

“MV”-Snow News”

The Official newsletter of the Mill Snowmobile Club of Belchertown

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday **January 21st, 2009**

7:00p.m.

@ VFW, Rte 202, Belchertown

A Generous club.....

The hard work done by all of our volunteers throughout the early season at our fundraisers and events to raise money for the club has allowed your club to help others. This season the Mill Valley Snowmobile club made donations to, not one, but two “TOY FOR JOY” funds in the area. The club donated to the TOY FOR JOY fund run by the Springfield Newspapers and to the Sydney F. Smith TOY FUND run by the Northampton Hampshire Gazette newspaper.

If anyone has a suggestion for ways that the club can help others in need or a local charity you are encouraged to contact any Board member. We would like to continue our giving this season.

A big “THANK YOU” to all.....

It’s time for our POKER RUN...

“The snow is here, so, let’s go.....”

Well, let’s hope the snow and the temperature keep on falling so we can run our POKER RUN this season. The club POKER RUN will take place on Sunday, February 1st at the Swift River Sportsman’s club.

The trails crew has been working hard to keep the trails in the area of the POKER RUN in good shape for the event. There are some possible water issues due to aggressive beaver activity, but cold weather will get us through.

The ride will be limited to 70 persons so if you would like to sign up please call Jim at **323-5559** and let him know. Tickets will be \$5 for “no-snow” and \$10 for snow.

This is a big event and if you would like to help with food or getting prizes please feel free to contact Ray at **467-7863**.

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.....**

1:00p.m.-----All riders back to clubhouse..

1:30p.m.-----Drawings for prizes

See you on the trails.....

“Congratulations” to Ken Markham on winning the 19” flat screen TV  and to all of our members that won either a “wrapped or unwrapped” gift.

Who’s On Television?:

If anyone would like to help get some **Snowmobile Safety videos** on our local **cable channel**, please call Larry @ 533-4092. These videos were produced by the manufacturers and are very professional.

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 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. Please all help by making sure the **STOP signs are up** and visible. If you need signs please call Jim at 323-5559.

Events, events & events-

Trail work –

Please all help with clearing of trails while riding your sleds. If all help, our trails will be in top shape in no time.

For trail issues, Contact Jim @ 323-5559

Wednesday, January 21st –

Regular monthly meeting

Sunday February 1st –

----- POKER RUN-----

More “MV” news

Recently I was asked to help create an article for a large regional newspaper. And while the information is readily available, I realized that there are scant few pictures of our members riding the trails in Belchertown.

If anyone has any pictures of trail riding in Belchertown and would not mind sharing them for an article, please call Larry at 533-4092 to help.

Next meeting: -

At our next meeting, the club will have a nice **fruit basket** available for our raffle. In addition, the theme this month will be for snowmobile related gifts, so if anyone has an old accessory they are not using please consider donating it to our raffle. See you at the meeting.

“Nothing happens unless first there is a dream.” - Carl Sandburg