



# “MV-*e*-Snow News”

The Official Newsletter of the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown  
January 2019--  
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## Next Meeting:

**Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> , 2019  
7:00p.m.**

**@ Recreation Department building off Rte 202, Belchertown  
(Near the Police Station)**

## POKER RUN

**DATE: Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> ,2019**

**WHERE: Will be at the Recreation  
Department Building off Route 202  
near the Police Station.**

### SCHEDULE:

**9:00a.m.-----Doors open**

**10:00a.m-----First riders begin ride..(if snow)**

**11:30a.m.---- POT LUCK w/“Burgs and dogs”**

**1:00p.m.-----All riders back to clubhouse..**

**1:30p.m.-----Drawings for prizes**

**GRAND PRIZE-----\$100 cash**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize:-----Membership & SAM permit**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize..... \$25 cash**

If you would like to help with food contact  
Ray @ **467-7863** -- if you would like to help as a  
guide please call **John @ 413-262-7832**. Please all  
remember to bring a hot or cold dish and to donate a  
prize if you wish.

**TICKETS are \$5. ---**

**please check the website for updates.**





### **YOUR TRAIL NEWS:**

**1)- NEW TRAIL: We now have permission to ride to our meeting place at the Rec. Dept Building. You can access this connector by crossing the small Dam behind FOLEY FIELD. Please follow the signs and **KEEP OFF FOLEY FIELD**. This Trail will **only be open on meeting nights.****

**2)-** When traveling on the trails behind the town dump transfer station off Hamilton road –we must keep off the landfill area! Thanks to Mark and Kyle Fitzherbert there are many, well placed signs in this area.

**3)-** When traveling across from NAPA on Route 9 in the driveway leading to the Horse Farm – **PLEASE Stay OFF** the driveway and go on to the marked trail and obey the 10-15 mph speed limit.

**4)- “KEEP OFF THE FIELDS and on the trail”**

**when passing through the following areas:**

- **Wildlife Management area adjacent to the Swift River.**
- **The New England Small Farms fields to the north of George Hannum Road**
- **The Landfill area behind the town transfer station on Hamilton Road.**

#### **5)-SAFETY TIPS:**

If you live near any road crossing, please check to make sure all **STOP** signs are up and visible. If you need signs please call Mark at 413-548-5278

**Failure to stay on the trails will be cause to lose these areas.**

#### **Trail safety tip #1**

Everyone Please help to keep the **snowbanks** shoveled down where our trails cross highways.



## **“Log Bridges”**

**What are “Log Bridges”?? I’m glad you asked. Basically, they are generally used to cover over the top of a muddy area or mud bog or those troublesome areas on our trails that never seem to freeze over even in the dead of winter. How many of you have been out having a wonderful ride only to have it spoiled at the end of the day by coming upon one of these problem “muddy” areas?**

**Thankfully, these “muddy areas” are beginning to disappear from our trail system since there are now about two dozen of these “Log Bridges” covering over wet problem areas on our trails. A good example are the log bridges across from NAPA on Rt.9.**

**Shown above are just two examples of Log Bridges on our trail system. And, as shown, they are simply a series of tightly packed old logs placed perpendicular to the trail. These have proven to be very effective at forming a smooth, solid surface for our sleds to go over. And, they also provide protection for the ground from being further damaged by other vehicles and illegal riding while also being in compliance with local Conservation Commission Regulations.**

### **Trail courtesy RULE #2:**

**RIDERS- DON’T SPIN YOUR TRACKS ON A FRESHLY GROOMED TRAIL!**



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**Congratulations to:**

**Cyndi Hutchinson** on winning the new large flat screen HD tv at the Christmas Party in December.

## January meeting:

We will be discussing many trail and grooming items.

We will also be raffling off a \$50 gift certificate.

So, see you at the meeting.

## 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.

## ALL RIDERS ALERT RULE #3-

**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 MAKD THE RR BED BARE WITHIN A SHORT TIME.**