



“MV” Snow-News



**** January 2006 ****

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

**Next Regular
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 2006
7:00 p.m.!!
@ VFW Route 202, Belchertown**



The winners of the BIG raffle are:
1st - Jim Lavalle - Snowblower
2nd - Becky Newsome - BBQ grill
3rd - Mike Wilk - Cord of Wood

The Mill Valley Snowmobile Club
“Annual POKER RUN”
Sunday, January 29th -
Swift River Sportsman’s Club
Riders start leaving @ 10:00a.m.
Cookout beginning @ 11:30a.m.



\$10 per person

Members enjoying “Christmas Party” at December meeting...

Special Guest at January meeting:

At the January meeting, Dan Gould, President of the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts will be a special guest speaker. Dan has been President of SAM for the last three years. He will be giving a short update on the state of snowmobiling in Massachusetts followed by a question and answer session. Please join me in welcoming Dan to our meeting.

See you there.

January meeting raffle is:
“A Snowmobiler’s Raffle” -
Please, if you can, bring a snowmobile related item to be raffled at our January meeting.
Thanks to all for helping.

Trails.....Q & A ????????
Wildlife Management area: **PLEASE KEEP OFF THE FIELDS!**
or we will lose this riding area. Spread the word.
South end Loop trail: **This loop trail is OPEN !!!!!!!!!!!**
Special thanks to Bill Lyons and Bob Hutchinson
Our trails need SIGNS - Let’s all help to get some signs up on our trails. Please call Jim at 323-5559 or Larry at 533-4092 if you need some signs.



Special guest **Gary Racicot, Belchertwon Board of Health member** draws the winning ticket for the club's BIG raffle at the December meeting.

Trail Permits:

are available at the following businesses-

Flamingo Motorsports

in Palmer

Orchard Hill Supply

in Belchertown

Sportsman's Marine

On Rte. 9 in Hadley

Q: know what makes a friendly trail?

A: A trail with good signs.

Grooming Hints:

- 1)- A good base of 10"-12" is a good depth for grooming
- 2)- Let the snowmobilers run on the snow first before grooming. It allows the snow to de-aerate and compact for easier grooming.
- 3)- Best grooming temperatures are in the 35 deg F - 40 deg F range. Grooming above 40 deg F is not recommended.
- 4)- Best time to groom is when the temperatures are beginning to drop from the 35-40 range to below freezing (32 deg F).
- 5) Recommended speed is approx 5-10 mph. Grooming slower will just roll the snow and faster will blow snow off trail.
- 6)- Try to pull the snow into the center of the trail
- 7)- Watch for riders.

Above are just some of the recommended grooming guidelines and are provided as a help in grooming. They are taken from the newly released Trail Maintenance Program Book just published by the IASA or International Snowmobile Administrators Association. The IASA is comprised of all State Parks Supervisors from across the 27 States that make up the snowbelt.

Copies of this are available. Please call Larry at 533-4092 if you would like more information.

Coming Events.....

Attention: *We are in need of some volunteers to help make these events happen. If you are interested in a particular event and wish to help please call Jim at 323-5559 or Larry at 533-4092 and let them know.*

Classified:

1993 Arctic Cat Panther Deluxe 440

2600 miles, Reverse, Electric Start,
w/ 8' x 10' Karavan open trailer (1993)
\$1300 for package Call Gary 413-283-2283

2001 Polaris Indy Super Sport 550

w/ Edge Suspension, 995 miles, Electric Start,
Reverse; Call Steve @978-772-5261

1997 Polaris Indy 600 XC

W/Plastic skis, 3200 miles, stud kit. Excel. condition
\$1600 or BO. Call Larry at 413-533-4092