



# “MV-*e*-Snow News”

The Official Newsletter of the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown

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## Next Meeting:

**Wednesday: “Christmas Party” December 19th; 2018 @ 6:30p.m.**

# \*\*\*\*\* Christmas Party\*\*\*\*\*

*“Ole Chris Kringle says it’s time for a Christmas party”*

### Christmas Party timetable:

**6:00p.m.-----Doors open**

**6:30p.m.-----“Pot Luck” Dinner**

Please everyone bring a hot or cold  
Delicious item for the table.

**7:30p.m.--- Short business meeting**

John really does promise to keep it short, but  
We still have some important trail issues.

**8:00p.m.-----“Chinese” Auction raffle**

This is a “wrapped or unwrapped” gift style  
-Everyone please bring a prize

**8:45p.m.-----Special drawing for a  
“Special Large Flat Screen TV-43”**

**\$200 retail value**

(One ticket free to every person at the meeting.)

*Merry Christmas to all.....*

*And....To all a Happy New Year*





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## **“Before” and “After” pictures of New Bridge;**

Shown at left is the “before” view of the area on the trail where an old, rotted bridge was blocking the brook and flooding the surrounding area. This bridge is located on the trail behind the Sportsmans’ Club

Picture shown at below left is the view of the “completed” bridge.



## **“The Trail Crew;**

The “Bridge” Crew helping that day consisted of:

John, Nate, Danielle and Karen Sansoucy, Victor, Erin, Nick, and Courtney Narducci, Bernie and Moira Mathieu with friend Duncan, Kyle and Jessica Fitzherbert, Mark Fitzherbert, Larry Tucker and Bill Belisle.

WOW, what a good crew!  
Thanks to all who helped,  
Mark



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## “News” about our Trails, Trails & Trails .....

**1)- ALL Trails: If you are out working on the trails, please take some time to remove a couple of those nasty rocks, roots and stumps.**

**2)- Please make sure you have permission** for any Trail Projects you have planned.

**1)- Trail behind Sportsman’s Club:** The Crew did an amazing job of rebuilding the bridges on this section of trail. Photos and those who worked on this are on pg. 2.

**2)- The Old RR Bed from Old Springfield Road down to behind the old Bill Lyons house** has been cleared of deadfall, including one very large pine tree, and is ready for the season.

**3)- The Trail from behind Job’s house up to Gold Street (Knight’s pond)** has been cleared and much drainage of water spots has been done and this trail is now open.

**3)- The Trail behind Burt’s Garage,** which was heavily logged, has been cleared and leveled by Mark with his heavy equipment. Special thanks to Mark on this one for the donation of time on his heavy equipment.

**3)- The Trail through Rob Dupuis Farm** has been set up to go around the outer perimeter of the fields. Please follow the signs and KEEP OFF the fields and be aware of the new fencing.

**3)- Thanks to Mark and Bernie the signs** are up behind the town landfill and thanks to Tommy and Larry the signs are up through the fields at the Small Farms Institute on Jackson Street.

**4)- Reminder - The trail from NAPA down to the Ballfield** will now have to use the alternative trail due to new houses built.

**A BIG “THANK YOU” to all who have helped on the trails.**

For ALL questions/concerns regarding trails and trail projects, **PLEASE call Mark @413-548-5278.**

### **Congratulations to:**

**Member Cyndy Goss on winning the Turkey dinner for 6 at our Nov. meeting.**

### **Trails notice:**

If you wish to have your name added to the Mill Valley trails crew update via email please let Larry know at [MillValleySnowmobileClub@gmail.com](mailto:MillValleySnowmobileClub@gmail.com). Hope to see you on the trails.

### **ALL RIDERS ALERT RULE #2:**

**RIDERS- PLEASE LET THE OLD RR BED HAVE TIME TO SET UP BEFORE YOU RIDE UP AND DOWN IT. RIDING TOO SOON AFTER SNOWFALL WILL ONLY MAKE THE RR BED BARE WITHIN A SHORT TIME.**

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## Some Tips for grooming our trails.....

Below are some trail grooming facts from the most recent issue of the **“OHIO SNOWMOBILER”**:

- 1)- When? The best trails are created when the temperature is below 37 deg. F.
- 2)- Time? The best time is at night when temperatures are dropping.
- 3)- Cutting depth? The optimum cutting depth is to cut to the lowest point between the moguls.
- 4)- Speed? The optimum speed for grooming is in the 6-10 mph range. Going faster does not allow the snow to mix and set up properly.

Practicing these few simple guidelines will give you the best results and the best trails.

Shown above is one of the 4x8 foot drags the club added to its' fleet of grooming equipment in 2017.

## Classifieds:

.Straight Line Tracking Skis: Came off a 2002 Polaris Indy Classic. The ski itself is universal. The saddle is more specific to the sled. Purchased from Starting Line Products. New \$450 plus tax and shipping. Skis eliminate tracking and darting. \$200 BO. Call 413-626-9926.

Racing Tires, free for the taking. One or all 12. They can be cut and used as mats for your garage or trailer. Call Roy, 413-575-9936.



**Classifieds:**  
**Shown above is 1999 Yamaha 600cc triple Venture with new skis -Elec. Start Rev and is in Excel Condition 4300 miles \$1,000 OBO call Bill at 413-539-0275**