on April 16.

A big thank you to Rick Nylen and Mitch Wilber for all the work they have done for the club during their respective terms!

*Visit us on the web at www.bowpioneers.org. You can sign up and participate in our online forum, view upcoming events; see minutes from club meetings, and more!

*When you fill out your next membership application, help us go green (and save us a buck!) by choosing to receive all club communications electronically via email. Don't have email? No problem, we can keep you up to date via snail mail.

*Contact us via email
bow_pioneers@bowpioneers.org

*Have a great summer!

Upcoming Events

*April 8, 2009

Trails committee meeting, 7:30 PM

*April 16, 2009

Annual Dinner, Red Blazer Restaurant, 5:30 PM

Meal choices include Prime Rib, Baked Stuffed Haddock, and Orange Glazed Chicken

Please RSVP by Sunday April 12 to Vickie @

dvcarm@comcast.net or 228-8519/491-1711 with meal choice and number of people attending.

*Landowners BBQ (early summer 2009)

Exact date, time and location will be announced.

*Fall Flea Market-HK Powersports

Saturday October 17, 2009

*Annual Mum Sale

Date to be announced

Next Season Preview

We are currently planning the Landowners Appreciation BBQ. We hope to have this BBQ in early summer. As soon as we finalize the details (date and time, as well as location), we will announce the details.

Next fall looks to be a busy time for trail projects. The club is already planning its fall projects! By the end of April, the State of NH requires that each club submit signed landowner permission forms for each area where we plan to spend state funds to improve the trail, including bridge projects. Wetlands permits also have to be submitted.

During the fall, trail projects are completed on Saturdays. We generally meet every Saturday at 8:00 AM at the Bow Community Building. We will announce details when fall approaches.

About Us

The Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club is a non-profit organization established in 1972 to promote the fun of family snowmobiling in a safe manner. The club maintains the trail system in the towns of Bow, Dunbarton, Concord and Hopkinton. From the first snow until spring, all are invited to use the trails for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding and mountain bike riding only. In the fall, club members and non-members come together to work on the trail maintenance. The fellowship of our community working together will enhance the enjoyment of living in Bow.