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A Letter from the President

Greetings Easy Riders.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Now that winter has arrived it won't be long before we are on the trail. The Fort Kent Trip, Jan 13th - 20th, coordinated by Bob Cavicchio, will be our first trip of the new year. We will be staying at the Northern Door again this year. The next planned trip is being coordinated by Larry McCullough and is going to be a 5 day Maine/ Canada loop starting in Jackman, dates are Feb 11th - 17th. The following trip, coordinated by Chris Arena, is to Millinocket on Presidents Day weekend, Feb 13th - Feb 17th. Some of our members will be staying at NEOC and others are staying at the Baxter Inn. Greg is currently planning a trip for Feb 26th through March 4th. This trip will be a Canadian loop trip starting in Fort Kent. Check the latest edition of the newsletter or visit the Club News page on our website for more information on all our trips.

SAM held their raffle drawing on November 24th, the winner was from CT and took the trailer. I would like to thank all the members that sold or bought tickets as this is our largest fund raiser. We also had a booth at the SAM Sled Expo again this year to promote the club, thank you to those that volunteered to man the booth.

Club membership is down this year. We need to figure out how to retain current members and attract new members. If you have any ideas, bring them up at a club meeting or send us an email. With the recent news about Arctic Cat and the excessive left-over inventories of the other manufacturers, we are going to need some good winters and improvements to the economy to turn things around. We'll see what 2025 brings.

As always, make sure your sled trailer and tow vehicle are in good working order before you head out on a trip. Check the condition of your gear and the proper operation of your safety equipment. Let's have a fun, a safe season and make sure you take plenty of pictures to submit to the photo contest. The winner will be announced at the year-end banquet.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS*

Jan. 14th, 2025	Club Meeting
Jan. 15th - 20th, 2025	Annual Ft. Kent Trip
Jan. 28th, 2025	Board Meeting
Feb. 11th, 2025	Club Meeting
Feb. 11th - 17th, 2025	Larry's ME/CA loop trip
Feb. 13th - 17th, 2025	Chris A's trip to Millinocket
Feb. 14th - 17th, 2025	New Brunswick \$50.00 pass weekend
Feb 25th, 2025	Board Meeting
Feb 26th - Mar. 4th 2025	Greg's CA loop trip
Mar. 11th, 2025	Club Meeting (Elections)
Mar. 25th, 2025	Board Meeting
Apr. 22nd, 2025	Board Meeting
Apr. 26th, 2025	End of the season Banquet (tentative)
May. 27th, 2025	Board Meeting

- all dates subject to change

ANNUAL BANQUET

Time to start thinking about a location for the Annual Banquet. So, looking for suggestions as to where we can meet. Preferably in and around Marlborough.

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MEMBER PLANNED TRIPS

Fort Kent

Bob C's annual 1st trip of the season is January 15th to the 20th, 2025. We will again be staying at the Northern Door Inn. twenty rooms are on hold for the club. Make sure you let them know you are taking one of these rooms when you call to make your reservations. Come when you can, leave when you must.

Maine /Canada loop

Larry is organizing this trip. The dates are Feb 11th - 17th, 2025. This loop starts in Jackman. Our loop will have us stopping in Millinocket, Ft. Kent, Rimouski and La Pocatiere before ending up back in Jackman. The ride to Millinocket will go thru Pittston Farms, NE Carry, Kokadjo and the Jo/Mary system. Fort Kent to Rimouski will include a stop at Moose Valley.

Millinocket

Chris A and Gary L's trip to Millinocket will be Feb. 13th - 17th, 2025. They have rented a cabin at NEOC that is currently full. Overflow persons will be staying at the Baxter Park Inn. Here in central Maine there are lots of location to head off to. Almost always on the agenda is a trip out to the Trains.

Canada loop (parts of the Gaspee)

This trip is being organized by Greg and will run from Feb 26th to March 4th . This loop starts in Ft. Kent with day 1 travel to Campbellton (via Moose Valley). Day 2 will be a loop ride day south of Campbellton. Day 3 starts with a truck ferry across the bridge into Quebec then riding to Chandler. The following day we will head north thru Murdochville to St. Anne de Monte, then on to Rimouski before returning to Ft. Kent.

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SAM SHOW

EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
Club Meeting
11/12/24
7:00pm



Call to order-7:38

Member Attendance: 24

Club open house

Board/ officer attendance:

Board members 3 out of 6 present. Missing Bob B. Donna, John S. Four out of 4 officers present.

Secretary's Report: Chris read notes from Oct. 8th. Club meeting 2024 at the Moose Lodge. Accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Larry. Current balance = \$5,826.80. Accepted as read.

Sam Update: SAM voting on to have meetings by Zoom or in person. SAM X-mas party to be at Sheldon Falls location, all are welcome to attend. Also doing toys for tots drive. Voting on new budget. SAM Snowmobile show to have 45 booths. SAM to offer a 3-day (in a row) riding pass for \$50.00.

New news: ERSC received a letter from PFC Keely Walsh Memorial Ride for Veterans held last spring, and personally thanked Mike N. with his help with the ride. The ride raised \$9,600.00 for the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center and the new Veterans homeless shelter that they are building. ERSC X-mas party with be held at the Moose Lodge on Dec. 12th. Pot-luck dinner, bar tender, and yankee swap. We also held the club's open house. John Anderson won the 99 Restaurant gift card for \$50

Motion to adjourn: 8:12

EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
Club Meeting
12/10/24
7:00pm

Call to order-7:07

Member Attendance: 14

Board/ officer attendance:

Board members 3 out of 6 present missing. Bob B. Donna, John S. Four out of 4 offices present.

Secretary's Report: Chris read notes from Nov. 12th. 2024. Club meeting at the Moose Lodge. Accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Larry. Current balance = \$4,977.48. Accepted as read.

SAM Update: SAM is working on trail issues in Colebrook regarding Trail 71, problems with land owner. SAM to have their X-Mas party on Thursday all are welcome. Starting in Jan., SAM to have a 3 day pass available. Now you can get from Winsor to Greylock by way of trail 90. Sled Expo went well; attendance was down but sales were good. Man from CT. won Snowmobile trailer. Early bird trail pass ends on Dec. 15th.

New news: Trips: Bob C. to have Presidents Day trip in Jan. to Fort Kent Maine. You can make reservations at the Northern Door Motel in Fort Kent, 20 rooms have been blocked off for ERSC. Chris Arena to have Millinocket trip from Feb 13th to 17th, at the NEOC in Millinocket. All are welcome but will have to find lodging. Larry M. to have a back packing trip Feb. 11th to 17th starting in Jackman and ending in Jackman with part of the trip riding through Canada 5 days of riding and 7 days total travel. Greg C. to have a trip Feb. 26th to March 5th. Starting in Fort Kent and total 1100+ miles round trip. Nine people going to Yellowstone Jan. 25th.to Feb. 4th.

Motion to adjourn: 7:40

IT'S ALWAYS OPEN HOUSE at the
EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB of
MARLBOROUGH

67 Fitchburg Street. Marlborough

If you think you might like to join, or if you are curious, you are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings as our guest. We hold our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month October through March, at 7:00 PM. at the Marlborough Moose Family Center - Post 1129.

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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.

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