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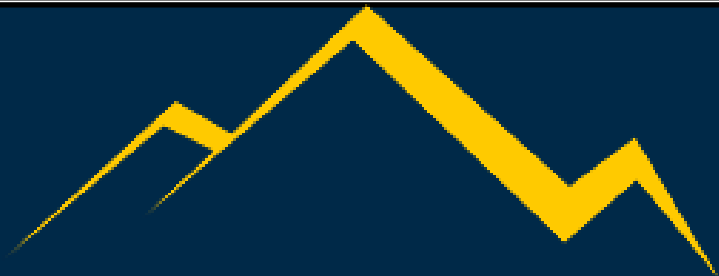
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A Letter from the President

Hello Easy Riders!

It won't be long now as leaves are falling. As well as up north, so is the snow. It is time to chase the mice out of your sled and get it prepped to ride. Make sure you take a good look at your trailer too.

We had a decent turnout at the first meeting of the new season where we discussed this year's fund raising. This year we will be holding a couple of raffles. One raffle will be for a six inch Garmin GPS loaded with GPS Trailmasters New England snowmobile maps. The other raffle is for four Bruins tickets for Feb 13th 2024. Thank you Gary LaPierre for the tickets. Both raffles will be \$10 per ticket and the proceeds will be used to support the club and our charities.

Please mark your calendar for November 14th and join us at our Open House meeting at the Marlborough Moose Lodge at 7pm. We will have videos, Pizza, Plinko and prizes. There is always a lot of information to be shared and trips to be planned. Come join the fun!

The SledExpo is taking place again this year on Nov 18-19 in the Young Bldg at the Big E, in W. Springfield. We will have a booth and will be selling raffle tickets and Easy Rider swag. Come out to the Expo and support the club. It's always a good time.

The new website is coming along nicely and we hope to have the new site online in late November.

That's all I have for now. See you soon at a meeting or on the trails.

As always, Ride Safe!

Mike Nicoli

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Trips planned (so far) for the season

MLK weekend trip -- Fort Kent --
January 11th to the 14th. Bob C. has 20 rooms on hold for us at the Northern Door. Some are going up earlier and others, adding a day. When you reserve your room, let them know you are taking one of the rooms reserved for the Easy Riders.

Presidents weekend trip -- Millinocket --
February 15th to the 19th. Chris A has reserved a cabin at NEOC up in Millinocket that is at this time full. We suggest Baxter Park Inn for the overflow.

Quebec north shore trip. February 5th to the 13th. Due to the length of this trip, I have limited the trip to 7 sleds. Currently all 7 positions are full. We will start and end in Ft. Kent traveling up to Matane Quebec where we will take the ferry across the St. Lawrence River, do a loop up thru the Mt. Valin area and loop back to Baie Comeau to catch the ferry back.

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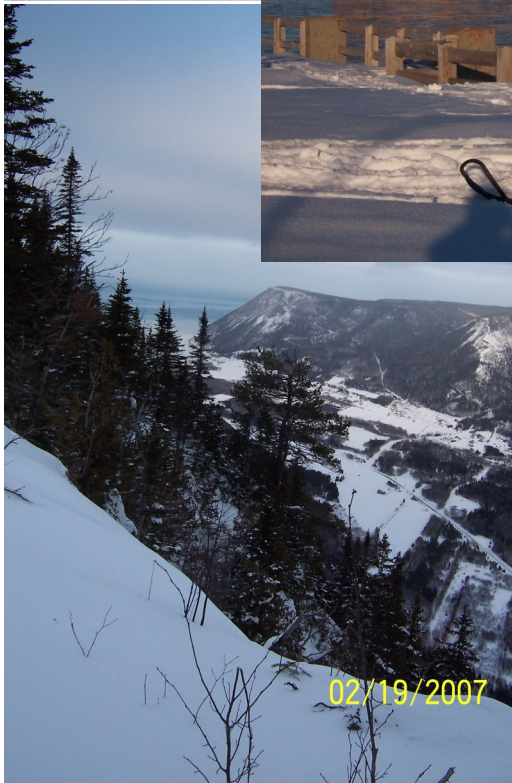
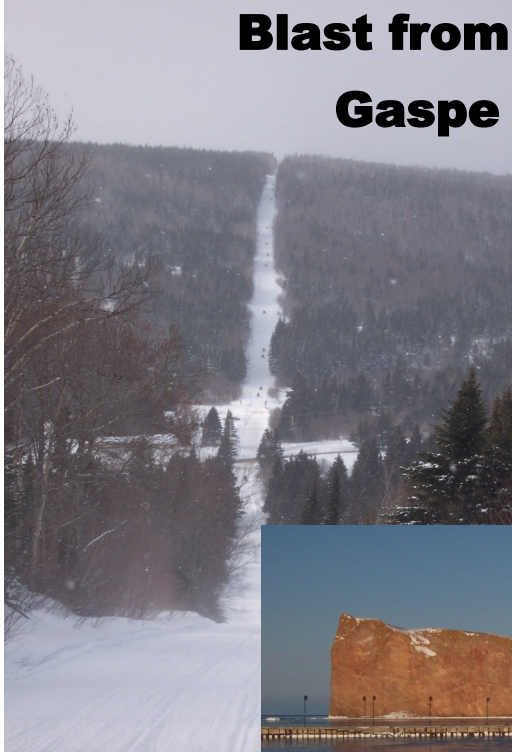
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Blast from the past St. Lawrence Northshore 2008



FREE AND/OR REDUCED COST WEEKENDS UP NORTH FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

Vermont January 26-28 2024

You must have a valid registration from somewhere, must carry liability insurance and purchase a reduced charge weekend trail pass for \$25.00. The entire \$25.00 goes to the clubs.

Quebec February 3 & 4 2024

You must have a valid registration from somewhere and must register to get a free trail pass, plus you need to have evidence of 1 million in Liability Ins.

New Brunswick February 16-19, 2024

Must have a valid registration from somewhere. This is a 4 day weekend with a reduced cost of \$50.00. You need to show evidence of \$200,000 in Liability Ins.

New Hampshire March 1 - 3, 2024

Maine March 8-10, 2024

Massachusetts None at this time.

There is a bill pending in the MA legislature that would allow MA to offer a similar free weekend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS*

November 14th, 2023	Open house meeting
November 18th-19th, 2023	Sled Expo / MA Snow Show
December 9th, 2023	Christmas party
January 9th, 2024	Club meeting
January 11th-15th 2024	Fort Kent MLK weekend trip
January 26th-28th 2024 for more information)	Vermont \$25.00 wknd. (see pg 12
February 3rd-4th, 2024 12 for more information)	Quebec Free Weekend (see page
February 5th-12th 2024	Quebec saddlebag trip
February 15th-19th 2024	Millinocket trip
February 16th-19th 2024 (See page 12 for more information)	New Brunswick (low cost weekend,
February 13th, 2024	Club Meeting
March 1st-3rd, 2024	New Hampshire Free weekend
March 8th-10th, 2024	Maine free weekend
March 12th, 2024	Club meeting
April 27th, 2024	End of the season Banquet (Tentative date)

* all dates subject to change

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— DIRECTIONS —

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FROM ROUTE 9 East or West. Best route is to take Interstate 495 North then follow Interstate 495 directions below.

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A couple of screen prints of the test version of our new website...



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- March – April 2023 Newsletter
- January – February 2023 Newsletter
- November – December 2022 Newsletter
- September – October 2022 Newsletter

GREAT NEWS.... CLUB|SAM MEMBERSHIPS|TRAIL PASSES CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE VIA THE SAM WEBSITE.

Go to the membership tab here on our website for all the details and a link to the SAM website. Memberships are available directly thru the club or thru SAM.

CLUB HISTORY

EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB CAPSULE HISTORY 1971 TO THE PRESENT

In the winter of 1971 this club was formed in Marlborough, MA. The past President and prime mover of the club was Ernie Houde, owner of the now defunct (but successful at the time) South Street Snowmobile & Power Equipment of Marlborough. Through the years the meeting places have changed, but the club still remains in Marlborough, presently at the Marlborough Moose Lodge on Fitchburg Street.



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A couple of photos from the NH Grass Drags and Watercross.



Has anyone ever parked this close? No half mile walk this year. With the threat of rain, Tom and I went early and parked closer than I ever have. People in the background are at the ticket booth. We parked close to where the motorcycles usually park.



A couple of photos courtesy of Val F.

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, 29 Parkers St., Rochdale, MA 01542-1008. 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.

MEMBER

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NOTE: If you wish to purchase a SAM Trail Permit for one or more snowmobiles, the cost is \$50.00 per sled. Please have your sled make, model, and serial number and MA registration number for inclusion on the SAM application for membership/trail pass.

ADDITIONAL ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, OR THE RESPONSIBLE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE ABOVE APPLICANT IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD (Additional forms may be used for additional family members who snowmobile.)

Signature _____ Date _____
Printed Name _____
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