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A Letter from the President

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. As we enter the fall season it is time once again to start thinking about the sport we all enjoy, snowmobiling. The Board of directors will be holding it's first meeting on September 22nd in order to get this season's planning under way. I'm so looking forward to getting things started.

First off, we need to finalize our fund-raising plan for the 26/27 season. During our April board meeting we agreed to hold a cash raffle this year with a prize of \$1,000.00. We will be printing 300 tickets and we will need the help of the membership to make the raffle a success.

Next, we will be looking for volunteers to man our booth at the SAM show on November 21st and 22nd. This is a great opportunity to promote the club and sell raffle tickets.

Next is trips and trip planning for the upcoming season. Bob Cavicchio has booked 20 rooms at the Northern Door Inn, in Ft. Kent Maine for our first trip of the season on January 14th-18th. The rooms can be booked now. As far as any other trips, I know Larry is planning a trip into New Brunswick and Quebec later in January. An email was sent earlier with all the details. We are still looking for trip coordinators for President's weekend and any other weekends or weekdays during the winter. Let us know if you're interested and we will assist in any way we can.

Last but not least, this will be my last year as president and we are looking for new leadership with energy and fresh ideas. I hope we can find the right person to hand the gavel over to. If you have any interest in the position, let me know and I will always be available to mentor and advise.

I hope to see everyone at our October meeting and let's have a great 26/27 snowmobiling season.

Best Regards,
Mike Nicoli

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Bobby Dodge - Mr. Vintage

By Mike Nicoli



I first met Bobby Dodge at a Spencer Snowbirds Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap meet back in the late 90's. My dad and I were pretty involved in the vintage snowmobile scene at that time and attended the event to display a few of the 70's vintage sleds we had collected and restored. Bobby was one of the judges and while he was inspecting our sleds, we got talking with him. We were so impressed with his knowledge and how friendly he was that it evolved into a friendship that would last for over 30 years.

A promotional poster for the NHSA Race Into Winter 2026 event. The poster features a stylized illustration of a snowmobiler in a red and blue suit riding a snowmobile. The text "NHSA" is at the top in a large, bold font. Below it, "RACE INTO WINTER" is written in a large, stylized font with red and blue accents. The year "2026" and "FREMONT NH" are also prominently displayed. The event dates "OCTOBER 9-10-11" are listed, along with ticket prices: "BIGGEST SNOWMOBILE EVENT IN THE EAST", "FRIDAY 12PM-9PM \$30 | SATURDAY 9AM-6PM \$30 | SUNDAY 9AM-4PM \$30", and "WEEKEND PASS \$65 | CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE". At the bottom, there is a list of activities and vendors, and the location "BROOKVALE PINES FARM • 154 MARTIN RD • FREMONT NH" with the website "nhgrassdrags.com".

Over the next several years we continued to attend various vintage shows and events, strengthening our relationship with Bobby and the vintage community.

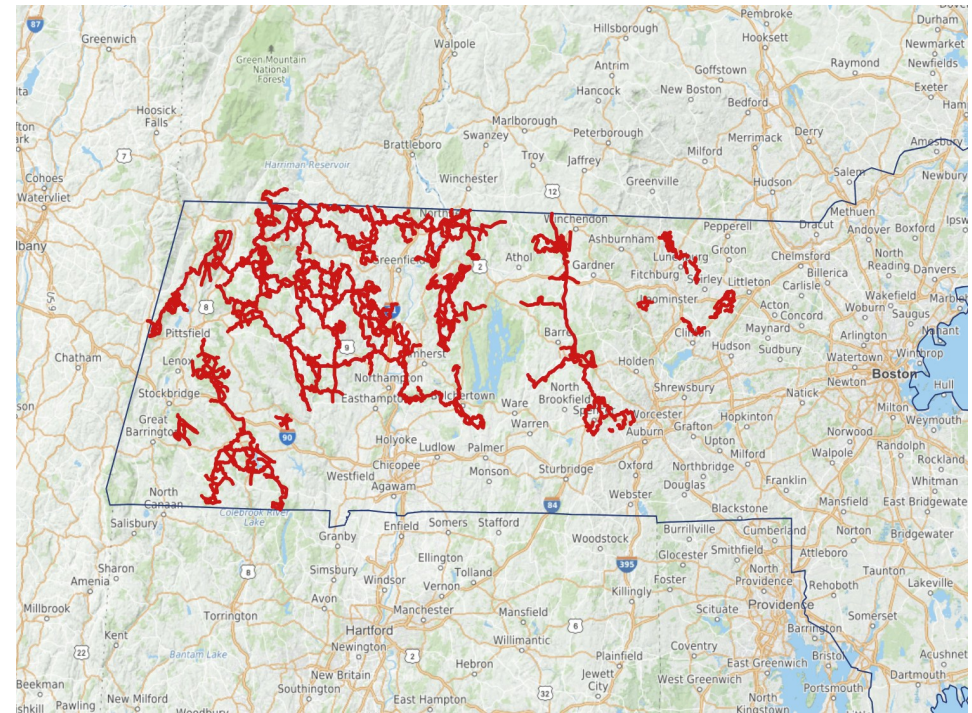
At the time, the Easy Riders were looking for fundraising ideas and Bobby recommended we put on a show & swap. He even offered to help us along with his team and following of enthusiasts. I brought the idea back to the club and this was the start of the Easy Riders Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meets. The club members worked hard to secure sponsors, vendors and a location. We were very fortunate to be able to secure the Bolton Fair Ground for our event.

Bobby and his team were instrumental in the success of the event, providing Judging and spreading the word to his following of vintage snowmobile enthusiasts. We ran the event for several years before the club decided not to continue due to low turnout, economics and lack of volunteers.

However, Bobby continued his passion and moved onto other shows in NY, where the hobby remained strong. He eventually became a driving force for the NH Snowmobile Museum Association and could be found at all of their events.

Sadly, Bobby passed away due to a medical condition at the NHSMA winter vintage ride and show last February doing what he loved, riding a vintage snowmobile. Rest easy old friend and thank you for the memories.

MASSACHUSETTS TRAIL SYSTEM



MAINE SNOWMOBILE SHOW



UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS*

Sep. 22, 2026	Board Meeting
Oct. 9 - 11, 2026	New Hampshire Grass Drags
Oct. 13, 2026	1st Club Meeting of the Season
Oct. 23 - 25, 2026	Maine Snowmobile Show
Oct. 27, 2026	Board Meeting
Nov. 10, 2026	Open House Meeting
Nov. 21 - 22, 2026	SAM Expo @ the Big E
Nov. 24, 2026	Board Meeting
Dec. 8, 2026	Club Meeting
Dec. 22, 2026	Board Meeting (tentative date)
Jan. 12, 2027	Club Meeting
Jan. 14 - 18, 2027	Bob's Annual Ft. Kent Trip
Jan. 26, 2027	Board Meeting
Jan. 27 - Feb 3, 2027	NB/Que loop trip (tentative)
Feb. 9, 2027	Club Meeting (nominations)
Feb. 23, 2027	Board Meeting
Mar. 9, 2027	Club Meeting (elections)
Mar. 23, 2027	Board Meeting
Apr. 17, 2027	EOS Banquet (tentative date)
Apr. 27, 2027	Board Meeting
May 25, 2027	Board Meeting

* all dates subject to change



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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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Registrations are valid for two years for residents and one year for non-residents.

- \$44 for MA residents - 2 yr sticker
- \$33 for non-residents - annual sticker
- \$44 for vintage snowmobile - each sled, one time fee
- \$16.50 - transfer to another vehicle
- \$5.50 - duplicate sticker

Out-of-state OHV registrations are not valid in Massachusetts.

You may register by mail or in person at a **registration office**.

Registration **renewal** may also be done through the **MEP OHV Online Registration System**.

You will need to provide:

- Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (if vehicle was purchased new)
 - Vehicle identification number
 - Required fee
 - **Properly completed and signed application form**
 - Bill of sale
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- Proof of payment of sales tax. For a purchase from a dealership the sales tax is normally collected by the dealer at the time of sale. For a private party sale, you can pay the tax in person or online.
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- Note that the sales tax is NOT payable to MEP but to the Mass Dept of Revenue, a totally separate transaction and department.
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- Also note that to avoid interest and penalties, the sales tax must be paid by the 20th day of the month AFTER the date of sale for in-state purchases (sales tax). For out-of-state purchases (use tax), it is the 20th day of the month AFTER the date that the vehicle entered Massachusetts. *Please keep these due dates in mind in regards to the date on your bill of sale....if you present a bill of sale with a date from a year ago, they are not going to listen to your reasons why you haven't paid the sales tax yet, they are going to charge you interest and penalties for being a year late. The DOR does not negotiate.* MA sales tax could still apply to out-of-state purchases if the sales tax paid in another state was less than 6.25%. To be considered "purchased for use within the state (use tax)", the vehicle does NOT need to be used only, or even primarily in Massachusetts if brought into the state within 6 months of the sale. For more information on use tax paid out-of-state, visit **TIR 03-1**. For more information about the "6 month rule", visit **Directive 87-3**. After receiving the appropriate documents and registration fee, the state will issue registration decals and a registration card containing the vehicle number. It is illegal to operate an OHV unless in possession of the OHV registration decals and card.

The registration card must be carried on the vehicle and made available for inspection by law enforcement officers and property owners.

- The registration decals must be affixed on both sides of the forward half of the OHV.
- The registration decal that indicates the year of expiration must be affixed on the left side of the OHV.
- The left side is determined from the viewpoint of the operator when seated and facing forward.

The decals and registration number must be clearly visible and not obstructed.

OHVs used exclusively for agricultural, forestry, lumbering, or construction purposes must also be registered. However, owners may apply for a **fee exemption. If you have questions about the fee exemption, contact your local **Massachusetts Environmental Police registration office**.



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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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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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