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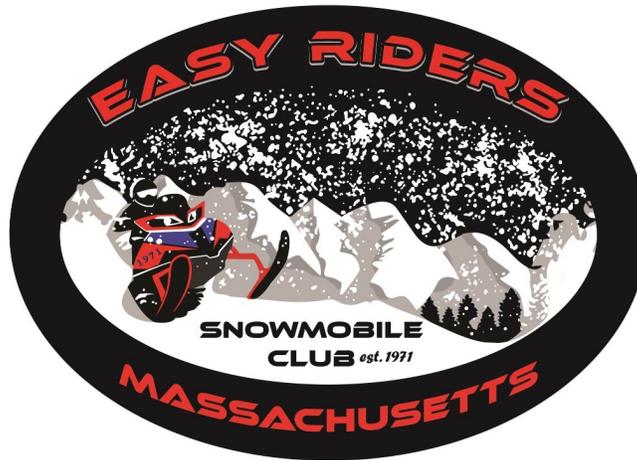
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# A Letter from the President

Greetings Easy Riders! Winter is finally here and we are through the holidays, though it appears winter is off to a slow start. Hopefully that will change soon, considering our first trip of the new season is only days away. The Fort Kent Trip, coordinated by Bob Cavicchio, has been a club first trip tradition for many years and is always well attended. Another trip planned is to Millinocket on Presidents Day weekend where some of our members are staying at NEOC and others at the Baxter Inn. I'm sure there will be other trips planned once we get snow. Check the Club News page on our website for information on all our trips.

At our January meeting on 01/09/2024, we will be drawing the winning tickets for the two raffles we are holding. Please bring any sold tickets to the meeting. Remember this is our main fundraiser, so buy, sell, do what you can. I would also like to thank everyone that helped out at the Sled Expo manning the booth, selling raffle tickets and other club items. We couldn't do it without the volunteers. Thanks again!

While I'm thanking people, I can't forget to thank Gary and Kellie Lapierre for hosting the Christmas party again this year. Thank You!

I took the opportunity to attend the December SAM meeting with Larry and Greg to see how things are done on the state level. The meeting was well attended and very informative. It was also nice to meet some new people and see some old faces from the past.

Well, it won't be long now before we hit the trails. Please make sure your snowmobile and trailer are maintained and safe. Be sure to ride to the right and don't ride above your ability. Check your gear before you go on a trip to make sure everything you need is there and in good working condition. Remember to check your carbide runners for wear and make sure you have a spare belt that is in good condition.

I'll see you at a meeting or on the trail.

Keep Right, Keep Safe!

Mike Nicoli

President

## **TRIPS PLANNED FOR THIS 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 may be full. Check with Chris. We suggest Baxter Park Inn for any 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

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loop back to Baie Comeau to catch the ferry back. This trip is 7 days of riding plus the two travel days to and from Ft. Kent. This trip was almost a no go... The trail thru a Reservation had been closed and the new relocated trail will not be ready in time for this season. Thankfully, an agreement has been made that will allow the trail to go thru the reservation this season at a reduced speed.

### **Saint Donat Quebec** - March 5th to the 11th.

This trip is 5 days of riding plus 2 travel days to and from St. Donat. St. Donat is appx one and a half hours north of Montreal. Several club members have ridden in the area before, but it has been a while. We will be staying the entire time in a small quaint boutique style hotel on a side street in the center of town. Last we knew there was one apartment type room still available. This apartment has 2 bedrooms plus a fold out bed in the living room and would be perfect for 3 people. Our plan is to do day loops in different directions coming back to town each night and hopefully trying out several different restaurants.

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# Your SledExpo crews



## Photos from the SledExpo



Just had to post this one, with the Arctic Cat sign. Lol. Larry....



Antique sled display  
down the center of the  
hall.



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

January 9th, 2024	Club meeting & Raffle drawings
January 11th-15th 2024	Fort Kent MLK weekend trip
January 26th-28th 2024 (12 for more information)	Vermont \$25.00 wknd. (see pg
February 3rd-4th, 2024 (page 12 for more information)	Quebec Free Weekend (see
February 5th-13th 2024	Quebec saddlebag trip
February 13, 2024	Club Meeting
February 15th-19th 2024	Millinocket trip
February 16th-19th 2024	New Brunswick (low cost week- end, (See page 12 for more information)
March 1st-3rd, 2024	New Hampshire Free weekend
March 5th-11th 2024	St. Donat Quebec Trip
March 8th-10th, 2024	Maine free weekend
March 12th, 2024	Club meeting
April 27th, 2024	End of the season Banquet (Tentative date)

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## **— DIRECTIONS —**

**FROM ROUTE 20 East of Marlborough.** Proceed West on Route 20 through Marlborough center and onto Interstate 495 north. Then follow the Interstate 495 directions below.

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

**FROM INTERSTATE 495 North or South,** Take Exit 65A toward Route 85 Hudson. At the first set of traffic lights take a right on to Fitchburg St. The Marlborough Moose is about 1/2 mile on left.

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## Christmas party photos





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the Saguenay River**



**Bridge crossing on  
the north shore of  
the St. Lawrence.  
Heading back to  
catch the return  
ferry.**

**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**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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