



# "MV" Snow-News

\*\*\*\* November 2003 \*\*\*

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



## Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 19th, 2003  
7:00pm  
@ V F W Route 202, Belchertown

## S.A.M. Super CASH Raffle

— Drawing on Dec. 4th —

The club has done an good job of raising money for the club by all its' excellent work at the Fair. But, we have another opportunity to raise some much-needed additional funds by helping to sell the "SAM" raffle tickets. This is practically a "gift" for our club. SAM has done all the work. They have printed the tickets, gotten the State permit and put up the prize money. All we have to do is sell them and we get to keep 50% of the profit.

This year SAM is offering CASH prizes of \$1500, \$1000 and \$500 dollars. If you need tickets please call Larry at 533-4092.

## SAM Legislative "tip" of the month

When talking with your legislator this Fall, please mention House bill **#13368**. This bill would create a position on the State DCR board that would be filled by a representative who is a snowmobiler. This would go a long way toward helping with all the land access and grooming issues we have. Thank you for your help with this very important legislative issue.

If you are NOT receiving a monthly SAM newsletter but would like to, please call Larry @533-4092.



Ready for SNOWWWWWW ????????????

## "Busy" time of year for Trail crew.

The trail crew has been very busy taking care of some "chronic problem" spots on our trail system. The "mudhole" of f Rte.21-Rte 202 connector and the "Partridge pond" on the trail going North have received some attention recently.

And, if anyone needs help with a project they have please call Jim @ 323-5559. If anyone is interested in helping with this committee especially or with trail work in General please feel free to contact any Board member or Jim @ 323-5559.

I also know that the trail crew will continue to be busy throughout the month of November. They leave from Hawley's every Sunday morning at 8:00a.m. sharp, but check the snow-phone in case of bad weather.

If you NEED special tools for your trail project, please let us know.

Also, we will have some signs at the November meeting for anyone to take for use on their trail.

\*\*\*\*\* Check Snow-Phone for weekend Trail work schedules \*\*\*\*\*

## Technical update .....

### Getting your sled ready for SNOW!

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

1) Drain all gas out of tank and use in your snow blower. Add fresh gas to tank and add a gasoline stabilizer. Stabil is my fluid of choice. Gas loses its volatility after 30 days of non-use and harmful varnishes and acids form. Disposing of used gas is problematic and expensive, therefore use the old gas in a snowblower. This will not harm the engine as these are usually four-stroke engines. Using old gas in a two cycle could cause engine seizure. If the fuel system has a filter, replace filter. Check the bottom of tank for debris and clean if necessary. Warning! gas is extremely flammable and exercise extreme caution when doing this. Always work in a well lit and ventilated room away from all ignition sources and use rubber gloves. Start engine occasionally and let warm up to operating temperature. Replace gasoline hoses is yellow and brittle.

Next month - suspension tips.

contributed by Jim Tucker

### Membership Reminder -

You can get your memberships and SAM trail permits-----

November - Through the mail and at regular monthly meetings

December - "Stay tuned"

Want to go "GPS'n" ????

On Saturday, November 8th, Kevin and Vicki Slate from our club attended a seminar and training session on GPS of trails systems. The seminar was led by Ben King.

The purpose of the seminar was to provide information to the clubs and hopefully to standardize the GPS systems used by the clubs so that a new State-wide mapping of our trails can be done.

If you..

Like to write or take pictures

.....then perhaps you would like to help with the newsletter. Any and all help would be appreciated. If you are interested, please call Larry @ 413-533-4092.

### Mill Valley club signs SAM Grooming Contract:

Our club has submitted a Grooming Contract with SAM. This contract lists our club groomers and our main trails. This contract will allow us to be reimbursed from the SAM grooming fund for the grooming we do on our own trails. It is similar to the grooming system used in VAST.

### CLASSIFIED:

2000 Arctic Cat ZR 700 with optional reverse, water temp. gauge, luggage rack, carbides and trail grabbers. 900 miles. Call Paul after 6pm 413-536-5155

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)