



BOW PIONEERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

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Introduction

Welcome to the Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club Fall Newsletter! Inside you will find pre-season information and a preview of things to come over the upcoming snowmobiling season.

Information contained in the newsletter may be brief due to space constraints. For further information, please visit our website at www.bowpioneers.org. We update the information on the website as soon as we get it. If you have not already signed up for our forum, please do so. It is a great way to kill some extra time while keeping up to date on club news and events.

A Better Winter?

Well, we know what happened last season. All we can do is hope that this season is better. It can't be any worse, can it? Well I suppose it could be worse, but the weather geek in me thinks it will be better. Club members have been working hard so far this fall trying to get the trails ready for winter. If you haven't had a chance to give the club a few hours on a Saturday morning, there is still time! The ice storm late last winter has done an amazing amount of damage to our trails, and we really need all the help we can get!

We realize that there is still a LOT of work to do out there. Most of our trail work this fall will consist of removing fallen trees, and we will need as much help as we can get. We will literally have to walk every mile of our 70+ miles of trails. Please make the time to get out on the trails with us this fall.

We meet up every Saturday morning at 8:00AM at the Bow Community Bldg, which is adjacent to the fire station. From there we head out on the trails. If there are enough people, we try to spread out in groups to get more work done in the shortest time possible. We are generally done for the day by noon-ish.



How the club works-Pt. 2

In the Spring Newsletter, we talked about the need to educate our club members on the workings of the club. There may be things that are second nature to the active club members that the general membership isn't aware of.

Lesson #1 (from last Spring Newsletter): Send the club an email if you have comments/questions about the club.

Lesson #2: What happens when a landowner takes away access to their land.

Well, if this happens, the club has to find a way to get a new trail from point A to B. This starts with looking at a map and identifying who owns the land in the area. From there we have to seek permission to cut a trail from the particular landowner(s). Once that is obtained, we have to ensure that any permits that are needed are obtained from the state and/or town. Need a bridge to cross a small stream? Yup, there might be a permit for that. Then, in order to build the bridge, we have to raise the funds for that. Some projects are reimbursed from the state via the Grant-In-Aid program. That is a lengthy process. Let me put it this way-there is a TON of paperwork that needs to be completed before the chain saw is fired up. Oh yeah, the chain saw. That's where our membership comes in. We need helping hands to do the work!

A trail can take up hundreds of man-hours to relocate. It really is a lot of work, and not a lot of people do it. So please, respect ALL landowners!

News and Current Events

* Some unforeseen expenses have put us in a difficult financial position. The club needs YOU! That's right...you. We value you as members, and your membership dues help us tremendously. Please take the time and fill out the application to join the club early this fall. The membership application is available right on our website.

*Once you join the club, head on down to your local Ski Doo dealer (HK Powersports-Hooksett, Freedom Cycle-Concord) and fill out the form for the Ski Doo Million Dollar Club Support Program. Ski Doo gives \$10 to the club for every club member that fills out a form! For more info, visit www.ski-doo.com

*The annual club Mum sale was held on Sept 18-19, 2010. Thanks to everyone who purchased our beautiful mums, and thanks to Murray Farms Greenhouse in Penacook for the wonderful flowers.

Thank you Dan and Jodi Weed for all your hard work for this fundraiser!

*Coming up on October 8-10 is the NHSA Grass Drags and Water Crossing Event. You can help your club out by volunteering some time working the event. If you work a full 8 hour day, your club membership this year is FREE! For more info, visit the clubs website, or www.nhgrassdrags.com

*Coming up on Saturday October 16 is the 23rd annual Flea Market. The event starts at 9:00 AM and is being held at HK Powersports 1354 Hooksett Rd. in Hooksett. If you have powersports items, parts or accessories to sell, bring them down! Snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATVs, pretty much anything you can think of. Looking to buy? There is always a lot to pick from! More info on the Flea Market is on the club website.

We can always use a hand, so if you have any free time come on down!

This event is held in conjunction with HK Powersports Open House, and they are offering some great deals during the event! Check out their website at www.hkhooksett.com

Thank you to Taylor Rental of Concord, NH for donating the sign!

Upcoming Events

*Fall 2010

- October 8-10 NHSA Grass Drags
- October 16 Club Flea Market and HK Powersports Open House
- Trail work every Saturday (except 10/16)
- General Meetings third Thursday of every month

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the club, please let us know. We can always use more help, and will take whatever you can give us. Whether it is a one day commitment, or a full season as a club board member or committee chair, we would love to have you! Any interested people please email the club.

Next Season Preview

Hoping that the cold weather will bring us lots of snow. Keep a look out for club rides, and the club overnight trip in February.

About Us

The Bow Pioneers Snowmobile Club is a non-profit organization established in 1972 to promote the fun of family snowmobiling in a safe manner. The club maintains the trail system in parts of the towns of Bow, Dunbarton, Concord and Hopkinton. All are invited to use the trails for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding and mountain bike riding only. In the fall, club members and non-members come together to work on the trail maintenance. The fellowship of our community working together will enhance the enjoyment of living in the region.

*Visit us on the web at www.bowpioneers.org. You can sign up and participate in our online forum, view upcoming events; see minutes from club meetings, and more!

*Got questions/comments? Feel free to email us at bow_pioneers@bowpioneers.org The person hiding behind the email address is Chip Johnson, who is the current Vice President.