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# A Letter from the Vice President

Hello Easy Riders!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

I want to start off this message to all of you by mentioning that I'm filling in for our President Mike Nicoli this season. As many of you know, Mike is dealing with some serious health issues. In order to allow Mike to focus on his health, the club officers and directors have all stepped up to fill the void left by Mike's absence. With that said, we all wish Mike a speedy recovery and look forward to a return when his health permits.

So here we are in the late December, the SAM Expo has passed and was a success thanks to all the Club Members who volunteered their time.

Thanks to Larry, many of you are now wearing new Club apparel. Larry managed to have the apparel available just in time to sell at the Expo.

I'd be amiss if I didn't acknowledge the endless contributions that our Treasurer/ SAM delegate makes for the Club. Thank you Larry.

The Easy Rider X-Mas party was hosted by Club Director Gary LaPierre. Thank you to the LaPierre's for hosting such a wonderful night with some great food, a lot of laughs and of course with a few tall tales mixed in. Gary even MC'd the annual Yankee swap with Gary's unique dry humor!

As we move into the new year, Club Members should be finishing up getting their sleds ready and acquiring the many trail passes needed for all the Club Member trips. Speaking of trips, the first trip of the season is coming up in just a few weeks in Ft. Kent during the MLK weekend. Thanks Bob C. for organizing. The next trip currently on the list is being organized by Tom R and Ron L. for mid-February up in Western Quebec. This will be followed up by at least one more trip to Quebec in March, which is being organized by Mark C.

If you want more information about the trips planned by our Club Members or you would like to organize one yourself, please let Larry McCullough know so he can update the Web Page. Trips that are already being planned can be found on our Web page. ERSC.NET. If you have a last minute trip or your looking for someone to ride with, you can always post it on the new Easy Riders Snowmobile Club (Trips) Facebook page.

As you head out on the trails, don't forget about the Easy Rider Photo Contest. It returns this Season. The winner will be announced at the End of the Season Banquet. So, just snap those pics and post them on our Easy Rider Snowmobile Club Facebook page. Remember a snowmobile must be in the photo.

With this year coming to a close, I want to thank each and every one of you, from the officers/ directors to the club members, for making this past calendar year another successful one.

Without members like yourself, our Club would not be what it is today, "The Best Snowmobile Club in Massachusetts".

As our Club President Mike would say "Think snow, ride right and be safe"

Greg Conlan, Vice President

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS**

<b>Jan. 10, 2023</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>Jan. 14–15, 2023</b>	<b>Quebec free weekend</b>
<b>Jan. 12—16, 2023</b>	<b>Fort Kent Trip</b>
<b>Jan. 24, 2023</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Jan 27- 29, 2023</b>	<b>Vermont reduced pass cost weekend (\$25.00)</b>
<b>Feb. 9, 2023</b>	<b>Club Meeting (NOTE NEW THURS. DATE)</b>
<b>Feb. 12-18, 2023</b>	<b>Western Quebec Tour</b>
<b>Feb. 17-19, 2023</b>	<b>New Brunswick Free Weekend</b>
<b>Feb. 28, 2023</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 3–5, 2023</b>	<b>Maine Free Weekend</b>
<b>Mar 3-5, 2023</b>	<b>NH Free Weekend</b>
<b>Mar. 5-12, 2023</b>	<b>Chicoutimi Quebec trip</b>
<b>Mar. 14, 2023</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>Mar. 28, 2023</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Apr. 25, 2023</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Apr. 29, 2023</b>	<b>End of the season Banquet (tentative date)</b>
<b>May 24, 2023</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>

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# Photos from the Sledmass Sled Expo







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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 3/3-3/5/2023**

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



**Christmas Party photos from the home of Gary and Kelly LaPierre. Thank you both for the invite. A good time was had by all.**







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## **EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

### **Club General Meeting - Open House**

**November 8, 2022, 7:00 pm**

Pizza Dinner – 7:00pm

This meeting was our annual Open House meeting. The pizza dinner tonight was hosted by the ERSC in lieu of paying for lunch for a small group at our traditional winter picnic snowmobile trip.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:10pm

3 of 4 Officers present – Missing Mike N; 5 of 6 BOD Members present. Missing Paul T

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

33 total including the 3 Officers and 5 BOD members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Accepted as read. Last Club General Meeting was 10/13/22

TREASURERS REPORT:

Accepted as read. Current balance - \$3,067.64

NEW BUSINESS:

**ERSC/SAM Raffle** – This is the clubs main fundraiser. All members were previously provided 10 tickets and reminded to sell as many as possible. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is the 4-place snowmobile trailer or \$5,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> place is \$2,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is \$1,000. Sell, sell, sell! The drawing is scheduled for April 13, 2023 at the SAM Annual meeting. 63 tickets sold so far.

**Newsletter** – 90 printed to allow for distribution at the SAM Expo. Normally only about 50 are printed

**SAM Meeting** – All meetings still via zoom except the final banquet. Meetings held on the first Thursday of the month. Larry M and Greg C attended. Issues discussed include the officer changes due to Rena's retirement (VP position is still vacant) and the recent emailing of the SAM publication. It should have gone to all ERSC members via email as their emails were provided to SAM. Almost all members at the meeting did not receive the email, although all officers did. 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, clothing and fund raise via the Plinko game, Volunteers are all lined up. Entrance magnets for volunteers are available.

**New Members** – 3 new members recognized at the meeting. Welcome

**ERSC XMAS Party** – Will be held at Gary LaPierre's house on Saturday, December 10. It will be a potluck dinner and requires a coordinator.

**ERSC Clothing** – New clothing with the new logo on the front but with Massachusetts listed has been purchased in bulk for long sleeve t-shirts and pullover sweatshirts. Clothing due in next week. Emails will be sent to those who expressed an interest. Let Larry know if you want one cause he plans to sell them at the SAM show in a week and a half. Colors will be navy or black. Special orders will be accepted for full zip sweatshirts and pullover hoodies. Costs voted on by BOD after the meeting are: Pullover sweatshirts and full zip sweatshirts - \$50 front and back logo/\$45 front logo only; Long sleeve t-shirts - \$25. Pullover hoodies - ?

**Final Banquet** – Looking for recommendations as to where to hold it. Tentative date is April 29, 2023.

**50/50 Raffle** - \$135 in raffle tickets sold. The winner was new member Jan who received \$70.

**Plinko Game** – Winner of \$25 in scratch tickets was Scott

**Door Prizes** – Polaris hat. Winner was Scott once again even though he doesn't ride a Polaris

**Miscellaneous News** – The Long lake Sporting Club will probably not reopen this year, it actually reopened this summer, then closed and is currently up for sale. More to follow.

**Sad news** – Dick Wolfe, one of the founders of the ERSC is in a home suffering from a form of dementia. Cards can be sent to his wife, Isabelle

**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 Maine

Bob C is coordinating

Feb 16-20

New Brunswick

Larry M is coordinating ar ?

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**Next Club Meeting** – XMAS Party on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Gary LaPierre's house. There will not be a meeting at the lodge on December 13

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.

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