



BOW PIONEERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

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Introduction

Welcome to the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club Spring Newsletter! Inside you will find season wrap-up information and a preview of things to come over the upcoming months. This will be the final newsletter of the 09-10 season. Information contained in the newsletter may be brief due to space constraints. For further information, please visit our website at www.bowpioneers.org. We update the information on the website as soon as we get it. If you have not already signed up for our forum, please do so. It is a great way to kill some extra time while keeping up to date on club news and events.

Well, that was quick!

A quick start, with no follow-up. For me, that describes the season in a nutshell. A couple good storms were quickly followed by warmer weather and rain, which killed the trails. We tried to hang in there as long as we could, but the windstorm at the end of February pretty much wrapped it up. The trails committee tried to keep the gates open as long as they could, but the trails became totally impassable, thanks to all the trees down. If you have been walking the trails, you will notice that there are a lot trees are still across the trails. The club was asked by the town of Bow, as well as several landowners to hold off on clearing the trees, in case there were any that could be harvested. With that in mind, the trails committee has decided to hold off on any trail work until late summer and fall. We realize that there is a LOT of work to do out there. 90% of our trail work this fall will consist of removing fallen trees, and we will need as much help as we can get. We will literally have to walk every mile of our 70+ miles of trails. Please make the time to get out on the trails with us this fall.



How the club works-Pt. 1

Like many of you, I am a member of a couple different snowmobiling internet forums. One day this winter, I was on slednh.com and came across a post from a member of another club who was asking a question about trail maintenance. The question posed was this-if I am riding a trail and come across an object on the trail, who would I contact to take care of it? The general consensus of the forum members was that YOU should take care of it. We the club members are responsible for trail maintenance. Now this started a pretty large and somewhat contentious discussion, so I asked the person to tell me what they didn't know, and what they just learned. This person took the time to educate themselves on the trail maintenance process. Who does the work, who grooms the trails, are there enough people to help do the work, what the process is for cutting a new trail, among other things.

With this in mind, I thought it would be a good idea to educate our club members. There may be things that are second nature to the active club members that the general membership isn't aware of. Look for these questions and answers in upcoming newsletters and emails.

The first lesson this person learned was to contact the club with specific questions and concerns rather than posting it on a public forum. Now of course you are able to post your thoughts anywhere, but if you have specific concerns, we would appreciate it if you would let us know personally. Drop us an email.

News and Current Events

*The club held a fundraiser on Sunday January 31, at Shorty's Restaurant in Manchester. Through the hard work of the Shorty's staff, and the good eating that our club members did, we were able to raise \$140 for the club. Thank you for your support!

*The club held its annual landowners appreciation dinner on March 18. Turnout was pretty good, and there was a lot of yummy food. Thank you again to all of our landowners. Without you, we would not have any trails.

*The annual club overnight trip was held in Colebrook on Feb 19-21, 2010. There were over 20 members present, and from all accounts a good time was had by all.

*The club held its annual dinner on April 15 at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. Over 25 members enjoyed a great buffet. The food was awesome, and the mudslides weren't too bad either. ☺

At the annual dinner, the new board members and club officer positions were voted on and approved by the membership. Welcome to all the new officers, and a big THANK YOU to you for stepping up.

Outgoing-
Craig Ott Trail Administrator
Jon Chartier Director
Ryan Sandlin Director
Mike Smith Director/Memberships

Incoming-
Steve Moltisanti Trail Administrator
Peter Audet Director
Jon Sandlin Director
George Donahue Director
Karen Wilber Director/Memberships

Thank you to all the outgoing officers (Jon, Craig, Ryan and Mike) for all your hard work over the years! It is very much appreciated by everyone involved with the club.

Upcoming Events

*Fall 2010

- Mum sale fundraiser
- Flea Market
- Lots and lots of trail work!
- General Meetings third Thursday of every month

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the club, please let us know. We can always use more help, and will take whatever you can give us. Whether it is a one day commitment, or a full season as a club board member or committee chair, we would love to have you! Any interested people please email the club.

Next Season Preview

Fall will be upon us sooner than you think! Keep a look out for email from the club advising you about trail work and fundraisers that you can help with. Info will also be posted on the club website.

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 parts of the towns of Bow, Dunbarton, Concord and Hopkinton. 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 the region.

*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!

*Got questions/comments? Feel free to email us at bow_pioneers@bowpioneers.org The person hiding behind the email address is Chip Johnson, who is the current Vice President.