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A Letter from the President

Hello Easy Riders!

With the recent warm up and rain, it looks like our riding season is over in northern New England. Unless we get hit by a big storm. At least most of us have had some good riding in this shortened season.

Other than a short riding season, the club has had a successful year and we are in good shape financially thanks to the two raffles we held earlier this year and keeping expenses within budget. The membership numbers remain strong as well as involvement from the members. We were able to get our new website developed and online at a minimal expense this year. It was long overdue. The End of Season Banquet has been planned for April 27th at La Cantina in Framingham. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please make plans to attend the banquet, it's always a good way to cap off the season.

Lastly I would like to thank all the club officers and the board of directors for the work they do to keep this club running smoothly. Thank you!

Ride Right, Ride Safe!

Mike Nicoli

President

END OF THE SEASON BANQUET



911 Waverly St., Framingham, MA 01702

Date: April 27th, 2024

Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner Buffet at 7:00

Reservation cut off is April 15th, 2024

*****MENU*****

Hors-D'Oeuvres -- Cheese, Fruit & Crackers.

**Meal includes Garden Salad, Bread, Butter
and Coffee.**

Entrées -- Roast Porchetta & Chicken Parm.

**Sides -- Penne with Marinara Sauce &
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**Desert -- Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate
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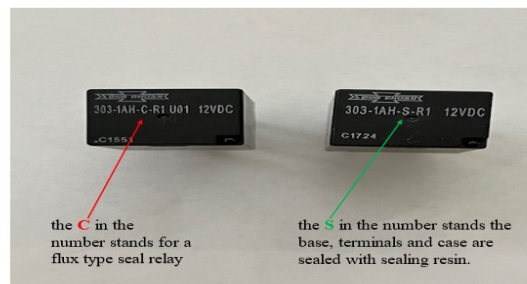
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Relays issues, the real story

By Paul Theroux

Most snowmobiles have flux-resistance type Song Chaun Relays. Because of this, on the recent Millinocket trip, we had two sleds that wouldn't start. This type of relay will let moisture in and when it gets below freezing, they freeze, thus not allowing the contacts in the relay to move and make a connection to turn the sled on. You can tell you have this issue when you try to start the sled and the dash doesn't light up. To get the relays to work, if you can remove them and hold them in your hand for about 10 minutes, they should thaw out. If you can't remove them, try putting a chemical hand warmer on the relays. It should take about 15 minutes for the relays to thaw out with the chemical hand warmers. Another option would be to use a hair dryer.

To tell what type of relays your sled has, look at the number on the relay. In these examples, 303-1AH-C-R1 or 303-1AH-C-12VDC-11, the C in the number stands for a flux type seal relay which will let moisture in. For 303-1AH-S-R1 or 303-1AH-S-12VDC-11, the S in the number indicates that the terminals and case are sealed with sealing resin, not allowing moisture in. So, if you have the flux type relay and want to change them over to the resin type all you need do is change the C to a S in the number and order that number. This is where I buy my relays.



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FEBRUARY QUEBEC TOUR



Day 1, Lunch at Mt. Biencourt.



Day 2, Inside Matane, Baie Comeau Ferry.



Day 2, Worlds highest snowmobile bridge.



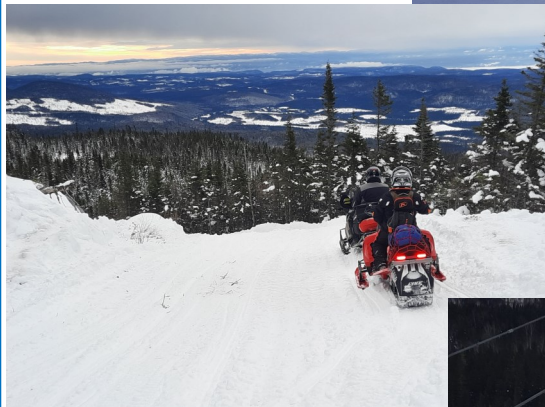
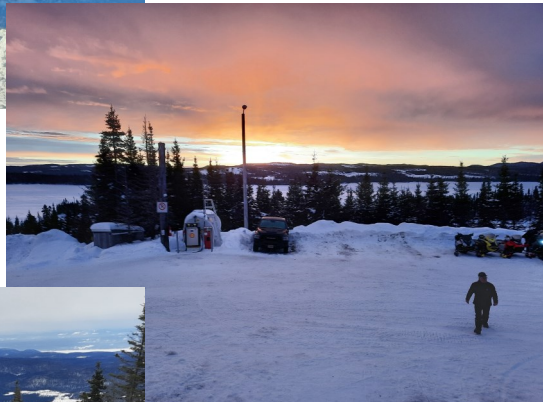
Day 3, View from top of Mt. Sainte-Marguerite.

FEBRUARY QUEBEC TOUR



**Day 3, Top of Mont. Sainte-Marguerite
Steve, Mark, Tony,
Ron & Tom (Larry
taking picture).**

**Day 4, Sunrise at
Auberge Du km 31.**



**Day 4, Top of a 2nd
mountain not far
from Auberge km 31.**

**Day 4, Picture of the
bridge at the 49th
Parallel.**

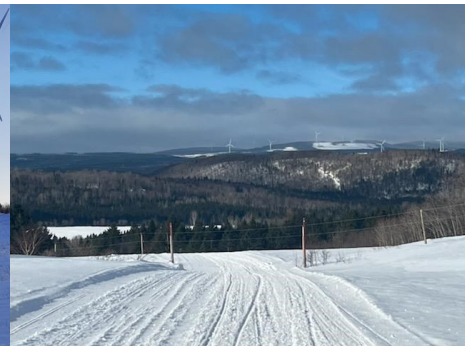


FEBRUARY QUEBEC TOUR

**Day 5, free ferry crossing
the Saguenay river.**



Day 6, heading for the return ferry.



Day 7, last leg, Ft. Kent via Moose Valley.

UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS*

March 1st-3rd, 2024	New Hampshire Free weekend
March 8th-10th, 2024	Maine free weekend
March 12th, 2024	Club meeting (ELECTIONS)
April 23, 2024	Board Meeting
April 27th, 2024	End of the season Banquet
May 28th, 2024	Board Meeting

* all dates subject to change

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

A sled must be present in the picture. All members of the club are eligible. Pictures must be posted no later than April 23rd to either our Facebook page or one of our group pages.

At the board meeting on April 23rd we will review all photos that were posted and pick 5 that will be voted on by those attending the End of the Season Banquet.

The winner will receive \$100.00



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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.

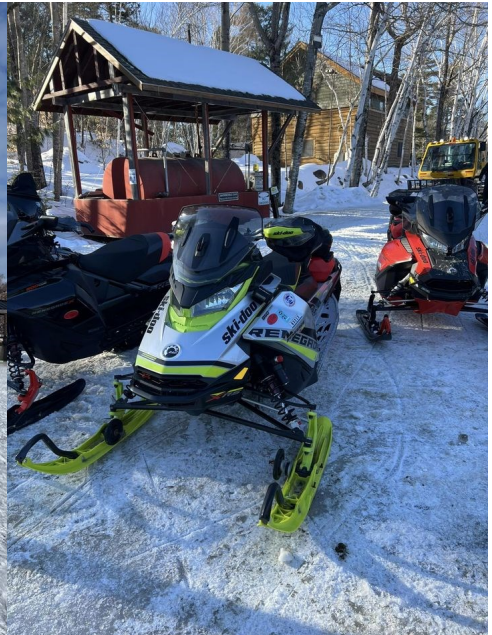
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ELECTIONS

**Officers and director nominations
for 2024/2025 season. Elections
will be held at the March Meeting.**

President	Mike Nicoli
Vice President	Greg Conlan
Secretary	Chris Arena
Treasurer	Larry McCullough

Directors -- (6 positions available)

Gary LaPierre

Bob Baker

Donna Fregoe

Paul Theroux

John Shea

Mark Carrier

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) _____
Address _____ e-mail: _____
City, State & Zip _____ Telephone(____) _____ home
Telephone(____) _____ cell

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.)

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Printed Name _____
Address _____ e-mail: _____
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