



KEMPTVILLE SNOWMOBILE KLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dale Walt

What a crazy year it has been for the Kemptville Snowmobile Klub. We have been working all 4 of the seasons on everything from preparing trails, applying for grants, signing a lease with the City of Ottawa to open the abandoned rail bed from just south of Albion road to the 416 and of course hosting the AGM convention for the OFSC where over 450 people attended. With all of this comes the need for manpower, which we are always on the lookout for and fundraising to support the clubs activities.

Anyone who feels they can lend a hand from a couple hours marking a trail to administrative duties is welcome to come out to one of our meetings held every 2 weeks to get to know some of the members in our club or just sit in and find out what is happening this year for some of our upcoming events.

One way the club raises funds is through the District 1 Yamaha snowmobile raffle. If you are interested in purchasing tickets they will be available from club volunteers for sale, or if you are interested in selling I can be contacted. Another method that the club was able to raise funds last year was through the Bombardier Recreational Products Million Dollar Program where BRP donated \$10 per club member that fills a ballot and drops it off at a local Ski-Doo dealer. Last year we earned the maximum which was \$1500 and BRP has extended the program to clubs again this year. This is the easiest money the club is able to raise with a little effort from its club members. I ask that you fill out the form provided and ensure you put down the Kemptville Snowmobile Klub as your local club as this is money that BRP is giving to clubs that goes directly back into our trail system.

Snowmobile passes have increased in price! This year a pass will be \$200 up to and including Dec 1st and \$250 after. This is the first increase in passes in five years. One thing that the OFSC has introduced this year was the Classic pass that allows owners of snowmobiles 15 years old or older to purchase a pass for the discounted rate of \$125. This is one of the incentives the OFSC has introduced to get new snowmobilers on the trails. To acquire one of these classic passes, they must be purchased through the District Office. There is a form located at <http://ofsc.on.ca/Downloads/Permits/ClassicPermitOrderForm.pdf> that the owner must fill out and can be faxed to the office with a copy of your ownership. Hopefully this will entice people that are interested in trying snowmobiling or get the snowmobiler with the older sled they have sitting around back onto the trails

Lastly, I would like to thank all the volunteers and landowners. Without these people this great sport would not be what it is today.

Sled safe, and respect the property we ride on.

Every Member can earn the Klub \$10 – it's simple!

Again this year, Skidoo (BRP) is offering a great opportunity for clubs to earn \$10. per member. All you have to do is fill in the attached ballot in the LGSA newsletter and go to your local Ski-Doo dealer. Here is how the deal works, for every ballot entered into a BRP dealer, BRP will give our club \$10.00 back up to a maximum of \$1500. This offer is only good till **November 15**, so please make every effort to go to a Ski-Doo dealer and drop off your ballot.

Here is a list of Skidoo dealers in Eastern Ontario:

Jim's Performance, Iroquois;
Carson's, Perth; Loiselle Sports, Embrun; George's Marine & Sports, Ottawa and Eganville; Cartronics, Napanee; Shepherd Motors, Alexandria; Quesnel RV, Hawkesbury.

Volunteer Appreciation Night!

by Ann Robinson

On April 15 at our Volunteer Appreciation Night some volunteers were recognized for their work in the past year. Again on October 15 at the District 1 Volunteer Appreciation Night, Kemptville Snowmobile Klub members, Tim Lennox was honoured as Volunteer of the Year, Ross & Frances Beatty were honoured as the Family of the Year, and Rookie of the Year went to Richard McKenny. Congratulations!

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Open House

On Sunday, **November 29**, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the clubhouse (corner of Patterson's Corners Road and O'Neil Road) we will be hosting an open house. Trail permits will be on sale at the pre-December 1 price of \$200. After December 1 price goes to \$250. Everyone is invited to bring their excess snowmobile equipment (helmets, boots, suits, trailers, sleds, etc.) to sell (No cost to the seller).

Landowner's Dinner

The landowner's dinner will be held on Sunday, **November 22** at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Kemptville. This is a "THANK-YOU" to all our landowners who allow us to cross their property. While traveling on the trails, please respect their property so we can continue to enjoy our sport. If you can help with the dinner please contact Dave & Heather Burns at 258-4005.

OFSC President's BBQ

The annual BBQ was held August 18 with about 145 people in attendance. Kemptville Klub Member, Tim Lennox his sister, Eadie and friend, Bob entertained everyone in the afternoon. Speeches and special presentations were made. A big chicken bbq was enjoyed by all. The proceeds of the day will be used on trail work this fall. There were people in attendance from Toronto, Belleville, Ottawa, Dalhousie, Quebec, Moose Creek, Brockville and local areas. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped.

Trails *by Dave Burns*

Fall is here and trail work is starting. Lots of brushing and trimming to do. If you have a trail near your home, please call Dave Burns at (613) 258-4005 to see what needs to be done. There are other trails that also require work, so be sure to call Dave, Marty at 258-4347 or Bruce at 258-3648. We would like to say we have some of the nicest trails in District 1, but we can only do it with your help. Hope to see you on the trails before the snow is on the ground. All the time put in preparing trails makes riding that much safer and nicer for this winter.



Volunteers Wanted!

by Ann Robinson

The Kemptville Snowmobile Klub provides many fun activities for its members. These members are the volunteers of the club. The KSK is a volunteer club. It takes many volunteers to brush the trails, to sign the trails, to build bridges on the trails to make the trails safe for your riding pleasure. It takes volunteers to help with the Landowner's Dinner -- make phone calls, order-up pies, set-up and tear down the dinner tables and chairs, cook the food, and the list goes on. Then there are catering jobs and ticket selling the club does to make money so the doors of the clubhouse can stay open over the winter for your enjoyment. What about the volunteer hours of those who attend meetings, not just at the club level, but at the Association level, and the District level? As you can see there are many volunteer jobs that can suit your skills and time table. If you can spare even an hour or more please get in touch with me, Ann Robinson, (VIA) Volunteers In Action Coordinator at 613-768-5147 or ann@zip.ca or Dale Walt, 613-258-3947.



Be sure to watch the webpage:
familysnowmobiling.ca/ksk
for updates on activities and information.

Driver Training Course *by Ann Robinson*

Don't just watch this winter – Drive on your own! If you are 12 or older, you can get your Snowmobile Driver's License by pre-registering, on November 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Snowmobile Clubhouse. Pre-registration is necessary to secure your position! \$30 registration fee (cash or cheque) and legal identification of age (birth certificate, baptism certificate or passport) is required at time of pre-registration.

The full-day Driver's Safety Training Course is on **November 22**, 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. For more information, please contact Ann at 613-768-5147 or ann@zip.ca.



TRAIL PERMITS *by Carol Lavigne*

Snowmobile permits are now available.

\$200 by December 1, or \$250 after December 1.

If purchased by November 1, your name goes into an early bird draw for some much-needed GAS CARDS, \$1500 – First prize // \$1000 – 2nd prize // \$500 – 3rd prize - A VERY POPULAR CONTEST THESE DAYS!!

Permit outlets are available at:

License Bureau – Kemptville (258-5765)

Mon-Fri 9-5; Thurs 9-7pm; Sat 9-12

Dillabough's Sales and Service – Merrickville (269-4726) Mon – Fri 9-6pm; Sat 9-5pm

Kemptville Building Centre (KBC) 258-6000

Available from **Carola Walt ONLY**, Mon-Fri 8-5pm

Also available from :

Liz Robinson (258-3648)

Dale Walt (258-3947)

Carol Lavigne (258-4347)

AVAILABLE ONLINE at www.ofsc.on.ca



CLASSIC PERMIT NOW AVAILABLE. If you have a sled that is 1995 or older, you can purchase a trail permit for \$125 from John Boals, District 1 Manager, Box 1432, Morrisburg, ON K0C 1X0 (613) 543-0374, info@district1ofsc.ca



Raffle Tickets

by Dale Walt

There is another District draw that the Kemptville Snowmobile Klub is taking part in. Last year, we sold enough tickets to make \$3000 for the club. This is what keeps our doors open for the winter. It is a win/win situation for the club. For every ticket the club sells we get \$2.50, and we don't have to put any money out to purchase the 2 Yamaha sleds and Triton trailer. The 2 sleds are a Venture GT and Phazer GT with electric start and reverse, and the trailer is a double enclosed Triton trailer. Retail value of the complete package is around \$20,000 and you could win the whole package on December 21, 2009 with one \$5.00 ticket. You can see why we need volunteers to help sell as many tickets as we can. We are planning to sell tickets at Canadian Tire the first 2 weekends in December. If you can spare 2-3 hours to help these 2 weekends or take a book or two and sell them to friends and family, please contact Dale at 258-3947.

Meetings and Minutes

KSK meetings are held every two weeks at 8:00 p.m. at the Kemptville Clubhouse. Next meeting is November 4. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to receive the minutes from the KSK meetings by e-mail, please let Liz know at: berobinson@ripnet.com

KLUB ACTIVITIES

Be sure to post the attached list of activities close to your calendar or on your fridge so you don't miss out on the fun. Also watch the Web Site for updates and last minute events. Please support our volunteers by attending these events and help keep the doors open as some of these events are fund-raisers.

KSK Hosts 2009 OFSC AGM in

OTTAWA

By Liz Robinson



September 10-12, 2009 the Kemptville Snowmobile Klub was proud to host the OFSC 2009 Annual General Meeting and Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ottawa. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this Convention a huge success.

Klub Weekend Away is set for Feb 12-14

By Penny Lennox

Mark on the calendar **February 12-14, 2010**. This year we are going to Pine Ridge Park Resort & Marina, Pembroke. \$35 + tax per person per night sharing a cabin. Call now 1-888-746-3743. Be sure to tell them you are with the KSK. See attached flyer.

A Newbie's Perspective on the OFSC AGM Convention

by Dale Walt

Being my first time at the OFSC Annual General Meeting as a voting delegate, and also on the committee helping organize the event, I was provided with the opportunity to see what is involved in the whole affair. Firstly, it is amazing the amount of time and dedication required in hosting this type of meeting where there was 450+ people who were to be entertained and have a schedule of events for 3 days. Meeting this many people from throughout Ontario who all have a common interest in the sport I am so passionate for, all who were extremely nice and friendly. Each who are there to plan any changes for upcoming years and voice their concerns to better things for all of us involved in snowmobiling. Issues are discussed from the new classic permit introduced this year to upcoming trends in our sport.

It was very motivating to see a club like the Port Perry Snowmobile Club that was awarded the snowmobile club of the year and how they currently have a very dedicated volunteer base and have worked hard to earn this award. They even went as far as producing a very professional looking promotional video that displayed some of their club activities and trail projects to encourage new volunteers. Other awards were given out to volunteers for Volunteer of the Year, Trail Patrol and Family of the Year to name a few. It was great to see the volunteers who work hard at completing the day to day activities in the clubs recognized for the work they do. From the KSK point of view we had volunteers doing everything from organizing the evenings entertainment to setting up displays, registrations and even people that hand made centerpieces for each person at each of tables at the gala dinner. We had the opportunity to enjoy a spectacular meal and entertainment at the Gala Dinner as a reward for all the hard work and seeing everything come together.

On the Friday at the convention we had guest speakers such as Chris Reid from Yamaha, Mark Lester from Supertraxx and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism giving discussions on the future of snowmobiling through upcoming trends, the economy, age groups, and how manufacturers have to spend alot of their R&D money towards upcoming emission standards. The OFSC executive staff also had an opportunity to discuss some new changes they have made to what is referred to as the Matrix to help get \$\$ to clubs that need it. This helps ensure that money goes into trails and is evenly distributed throughout out the trail system in Ontario where some clubs may have a longer season than others.

Saturday delegates were able to put their motions forward on changes they feel would better the clubs who are members of the OFSC and delegates from each club could cast their vote whether they agreed with the motion presented or not. In some cases they would be slightly altered or reviewed for the upcoming AGM next year depending on the outcome of the vote. This was a great way for clubs to be able to voice their thoughts on changes they would like to see in the organization or express their opinion.

In conclusion, it was a very successful weekend and I still get great compliments from people who attended the convention on how well it was organized and smooth everything went.

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