



“MV-Snow News”

The Official Newsletter of the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday **February 17th, 2010**
7:00p.m.
@ VFW, Rte 202, Belchertown

POKER RUN

sponsored by Mill Valley Snowmobile Club:

DATE: Sunday, February 14th

**WHERE: @ the Swift River
Sportsman’s Club in Belchertown**

SCHEDULE:

9:00a.m.-----Doors open
10:00a.m.-----First riders begin ride..
11:30a.m.-----“Burgs and dogs” grilled
By the Best chef in Mass.
will be ready to eat.....
1:00p.m.-----All riders back to
clubhouse..
1:30p.m.-----Drawings for prizes;

TOP PRIZE-----\$100 cash
2nd prize. _____ \$50 cash
3rd prize. _____ \$50 cash
4th prize. _____ \$25 cash
5th prize. _____ \$25 cash
6th prize. _____ \$25 cash
7th prize. _____ \$25 cash
8th prize-(1) club mem & (1) SAM Permit
Plus; _____ assorted other prizes.

Tickets are: \$10/ snow
\$5/no-snow

More Club News...

“There always seems to be a lot going on”

At our December meeting the club was treated to a presentation by Mike Loftus for recognition of the “charter” or lifetime members of our club. Mike presented a special plaque to the following who have been members since the club was started in 1971: Larry and Gretta Tucker, Frank and Deb Wenzel, Ken Markham, Ken Henneman, Fran Loftus and Ruthella Tucker.

Our last meeting generated a lot of interest in the financial condition of the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts (SAM). I will try and bring copies of the SAM monthly financial statement and the Snow-Show financial report to the next meetings for everyone.

In an effort to decrease our mailing costs, we will be emailing the newsletter to everyone beginning next season. If you wish to continue receiving a mailed copy, please contact Larry at 533-4092 or TuckerTrail@comcast.net.

Thanks to Mike Loftus we again have club clothing for sale:

Heavyweight Blue Denim shirts-----\$28.00
Base ball style cap-----\$12.50
Wool hat-----\$12.50



“Congratulations” to Jim Tucker on winning the gallon of oil and to Jim Lemieux on winning the \$25 gift certificate to Devon Lane at our January meeting.

THE MILL VALLEY TRAILS REPORT..

TRAIL NORTH: The trail North is closed. This is due to the Town of Amherst closing a parcel of property in the area of the Pelham Rd. crossing.

TRAIL TO MOBIL-?????: The trail to the Mobil Station is open, but—the MOBIL station is CLOSED and the APOLLO pizza business is closed and there is excess water behind the STOP & SHOP. Also please drive SLOW when passing by the apartments---this is critical to continued use of this trail.

SOUTHERN LOOP: All should be aware that due to aggressive beaver activity there is much water between Rte 181 crossing and the Sportsman's property.

MUNSELL RD.: When passing by the new houses in the vicinity of Munsell Rd. please drive slow and remain on the trail ---do not leave the trail in this area.

“KEEP OFF THE FIELDS” when passing through the Wildlife Management area. Failure to stay on the trails will be cause to lose use of this area.

PLEASE all help keep the **snowbanks** shoveled down where our trails cross the highways.

SAFETY TIP: The most dangerous sections of our trails are where they cross the highways. One of these “danger” spots is on the Old Springfield rd. crossing –so if you live near this crossing please check to make sure all **STOP signs are up and visible**. Please all help to make sure the **STOP signs are up and visible** near all of our road crossings. If you need signs please call Jim at 323-5559.

Events, events & events-

Wednesday, February 17th –
Regular monthly meeting.

Trail work –
Join the trails crew
Weekdays, Saturdays or Sundays
Contact Jim @ 323-5559

.Sunday, February 14th –
Club POKER RUN

Next meeting:

Nominations: At our next meeting we will be nominating for **“Snowmobiler of the Year”**.

We will also be raffling off a Gift Certificate to Flamingo and a “new” Mill Valley shirt.

So, see you at the meeting.

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“The average snowmobiler spends \$4,000 dollars each year on snowmobile-related recreation.”