

Snow Times

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Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter, all the SVSA trails will be officially open. A late start to the snowmobile season has some sledders riding on unopened or unsafe trails. Caution is urged to everyone to ensure that this season is a safe one.

Next General Meeting – Everyone Welcome!
Monday, January 14th, 2002 8:00 pm
Lions Club, Bonville Ontario

What's New

The SVSA volunteers have been working hard this past summer and fall to provide the best possible trail network for its members. The trails needed to be widened and heightened to accommodate our new groomer. Trail straightening was also done on many parts of the trail system for a safer riding experience.

Topics covered in this newsletter:

- **Land Owner Appreciation Dinner and Fundraiser**
- **Driver Training**
- **Trail Permits**
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Land Owner Appreciation Dinner / Fundraiser

On November 10th, the SVSA held its annual Land Owner Appreciation Dinner. This year's dinner was held at the Cornwall Civic Complex. Almost 400 land owners, snowmobilers and their families attended to make this event the largest and most successful ever.

In previous years, the cost to hold the annual Land Owner Appreciation Dinner was substantial. This year's dinner included an auction which had more than 50 items donated by local businesses and individuals resulting in a profit of more than \$1700 for the association. Thanks to all who

participated! Plans are already in the works to make next year's dinner even bigger and better...

Driver Training

There has been an increased interest this season for driver training sessions in the SVSA area. The first training session was held in late November and there is hope to have another session this season. Driver training is for individuals 12 years and older and training consists of a one-day course. The cost of this training is \$25.00 and includes lunch. 12 participants are required to be registered before a session is scheduled. At the time of printing this newsletter, there were currently 8 students registered, so if you or someone you know is interested, please see contact information below.

Driver Training
Ages 12 years and older
Location: Lions Club, Bonville
Cost: \$25.00 / person (includes lunch)
Date: Not yet scheduled
Contact Angus Hope (613)932-3387
or Mike Poirier (613)937-0670 for information
and registration.

Trail Permits

The following is the fee schedule for Trail Permits:

- **\$160.00** – Regular season permit
- **\$30.00** – One day permit
- **\$90.00** – Seven day permit
- **\$20.00** – Replacement permits

Trail Permits are available at the following locations:

- Casselman Motor Sports - Casselman
- Ron's Service Shop – Moose Creek
- Mike's Service Shop – Crysler
- Monkland Mini Market – Monkland
- Kelly's Sports Bar - Maxville
- Dew Drop Inn – Bonville
- Shanigan's - Martintown
- Robertson's Lawn and Garden Equipment – Cornwall

- Claude's Small Engines – Cornwall
- Irwin Supply – Cornwall
- Brookshell Pontiac Buick Ltd. - Cornwall

At the time of printing this newsletter, the SVSA has issued more than ### trail permits.

Support your snowmobile association and be sure to “Buy Where You Ride”. The SVSA relies primarily on Trail Permit sales to survive.

It is now law in the Province of Ontario for each snowmobile using an OFSC trail to display a valid snowmobile Trail Permit. This requirement applies to OFSC trails on both private and Crown land. The fine for not having a valid permit is a minimum of \$200.00 to a maximum of \$1,000.00.

SVSA Calendar of Events

January 6th, 2002

Blessing of the Snowmobiles & Breakfast

- Lions Club, Bonville
- 9am – 12pm
- Blessing starts @ 12:15pm

January 19th, 2002

Scavenger Hunt

- Registration begins at the Lions Club @ 10:00 am in Bonville and will take snowmobilers all over the SVSA area.
- Prizes awarded.
- Ends at the Lions Club in Bonville with a spaghetti dinner and a dance.
- Cost is \$12.00 / person.

February 16th, 2002

Charity Snow Rally – Snowarama

- Help support the Easter Seal Society
- Registration begins at the Lions Club @ 10:00 am in Bonville and will visit many local establishments along the way.
- Ends at the Lions Club in Bonville with a dinner and a dance.
- Live Band.
- Cost is \$12.00 / person.

Snowarama!

This year's charity of choice for the SVSA annual snow rally is the Easter Seal Society. Easter Seals is dedicated to helping children, youth and young adults with physical disabilities achieve their full individual potential and future independence.

Spend a fun-filled day riding 100+ km of picturesque OFSC groomed trails, earn great prizes and help our kids get the equipment that they need!

Pledge forms for this event are available by contacting Lisette Sloan (613)933-5055 or Louise Renaud (613)736-0799.

Trail Wardens

The SVSA is looking for volunteers who would like to become a Trail Warden. A Trail Warden is a public relations person first and foremost. The mandate is to make certain that all snowmobilers travelling on Prescribed Trails have a valid Snowmobile Trail Permit affixed in the proper place. You have the authority under the Trespass to Property Act to file a Notice of Trespass and proceed with that issuance through the provincial court system; resulting in a conviction.

People interested in the Trail Warden program should contact Greg Villeneuve (613)538-2175.

Trail Work Accomplished

Trail improvements this season has been virtually non-stop from spring until mid-December. Ongoing efforts from SVSA and other local volunteers have made the SVSA trail system a safer and more enjoyable ride.

The work involved in maintaining and expanding the more than 350 km of trails in the SVSA is a tremendous task. This year alone has seen over...

1200 Labour Hours
200 Heavy Equipment Hours

Trail maintenance involves the following and more:

- installing/replacing culverts
- installing/replacing bridges
- chainsaw work
- brushing and clearing
- heavy equipment is needed such as backhoes, highhoe excavators and bulldozers.

Trails don't just come naturally as some might think, they are the result of many years of countless hours of volunteers. Many people underestimate the amount of work involved in our trail system. This is just one reason why non-paying users of the trail, both snowmobile and other recreational vehicles, is a 'slap in the face' to the volunteers and permit paying trail users.

The cost of trail maintenance is one of the biggest expenses for our association. Although we have tremendous support from heavy equipment operators and owners throughout our area we still need more volunteers to help make our trails even better. If you are interested in helping to contribute your time or equipment to our trail system, contact Karl Sloan (613)933-5055 to have your name added to the volunteer contact list.

National Snowmobile Environment Month

January is National Snowmobile Environment Month. For more than 30 years, snowmobilers have been riding with nature and doing our part to keep it beautiful. Today, responsible riding is more important than ever, so please continue to:

Leave Tracks, Not Trash

If you had space to bring it, then respect nature by carrying it out too.

Maintain Your Sled

A well-tuned snowmobile is more environmentally-friendly and reliable.

Protect Wildlife

Animals are more vulnerable in winter, so keep your distance and leave them alone.

Leave it Stock

Refrain from using after market pipes that increase noise and annoy others.

Stay On The Trail

Wherever possible, reduce your environment impact by riding on organized trails.

Respect Sensitive Areas

There are lots of other places to ride, so avoid areas marked as environmentally sensitive or protected.

Embrace New Technologies

Mother Nature appreciates snowmobiles that run even more efficiently and effectively.

Spread the Word

Snowmobiles have improved continuously thanks to oil injection, sound reduction measures, variable height exhaust valves, direct injection, on-board computers and now 4-stroke engines.

For more info, please visit www.ccsso-ccom.ca

Classifieds

Classified ads are free to any SVSA member. Your classified ad will appear in both the Snow Times and the SVSA website. Send your ad to seawayvalley@yahoo.com or to the address on the front of this newsletter. Classified ads should be snowmobile related and include the following:

- Year, Make and Model
- Price
- Contact Information
- Picture (if possible)

Please remember that the Snow Times and the SVSA website are managed on a volunteer basis. We try to make sure that the site is as up-to-date as possible. Please email any comments, suggestions or trail updates to seawayvalley@yahoo.com to help keep our website up-to-date and useful to our members and all snowmobilers that wish to visit our region.

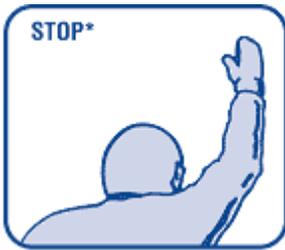
As always, the SVSA Executive Committee expresses its thanks to all members, volunteers and landowners that make this association possible. We wish this season to be a safe and enjoyable one for all snowmobilers and their families.

More Snow! More Snow! More Snow!

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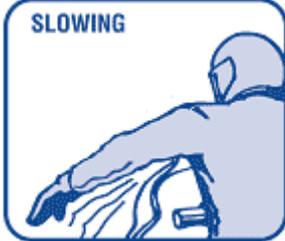
1981 Moto Ski Mirage Special - 377 Fan Cooled. Good Condition. Asking \$950.00 Please contact Russell Barton @ (613)938-0042 email barton@cnwl.igs.net	40 Litres ESSO Snowmobile Oil - I must use synthetic oil in my new machine. \$3.00 / litre. Contact Chuck @ 933-9771
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Nationally Approved Snowmobile Hand Signals



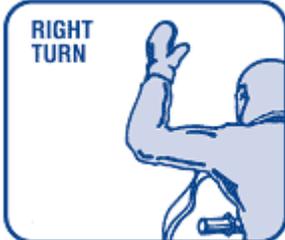
Stop

Arm raised from the shoulder and extended straight up over the head with palm of hand flat. Left arm may also be used to signal "STOP"



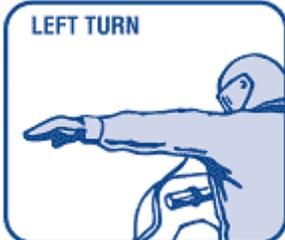
Slowing

Left arm extended out and down from the side of the body with a downward flapping motion of hand to signal warning or caution.



Right Turn

Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical with the palm of the hand flat.



Left Turn

Left arm extended straight out from shoulder and pointing in the direction of the turn.



Last Sled in Line

Raise forearm from handle bar and show clenched fist at shoulder height.



Sleds Following

Arm raised, elbow bent with thumb pointing backward, in a hitch hiking motion move arm forward to backward over your shoulder.



Oncoming Sleds

Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical, wrist bent, move arm from left to right over head, pointing to the right side of trails.