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A Letter from the President

Hello Easy Riders!

As I write this, the week before Labor Day, members are already planning trips for the upcoming snowmobiling season. Check ersc.net and/or our Facebook page for more info on these trips. We are also coming into the event season of grass drags, water skips and various snowmobile shows and swap meets to get us geared up and revved up for the new season. It is also time to start thinking about getting your sled and trailer ready while the weather is still nice.

I have been working on moving the web site and domain to a new hosting company. I have decided to go with Go Daddy after looking at several other hosting companies. My decision was based on support and pricing and they're working on moving everything in the next few weeks. We will keep you posted.

The chatter out there is we are going to get clobbered with snow this winter! Lets hope so! Our first club meeting of the new season is Tuesday October 10th and I hope to see a lot of familiar faces and maybe some new ones. If you know someone interested in joining, bring them with you to one of our meetings. We are always looking for new members.

As for the ATV/UTV trip I mentioned for the fall, I'm going to plan this for next year, late summer/early fall. This will give us time to discuss the location and logistics during our meetings.

Club Clothing - at the October meeting we will be surveying the membership to see if there is enough demand for a new clothing order. Our current inventory is low on some styles and sizes, so bring your thoughts.

Hope to see you October 10th at the Marlborough Moose Lodge.

Regards,

Mike Nicoli

President

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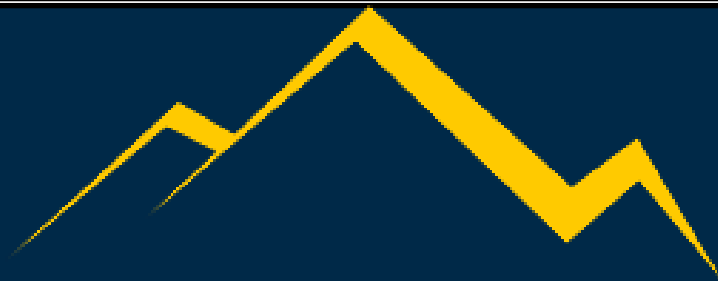
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Over 45,000 Attend NH Grass Drags and Watercross

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February's Quebec North Shore trip

It looks like last years problem with the closed trail on the north shore has been taken care of. So, we will try again. Below is the literary. Thinking the limit will be 6 or 7 sleds . The trip is a full 7 days of riding plus 2 travel days to and from Ft. Kent. Drive up on a Monday and home the following Tuesday. A minimum of a 7 day pass in Quebec and 2 one day passes for New Brunswick will be required. All sleds must be relatively new and fully seasonally serviced. See Facebook posting for more details.

Day 1 - Ft. Kent to Matane

Day 2 - Matane (ferry) to Forestville

Day 3 - Forestville Auberge du 31 KM

Day 4 - Auberge du 31 KM to Auberge des Battures

Day 5 - Auberge des Battures to Forestville

Day 6 - Forestville (ferry) to Matane

Day 7 - Matane to Ft. Kent

Photo's from similar trip in 2014



A BLAST FROM THE PAST



UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS*

October 6th-8th, 2023	Race into Winter / NH Snow Show
October 10th, 2023	1st Meeting of the Season
October 20th-22nd, 2023	Maine Snow Show
November 14th, 2023	Open House Meeting
November 18th-19th, 2023	Sled Expo / MA Snow Show
December 12th, 2023	Christmas Party (Tentative Date)
January 9th, 2024	
January 11th-14th 2024	Fort Kent MLK Weekend Trip
February 13th, 2024	
March 12th, 2024	
April 27th, 2024	End of the Season Banquet (Tentative date)

* all dates subject to change

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Fort Kent Trip

January 11th - 14th, 2024

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PHOTOS FROM THE **2022 TRIP**



25 Easy Rider's dinner at the Swamp Buck



Loring Airforce Base

Go up any time you like, early and/or late. Many club members go up on Wednesday (10th) with others staying thru the 15th.



The President of the Allagash Moosetown Riders after Greg and Larry helped right his sled and drag after he rolled them.

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EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Club General Meeting

March 28, 2023 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 pm

3 of 4 Officers present – Missing Mike ; 4 of 6 BOD Members present. Missing John B, Bob B

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

21 total including the 3 Officers and 4 BOD members.

Secretary's REPORT:

Accepted as read.

Last Club General Meeting was February 9, 2023

TREASURERS REPORT:

Accepted as read.

Current balance - \$6,339.26

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. 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! The drawing is scheduled for April 13, 2023 at the SAM Annual meeting. 355 tickets sold so far. This is our highest total ever. The club should receive approximately \$1,000 in proceeds from SAM for our efforts. This is well above the amount we budgeted.

50/50 Raffle – The plan was to conduct a 50/50 raffle., however plans change. It never happened.

SAM Meeting – Greg reported that this year has been a year in transition for SAM as all new officers were voted in this year, they lost their executive director, Rena, and they lost their lobbyist (not state certified), etc . They are still in the black financially despite the lean snow year. Next SAM Expo to be held at the Big E on November 25, 2023. SAM Annual Meeting including elections to be held at B Bullets on April 13 at 7pm. Prime Rib meal. Report accepted as read. BOD increased by one to 7 members due to increased membership. The final ballot was handed out to all 21 members in attendance for voting. The ballot included all incumbents except for Chris A who resigned as a BOD member to run for the office of Secretary and Keith G, a new nominee for BOD. This was no nominee for the 7th BOD position. The final ballot contained the following names: Officers: President - Mike N / Vice President – Greg C / Treasurer – Larry M / Secretary – Chris A(NEW) BOD Members: John B, Gary L, John S, Paul T, Bob B; Keith G(NEW), Write in for the 7th BOD member(NEW)

Election results – All 4 officers were elected and all 6 BOD members were elected. There was no candidate for the 7th BOD position.

Final Banquet –It will be held at the Bolton tavern in Marlboro MA on April 29, 2023. Cost is \$20 per person with the club picking up the remainder of the costs. Cocktail hour begins at 6pm with dinner scheduled for 7 pm. Sign ups going well – 23 members have signed up so far.

Mike N – Mike plans to attend the final banquet. We're all looking forward to seeing him

Photo Contest – BOD voted at an earlier meeting tonight to cancel the photo contest for this year. The BOD recognizes that this years rules are not clear. They voted to reinstitute the photo contest next season with the appropriate revised guidance.

Trips – A few hardy ERSC members are still riding. Paul T, Mark C and John F plan to ride in NH next weekend

Next Club Meeting – The next club meeting will be the first meeting of next season currently scheduled for October 10, 2023. Please plan to attend the Final Banquet.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:56 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, 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.

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