



"MV" Snow-News

**** February 2005 ****

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



Next Meeting :

Wednesday,
February 16th, 2005

7:00 p.m. !

@ VFW Route 202, Belchertown



On the Belchertown trail at the POKER RUN

Special event at the February monthly meeting.....

"Auction Raffle"

Please consider donating something special, something snowmobile, something good to be auctioned off at this special event.

Featuring

Ray "the master auctioneer" Racicot

All Proceeds to benefit the Trail Fund

Call Ray at 467-7863 or Larry at 533-4092 to help with this event



Special word of "thanks" to all who helped make Poker Run a success:

On Sunday, January 30th, the club held it's annual Poker Run event. It was a tremendous success and much fun was had by all. We were blessed with clear blue skies all day and some excellent food was waiting when everyone returned to the clubhouse. But an event like this does not happen without some great work by our members who volunteer their time. And so, I would like to take this opportunity to give a big THANK YOU to all who helped: To Jim Tucker, George Gillespie, Chris Majewski, John Giroux, Tom and Tina Mitchell, Mike Loftus and June Opsitnick for getting all the donated prizes; To Jim Tucker for reserving the VFW clubhouse; To Ray Racicot for doing the food shopping; To John Giroux and Tom Mitchell for cooking and what cooking they did!; To Mike Loftus for getting some delicious hamburg(see pg.2); To Tom and Mike for delivering the grills; To Mike Loftus for setting up the TV and videos; To Jim Alves, Jack Santos, George Gillespie, and Ken Henneman for being group leaders; and to Tom Mitchell and Larry for grooming. THANKS again to everyone.

Snowmobile community loses longtime friend:

Please all take a moment of silence from our busy schedules and remember our dear friend, Howard Cortis. Sadly, on January 10th, 2005, Howard passed away. And, many of you have enjoyed and can remember many rides with Howard over the trails of Belchertown. Our best wishes and condolences go out to Howard's memory and to his family.



More fun at the January 30th POKER RUN event

Coming Events.....

Feb. 13th, Sunday:

Club ride to Sunderland

Feb. 20th, Sunday:

Club trailer to Greylock

**Please check the snow phone
and website for latest info on events**

Letter to the editor:

Special thanks to everyone who made such a spectacular success of the POKER RUN for the club. So much work was done beforehand and the day of the event. So much to think of! AND - the cooks! - thanks for excellent food.

Ruthella Tucker

Want to know:

Who the Charter Members of the Mill Valley club really are?????????

At the February regular monthly meeting there will be some information on this topic. This "very" short history lesson should be interesting for many of our members. I look forward to sharing this with you at the next meeting. If any of you have some history trivia you would like to share with the club also, please feel free to call

CONGRATULATIONS to.....

Ron Barthelette from Chicopee who won the GRAND PRIZE at the Poker Run event.

Ron won

- 1) a free membership in Mill Valley for 2006
- 2) free SAM Trail Permits for all his sleds for 2006.
- 3) Free admission to all Mill Valley events in 2006. (Which might be worth a lot depending upon how many events Mill Valley has.)

Classifieds:

Wanted; set of plastic skis for '99 ski-doo for donation to club.

Please call Larry at 533-4092

For sale: Arctic Cat factory jacket. never used. Call Jim at 583-4454

Special THANKS to....

*Mike Loftus who donated the
delicious hamburger for the poker run
from TWIN OAKS FARM
Blue Meadow Rd., Belchertown*