



# “MV-Snow News”

The Official Newsletter of the Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown

## January--February 2011



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### Next Meeting:

Wednesday **January 19th, 2010**  
**7:00p.m.**  
**@ VFW, Rte 202, Belchertown**

### POKER RUN

*“Everbody says it’s time for a POKER RUN”*

**DATE: Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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” w/POT LUCK**
- 1:00p.m.-----All riders back to clubhouse..**
- 1:30p.m.-----Drawings for prizes**
- TOP PRIZE-----\$100 cash**
- With many other cash prizes.**

If you would like **to sign up** please call Larry @ **533-4092**. If you would like to help with food or getting prizes contact Ray @ **467-7863** and if you would like to help with trails or as a guide please call **Jim @ 323-5559**. Please all remember to bring a hot or cold dish if you can.

**Tickets are \$5**

### EPO to be at next meeting...

*“There always seems to be a lot going on”*

At our January meeting we will have as a special guest **Lt. John Pajak from the Environmental Police.** He will be describing the new RV laws to us.

At our December meeting the club was treated to the presentation by Mike Loftus of a special plaque to Ray Racicot for recognition of outstanding work for our club.

The winner for the club’s **BIG 50” TV Raffle** was drawn at our December meeting and this proved to be a success for our club---many thanks to all who helped sell tickets.

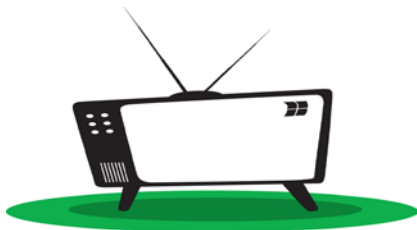
There is much work being performed now to put the finishing touches on our grooming machines and drags. Carbs are being cleaned, hitches are being modified and new wiring is being added. A **special thanks** goes out to Tim Dziok for a lot of this work.

At our January and February meeting we will be raffling of a gift certificate of **\$75 dollars to Tim’s catalog**. And if you wish, please also feel free to bring an additional gift for the raffle.

As a reminder, we are working hard to reduce our mailing costs so please **KEEP this issue** as it is good for both January and February. In an effort to further decrease our mailing costs, the Board is studying several options for next season. If you wish to help with this project, please contact Larry at 533-4092 or [TuckerTrail@comcast.net](mailto:TuckerTrail@comcast.net).

And, 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**



Please all join me in “**Congratulating**” Mike Yohan of New Salem upon being the winner of the **50”** flat screen TV at our December meeting.

# THE MILL VALLEY TRAILS REPORT..

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

**HOWARD STREET TRAIL:** The new trail on the old RR bed that parallels Howard Street is completed and open. This new trail eliminates the illegal riding on the active RR property which abuts this property.

**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, January 19th –**  
Regular monthly meeting.

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

**Wednesday, February 23rd –**  
Regular monthly meeting.

**Sunday, February 27h –**  
Club POKER RUN

## **February meeting:**

**Nominations:** At our February meeting we will be nominating for "**Snowmobiler of the Year**".

We will also be raffling off a Gift Certificate to Tim's catalog.

So, see you at the meeting.

## **Club Contacts:**

**Trails: Jim @ 323-5559**

**Memberships: Ray @ 467-7863**

**Charities: June @ 467-2416**

*"Nothing happens unless first there is a dream." - Carl Sandburg*