



# "MV" Snow-News

\*\*\*\* December 2003 \*\*\*

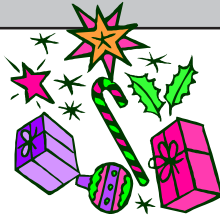
Monthly newsletter of the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown  
Club Snow-Phone: 413-323-7670



## Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 17th, 2003  
7:00pm  
@ V F W Route 202, Belchertown

Come one, come all;  
to a Mill Valley Club  
Annual Christmas Party



You have all worked hard this past fall season with our fundraisers and all the trail work being done. And now, in this holiday season, it is time for us all to take a break and enjoy.

We are celebrating Christmas holiday for the club on our regular December meeting on Wednesday, December 17th at the V F W. We have done this over the past several years and I know you all enjoy it more than a regular meeting. So.....

Please come one and all and join us for some relaxing fun.

### POT LUCK SUPPER -

(Please all bring a dish.)

### CHRISTMAS STYLE RAFFLE -

(Please all bring small gifts wrapped or unwrapped)



### Attention:

Please join soon so this will not be your last newsletter of this winter season.



Well, the white stuff is here (Dec. 6th), let's go ridin'..

### Sudden cancellation of insurance causes SAM to increase Trail Permit Fee to cover new premium..

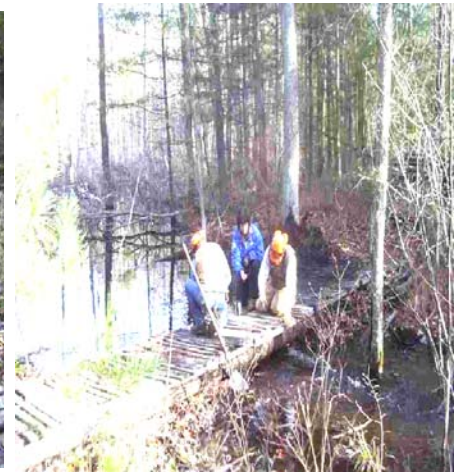
Due to the unprecedented non-renewal of all Club Trail Liability insurance within the State of Massachusetts, the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts (SAM) has passed a motion to raise its Trail Permit fee to cover the proposed cost of the premium through a new carrier.

On Nov. 20, V & V insurance abruptly announced intention not to renew all Trail Liability insurance on both SAM and the individual clubs. This left many clubs faced with immediate loss of key trails.

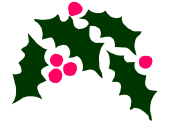
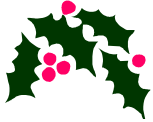
SAM voted to add a "seasonal fee increase" of \$15.00 dollars to the Trail Permit fee. This would make the Trail Permit fee for SAM at \$25 dollars.

This increase will provide Trail Liability insurance for every club and landowner having a snowmobile trail on it in the State.

\*\*\*\*\* Check Snow-Phone for places to get SAM Trail Permits \*\*\*\*\*



Pictures above show the "Bridge crew" in action at several sites throughout the Belcher town trails.



## December Technical update .....



### Getting your sled ready for SNOW!

To get your sled ready for the upcoming snowstorms, the following guidelines will help;

1) Put rear of machine up on stand and check all suspension and track components. Wiggle the idler wheels for looseness. Grease all fittings. Check tightness of all nuts and bolts. Check studs if installed -any missing? Check track-any broken lugs or torn edges? Check track tension and alignment. Track tension can be tested using a fish scale. Position scale hook on bottom of track. Pull on scale. Check specs in owners manual for your particular manufacturer and adjust to proper free play. Alignment can be checked when track is turning on stand. Look through the rear windows of the track in relation to the edges of the slides. Even? Adjust as necessary. Check slides for thickness. The front of the slide wears quicker than the rear. Check specs versus owners manual and replace or adjust as necessary. Spray silicone "tire wet" type fluid on track and suspension components. This displaces water and conditions the rubber against UV damage.

Next month - ???????.

Contributed by Jim Tucker

Do you have some ideas for a club event???

If you do then please let us know, as we would like very much to add some new fun events to our winter schedule. Please call Larry @ 413-533-4092.

CLASSIFIED:

1991 Suzuki RMX 250 Excellent cond.  
\$850.00 or B/O. Call John @ 739-5728

WANTED: (1) Double place open-tilt trailer. 8x10 or 10x10  
call Scott @ 323-4314

If you need a membership application..

You may now get one from our club website at .

[www.MillValleySnowmobile.org](http://www.MillValleySnowmobile.org)

