



SnoBusters Trail Tracks

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Woodford, VT 05201

Spring 2017

Club News

New Grooming Sled for the 2017/18 Season

After the 2015/16 "brown winter" there is some money left over from the VAST grooming contract. The SnoBuster's board decided investing that money into grooming equipment makes perfect sense. The sled currently being used for second class trails will come in handy but has seen better days. After a lot of research and several estimates, we found the new Arctic Cat 7000 XT Groomer Special to be the right sled for the job. It comes ready to go and is user friendly, so volunteers will be safe and feel comfortable working with it. [Learn all about it here.](#)

No need to worry about "brown winters" in the future. Mother Nature and I had a talk, and now that she is older and doesn't like the cold as much as she used to, she has agreed to retire to sunny Florida and let her children take over. Rumor has it they are addicted to our trails! Don't waste your sick days.... I have a feeling the Artic-Cat Fever, Polaris Plague, Ski-Doo Flu and the Yamaha Cough will be rolling in next season.

A Special Thank You To



Very Special People Ride



Annual Charity Hot Dog Roast

Jeanne and Gene McKenna and family for

coordinating and hosting the Very Special People Ride. We had 62 participants, and a total of 68 volunteers, caregivers, and law enforcement officers helping to make this incredible opportunity possible.

Gene McKenna and all the volunteers who made The Charity Hot Dog Roast a success. 350 meals were served and \$1000 will be going to local charities. Charities will be announced and donations will be presented at the Annual Meeting and Picnic.

Sign-In Book to begin at the Annual Meeting with 10 Winners a Year

Starting at our Annual Meeting on April 1, 2017 and continuing through our monthly meetings and events, there will be a sign-in book for members. Names will be drawn monthly for logo prizes and at each Annual Meeting, where someone will win their choice of a TMA or clothing package.

[Click here for complete rules.](#)

Spring Bonus

Winter Storm Stella gave us a surprise Spring bonus! After so many trails were forced to be closed, we feared the worst, our season was coming to an end before we even got into March! Stella brought 18-36" of snowfall in two days, giving snowmobilers throughout the Northeast a little extra sled time! We want to thank Snowmobile Vermont-Mount Snow tour operators, and any volunteers who went out during and just after the blizzard to clear the trails. We were able to start grooming operations right away, much to the delight of our trail riders!



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WSB Annual Meeting & Picnic

April 1st at Noon

The WSB Annual Meeting is the perfect time to head up the mountain. We shoot for a productive, yet quick meeting, with a delicious meal to follow. The smell of Dave, Mary Jane and Tommy's cooking keeps everyone on track. Children are welcome and often enjoy running around outside and checking out the groomers.

Meet Your Volunteers

Alain Fradette

When thinking of SnoBuster volunteers, it is usually the groomer operators and trail workers that come to mind, then maybe the board members or people you may see at club sponsored events. We have so many volunteers working behind the scenes, who wouldn't be recognized in a crowd, yet giving hundreds of hours of their personal time to making and keeping the Woodford SnoBusters the largest snowmobile club in Vermont. Al Fradette is one of those volunteers! A few years ago, Al offered to create a website for the WSB's. (If you saw our old website, you know how desperately this was needed!) Since then he has created, maintained and will soon be hosting the SnoBuster website! What a great job he has done! Please [check it out for yourself](#); it has had over 118,000 hits to date. If you like our site, Al can be found at [A.J.L Apps LLC](#).



Thank you, Al, for moving the SnoBusters forward and helping us keep up in this world of rapidly changing technology!

Betty Roark



They say behind every good man is a great woman. Norm Roark was a good man and his contribution to the Woodford SnoBusters was incredible. This is about the great woman who stood behind him. Betty is one of the original six Woodford SnoBuster founders in 1983. Over the next several years the club grew to 5000 members, which as our Membership Director, she had the relentless task of keeping track of. To become a member, our part is filling out a form and mailing it off with a check. Betty's part is folding, stuffing, addressing and mailing all of these forms to you; taking a deep breath before her mailbox begins to overflow; then transferring your information onto each official form, paying VAST their portion, and mailing your TMA's back

by the first snowfall. We don't usually reach 5000 members any more, and technology has helped her work load some, but Betty, now 84 years old, as she has done for almost 35 years, still has many long days of work every season.

Betty's contributions don't stop at Membership! Along with their friends and neighbors, the Cofiell's, Betty and Norm donated the land that the Woodford SnoBusters Maintenance Facility sits on; she continues to host our Trail Clearer's Breakfast every October; cooking and volunteering at our SnoBuster charity events; spending countless hours co-piloting in the groomer, and any person attending a board meeting will check for her desserts as soon as they walk in the door.

Betty's dedication to the club is just a piece of her. A caring wife for 61 years until Norm's unexpected passing, a mother and grandmother, somehow she manages to find a way to do it all. There are many examples of Betty's loving and generous nature. The groomer operators knew someone was thinking of them every time they climbed into the groomer, with the comfort of fresh baked cookies, and her voice manning the radio back at "base". It was the nights she wasn't in the groomer which made me smile. Without fail, we would hear her voice come over radio, checking on Norm, making sure he was okay and that he ate his sandwich. (He usually responded, "Only half."). Then she would give him an update on her girls, the UConn Huskies, and sign off. This

reminds me that love can last forever.

In all you done over the years, and continue to do, you have been instrumental in making the Woodford SnoBuster's snowmobile club what it is today! Thank you!

Connecting With Members

Newsletters and E-mail

Woodford SnoBusters will be rolling out newsletters four times a year, using email to keep you up to date. You may unsubscribe or update your preferences using the link below. Just click the boxes that interest you, e.g. newsletter, volunteer opportunities, safety course, etc.

Facebook and Website

Our [Official Facebook page, Woodford SnoBusters of Vermont](#) is growing and providing great opportunities for members to interact with each other. It has been an overwhelmingly positive place to get to know members. If you are not on Facebook you can read our posts at www.snobusters.com. As you saw in the "meet your volunteer's" section, the website is doing great and growing everyday.

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Email us your photos or post them on our Facebook page and you may see them here in the future.

[Woodford SnoBusters Website](#)

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