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A Letter from the President

Greetings Easy Riders,

As I write this the leaves are starting to fall and there is a chill in the air which are sure signs that winter is right around the corner. We have a lot going on as we get ready for the November open house and getting the new clothing order placed, Thank you Larry! We are also getting prepared for our booth at the Sled Mass Expo in Springfield on Nov. 19th & 20th. There is also plenty of planning going on for trips and other club events so please attend the club meetings, get involved and volunteer.

Some of you may have already heard that I will be stepping aside for the current season to deal with some health issues and in my absence VP Greg Conlan will be filling in. I expect this to be temporary and ask everyone to be supportive and cooperative with Greg and all the club officers as they work diligently to keep the club moving forward. Remember our goal is to provide a setting where new and veteran snowmobilers can meet and have a fun, safe and positive snowmobiling experience.

So, as I sit on the sidelines for the first time in over 50 years, I want to remind everyone to post your ride and club event photos on our Facebook page for our annual photo contest that will be judged by the membership this year. The winners will be announced at the end of the season banquet. I will certainly be looking forward to seeing all the photos posted and hearing about this season's snowmobiling experiences.

With the holidays almost here, I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

That's all for now, I hope you all have a great snowmobiling experience this season.

Michael Nicoli



UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS

Nov. 8, 2022	Open House Meeting
Nov. 19-20, 2022	SLEDMASS Sled Expo
Nov. 29, 2022	Board Meeting (note date change)
Dec. 13, 2022	Christmas Party (tentative date)
Dec. 27, 2022	Board Meeting (tentative date)
Jan. 10, 2023	Club Meeting
Jan. 14–15, 2023	Quebec free weekend
Jan. 12—16, 2023	Fort Kent Trip
Jan. 24, 2023	Board Meeting
Jan 27- 29, 2023	Vermont reduced pass cost weekend (\$25.00)
Feb. 14, 2023	Club Meeting
Feb. 17-19, 2023	New Brunswick Free Weekend
Feb. 28, 2023	Board Meeting
Mar 3–5, 2023	Maine Free Weekend
Early March 2023	Tentative Quebec north shore trip
Mar. 14, 2023	Club Meeting
Mar. 28, 2023	Board Meeting
Apr. 25, 2023	Board Meeting
Apr. 29, 2023	End of the season Banquet (tentative date)
May 24, 2023	Board Meeting

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**This page is our page in “On the trails with SAM”
that is expected to be out in early November.**



Easy Riders Snowmobile Club Inc.

**Our meetings are held at the
Marlborough Moose Lodge, 67
Fitchburg St., Marlborough, MA,
01752 on the 2nd Tuesday of the
month, October thru March.**

<http://ersc.net>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/178832419989005>

The club's 1st meeting was held in Marlborough in January of 1971 and we still hold our meetings there. Being so close to Boston, years ago we morphed in traveling club. Our members ride in MA, VT, NH, ME and in eastern Canada (Que & NB). Club members are instrumental at making our club what it is. Trips are coordinated by club members who invite other members to travel with them. Some trips are short notice day trips, while others require extensive planning and could be a week or more. Additional information on the club, club trips, meeting dates and copies of our newsletters are all available on the club's webpage and/or our Facebook page. Trip planning for 2023 has begun. Ft. Kent in January is set and a Quebec Northshore/Valin tour in March in the planning stages.

If you have an interest in increasing your opportunities to ride, see new places and meet new friends; take the step to becoming a member of one of the oldest active clubs in Massachusetts, "The Easy Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc."

Here are a couple of links to YouTube videos that one of our members put together from last season's trips. They are a little long, but they are well worth the watch.

https://youtu.be/z_hs-PSd2U0

<https://youtu.be/CmOOY8D1Wos>



**Mt. Katahdin, February 2022 on our
trip to Millinocket Maine**



**Mt. Greylock
January 2021 day trip to
the Berkshires.**



**Pierce Rock, Gaspé Quebec,
March 2022 on our Gaspé loop trip of
1300 miles.**



We hope to see you at the Sled Expo!

Saturday, November 19, 2022 | 9am–7pm

Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 9am–3pm

The Big E, Young Building | West Springfield, Massachusetts

Don't forget, the Virtual Expo is available
all season long!

The Sled Expo is the largest snowmobile show in New England!

For our exhibitor sponsors, what once was one weekend of 8,000 customers will now be a season-long opportunity. Act now to reserve your space with an early presence!

For our snowmobile enthusiasts, we are looking forward to a great season. Visit the [Sled Expo Marketplace](#) and prepare for fun on the trails. Keep up-to-date with trail conditions using our [interactive map app](#). Whether you are a beginner who has never tried snowmobiling or an experienced rider looking to upgrade your equipment, learn more about the sport with a visit to the [Marketplace](#). Our vendors are offering special deals and are holding open house events. Get [tech tips](#), club information, and much more!

**A few photos taken this past season.
Photos' courtesy of Greg Conlan**



**Libbys Camp,
Millinocket
trip**

**Homestead
Lodge,
Millinocket
trip**



**Snowshoe
Mt. lookout,
Millinocket
trip**

A few photos taken this past season.

Photos' courtesy of Greg Conlan

**Awesome
Trail 35 in
Quebec,
almost 50
miles of
perfect trails,
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Snowmobile Association of MA (SAM) update

There have been some big changes at the top of SAM. If you have not heard, Rena Sumner, SAM's Executive director, is retiring as of November 1st. She has been in that position for many years.

An extensive search was done, 2 candidates were identified and interviewed by a committee of 5 (2 being from the executive board and 3 representing the clubs from the east, central and west regions). The person replacing Rena will be Jeff Miller, the current President of SAM. With Jeff moving over to the that position, the current VP, Jon Tobin, will be moving over to the position of President. Jeff had been the President of SAM since Dan Gould left to be the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association. Jeff was VP of SAM at that time. John Tobin had just recently moved over to be the VP of SAM after being secretary of SAM for several years. We wish both of them the best of luck in there new positions. The position of VP of SAM has not yet been filled.



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67 Fitchburg Street. Marlborough

If you think you might like to join, or if you are curious, you are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings as our guest. We hold our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month October through March, at 7:00 PM. at the Marlborough Moose Family Center - Post 1129.

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Free Weekends 2023

Quebec Free Weekend	1/14-1/15/2023
New Brunswick Free Weekend	2/17-2/19/2023
Vermont \$25.00 Weekend	1/27-1/29/2023
Maine Free Weekend	3/3-3/5/2023
New Hampshire Free Weekend	Not set as of print

Quebec, New Brunswick and Vermont all require liability insurance. Quebec this year requires one million in liability insurance on the free weekend.

PHOTO CONTEST 2022/2023

We will be repeating our photo contest again this year. It will be similar to last years contest, however this year club members will be asked to vote for the best photos. As was last year, the photo must have a snowmobile in the picture and be posted to the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club's Facebook page.

BELOW ARE LAST YEARS WINNERS.

1st Place - Steve Conti



2nd Place - Marc Carrier



3rd place - Steve Jobes





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EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Club General Meeting

October 11, 2022 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 7:45pm

3 of 4 Officers present – Missing Mike N; 5 of 6 BOD Members present. Missing John B

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

28 total including the 3 Officers and 5 BOD members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Accepted as read.

Last Club General Meeting was March 8, 2022. Final Banquet was held on April 30, 2022.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Accepted as read.

Current balance - \$3,614.59

Mass Corporation filings done for 2020 and 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

ERSC/SAM Raffle – This is the clubs main fundraiser. All members were provided 10 tickets and asked to sell as many as possible. Tickets will be mailed to those members not present at the meeting. 1st prize is the 4-place snowmobile trailer or \$5,000. 2nd place is \$2,000 and 3rd place is \$1,000. Sell, sell, sell!

November Open House Meeting – The BOD voted to purchase pizzas for the open house meeting in lieu of paying for lunch at our usual winter picnic so as to benefit more members.

ByLaws vote – Members voted on four bylaw changes tonight regarding SAM membership, revised ERSC dues, revised ERSC 1st meeting of the season date and revised financial audit date. All four motions passed unanimously.

SAM Meeting – All meetings still via zoom except the final banquet. Larry M and Greg C attended. Issues discussed include Coldbrook culvert collapse, the SAM Map App and officer changes due to Rena's retirement. Our VP, Greg C is the SAM secretary. Report accepted as read

SAM Expo – Dates for the show are Nov 19, 20. ERSC will be manning a booth on both days. We will sell raffle tickets, memberships and fund raise via the Plinko game, Volunteers are actively being lined up.

BREAK – 10 minutes

Snowmobiling Free Weekends – Vt – none but will offer a \$25 discounted rate. ME – March 3-5. NH – not announced yet. New Brunswick – Feb 24?. Quebec- Jan ? MA - ?

ERSC Clothing – Plan is to offer new clothing with the new logo on the front but with Massachusetts listed. Clothing will be purchased in bulk for long sleeve t-shirts - \$17 and pullover sweatshirts - \$35. Special orders will be accepted for full zip sweatshirts and pullover hoodies.

50/50 Raffle - \$165 in raffle tickets sold. The winner received \$83 – Larry M

Door Prizes – LED helmet lights were donated by LJE Products in NH. Winners were Bob C and Patti C. Go figure!

Miscellaneous News – The Long lake Sporting Club will reopen this year, That's good news.

Trips – Trip coordinators listed below all gave updates on their trips. Details can be found on our website. More are being planned so stay tuned.

Jan 12-16 Ft Kent, ME Bob C is coordinating this trip once again.

Mar ? Monts Valins, Quebec Larry M is coordinating

Next Club Meeting – November 8, 2022 – Open House – pizza will be provided. Come hungry.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:10 pm

EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NEW or RENEWAL (circle one)

The Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. is an informal organization of persons interested in the sport of snowmobiling. Our purpose is to promote the sport of family snowmobiling by offering the opportunity for like minded individuals to share information and experiences. Through bi-monthly newsletters and meetings during the season, members can share information about equipment, trail access, snow conditions, safety techniques and group riding opportunities. The Club encourages participation in non-competitive group snowmobiling activities but the Club does not sponsor formal organized trips.

The Initiators of Club activities act as focal points to bring together the ideas, energies and resources of the group, but are not formal leaders. They are not paid, do not represent the Club, and can take no responsibility for the safety or well-being of participants. A membership roster is available to members on request; listing names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers for the purpose of member-to-member direct communication, but for no other distribution or commercial purposes.

TO JOIN (or renew your membership): Please read and sign the "Assumption of Responsibility and Release of Liability" waiver, fill in the information requested, and mail a check for \$40.00 payable to the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club to: Easy Riders Snowmobile Club, P.O. Box 271, Marlboro, MA 01752. A discounted fee of \$30.00 is available if received by the Treasurer on or before December 15th. An alternate discounted fee of \$25.00 is available when purchasing club and SAM memberships in a single transaction on or before December 15th. Membership applies to an individual, his or her spouse or significant other, and all dependent children under the age of 18 years. SAM. Trail permit fees, \$50.00 per sled (plus service fee if applicable), are in addition to the membership fee and are not a condition for membership in the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club.

ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY & RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER:

I knowingly, voluntarily and willingly, on behalf of myself, my heirs and executors, take full responsibility for my personal safety and well being while participating in any snowmobiling activities with the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. and any of its members or officers, and waive any claims against the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. and any of its members or officers for any injury, including death, or damage to my equipment, resulting from such participation.

I understand that snowmobiling is a potentially dangerous activity and assume sole responsibility for deciding if my experience, skills, condition and equipment are sufficient for my safe participation. I am also aware that weather, trail and road conditions are unpredictable and may pose hazards to me while snowmobiling as well as when traveling to or from a snowmobiling activity by car, truck, or any other form of transportation.

As a member of a club that promotes family participation, I take full responsibility for the safety of any minor family members of mine who participate in Club activities. Adult family members of mine (18 years or older) who wish to participate in Club activities as members of the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. have agreed to sign this form as well. Note: there is no additional fee for the participation of additional family members, but only one newsletter will be distributed to each family membership.

I have thoroughly read the above three paragraphs, and I fully understand their content.

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