



# Snow Times

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Welcome to the Snow Times! The Snow Times is the Seaway Valley Snowmobile Associations (SVSA) new bi-monthly newsletter. We hope you will find this newsletter an informative source for our association's upcoming events, trail conditions and improvements. It will also touch on the latest issues involving our association and the snowmobile industry.

**Next General Meeting – Everyone Welcome!**  
**Monday, October 22nd, 2001 8:00 pm**  
**Lions Club, Bonville Ontario**

## What's New

The SVSA has undergone many changes over the past summer. Many of these changes, we hope, will provide our membership with both a fresh outlook to snowmobiling in the Seaway Valley, and some of the best snowmobiling trails in Ontario.

The following lists some of the recent changes that have taken place since the snow has melted and other topics that can be found in this newsletter.

- **New Executive Committee** • **New Groomer**
- **Land Owner Appreciation Dinner and Fundraiser**
- **Amalgamation with Moose Creek**
- **Trail Widening and Straightening**
- **Trail Permits** • **New Map/New Logo**
- **New Signs on the Trail** • **SVSA Calendar of Events**
- **Bill 101** • **Driver Training** • **SVSA Website**

## New Executive Committee

A new executive committee was voted in last spring. The SVSA welcomes our new President Michel Carriere. Mr. Carriere would like to thank the past executive committee for all their hard work and dedication over the past year. He also welcomes back some past members to the committee who have already been working hard this summer in preparation for the upcoming season.

The SVSA would like to express their best wishes to all our members and their families and hope that this season will be a safe and entertaining one. A complete list of the SVSA Executive Committee can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

## New Groomer!!

The SVSA has purchased a new groomer for the 2001/2002 season. With funding help from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), the SVSA has purchased a New Holland TM125 tractor and drag. Visit our website for more information and pictures...

This new groomer is NOT a replacement of our old groomer, the Bombardier BR-160. The SVSA will now have two groomers to serve its members and we hope this will solve many of our trail conditioning issues.

## Land Owner Appreciation Dinner/Fundraiser

Let's face it, without the landowners generously allowing snowmobiling to cross their property, there would be no SVSA nor would there even be an OFSC.

Once a year, the SVSA has provided a night to the landowners to show our appreciation of their support of the snowmobiling industry. This year, we hope to have the biggest SVSA landowners appreciation night ever. We hope to have the largest number of landowners attend this event than ever before. To accommodate both the large number of landowners and the snowmobile community, we have decided that this year's event will be held at the Cornwall Civic Complex.

Past years have limited the number of snowmobilers attending the dinner due to lack of space. **This year the invitation goes out to anyone who wishes to attend.** We are looking for your support, so bring out your family and friends for a fun filled evening with many surprises!!

This year's dinner will take place on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and will also be combined with a fundraising event. Individuals or businesses wishing to donate prizes for this event can contact Lisette Sloan at (613)933-5055. We hope to have a silent auction, door prizes, raffle, SVSA merchandise sales, Trail Permit sales and much more...

See the SVSA Calendar of events in this newsletter for more details. Please call any of the executive members listed on the last page of this newsletter to get your tickets!

## Amalgamation with Moose Creek

The SVSA is pleased to announce the amalgamation of the Moose Creek Snowmobile Club with the SVSA. We welcome over 150 new members to the SVSA. This also increases our trail system to over 350 km.

## Trail Widening and Straightening

On going work is being done on our trail system to widen the trail and to take out as many sharp curves as possible.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE  
CONTACT KARL SLOAN (613)933-5055.**

Volunteers are needed on a regular basis. No experience is necessary! We are looking for people with or without equipment to help. Contact Karl to see where you can help!

To keep with new regulations imposed by the OFSC, many of our trails are being re-worked. Trails also need to be widened to accommodate our new groomer which is much larger than our older groomer.

The Cornwall trail is a high priority for the SVSA and negotiations are taking place to ensure that this trail will open for the 2001/2002 season.

## Trail Permits

Pricing for Trail Permits for the 2001/02 season will be unchanged from the 2001/02 season. The following is the fee schedule for OFSC Trail Permits:

- **\$130.00** if purchased by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001
- **\$160.00** if purchased after December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001
- **\$30.00** – One day permit
- **\$90.00** – Seven day permit
- **\$20.00** – Replacement Permits

OFSC Trail Permits are available at the following locations:

- Casselman Motor Sports - Casselman
- Ron's Service Shop – Moose Creek
- Mike's Service Shop – Chrysler
- Monkland Mini Market – Monkland
- Kelly's Sports Bar - Maxville
- Dew Drop Inn – Bonville
- Shananigan's - Martintown
- Robertson's Lawn and Garden Equipment – Cornwall
- Claude's Small Engines – Cornwall
- Irwin Supply – Cornwall
- Brookshell Pontiac Buick Ltd. - Cornwall

Trail Permits will be available at these locations on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. **Trail Permits will also be available at the Land Owner Appreciation Dinner and can be purchased using cash, cheque or VISA.** Support your snowmobile association

and be sure to "Buy Where You Ride". The SVSA relies primarily on Trail Permit sales to survive.

You may sign up for OFSC benefits at the same time as purchasing a Trail Permit. OFSC benefits include:

- Annual subscription to Ontario Snowmobiler Magazine
- Annual OSM Trail Map Atlas
- OFSC TOP Trail Guide

And by signing up, you qualify to WIN A GREAT PRIZE...

### Early Draw

Sign up on or before Saturday, December 1st, 2001 for a chance to win one 2002 Arctic Cat ZR600 EFI.

### Main Draw

Sign up on or before Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 for a chance to win:

- An enclosed, two-bed snowmobile trailer by Hyland
- 1 of 3 snowmobile getaway packages courtesy of Delta Hotels
- a top quality snowmobile suit (TBA)
- a STIHL Model 025 Chain Saw
- 1 of 50 subscriptions to Snow Goer magazine
- 1 of 50 subscriptions to Supertrax International magazine

The Early Draw will take place on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 & the Main Draw will take place on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

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.

**Shananigan's – Martintown  
FREE Spaghetti Dinner  
Every Wednesday Night  
Must show your 2001/02 Trail Permit**

## New Map/New Logo

Special thanks to our new Social Events Coordinator/Maps Louise Renaud for volunteering to revamp our SVSA map. The new map is much more detailed than our previous map and includes colour coded trails with a legend. All Trail Permit vendors are listed on the map as well as other points of interest.

Also, the SVSA has a new logo. This new logo (as seen on page 1) depicts snowmobiles exiting our covered bridge just north of Monkland. The Monkland Millennium Bridge was built in celebration of the new millennium by volunteers of the SVSA.

## New Signs on the Trail

Our new Membership Director Vincent Morneau along with our new Club Director Mike Poirier have been busy working on new junction signs for our trails. These new signs, at least

14 in number, will be much larger than our old signs and will include the following information:

- Destination and mileage
- Map showing where you are
- Nearest fuel stop
- A sponsor on each sign

Our thanks to Long Graphic Design in Cornwall for their support and generosity to make these new signs possible.

## SVSA Calendar of Events

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

### ***Landowners Appreciation Dinner & Fundraiser***

- Cornwall Civic Complex
- \$15.00/person
- Cocktails start @ 6:00pm
- Turkey Dinner is served @ 7:00pm
- Local Snowmobile Business Display
- Door Prizes
- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Disc Jockey and Dance
- Cash Bar
- Surprises!

This event is open to all and will be an event not to miss! Come out and support the SVSA and show your appreciation for our landowners.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

### ***Blessing of the Snowmobiles & Breakfast***

- Lions Club, Bonville
- 8am – 12pm

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

### ***Scavenger Hunt***

- Registration begins at the Lions Club @ 10:00 am in Bonville and will take snowmobilers all over the SVSA area.
- Ends at the Lions Club in Bonville with a dinner and a dance.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

### ***Charity Snow Rally***

- 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.
- Charity of choice yet to be determined.

**MORE TO COME...STAY TUNED...**

Bill 101, **An Act to Promote Snowmobile Trail Sustainability and Enhance Safety and Enforcement**, was passed by the Government of Ontario and will take effective for the upcoming season. Its intent is to help OFSC clubs raise additional revenues by ensuring that all snowmobiles riding OFSC trails have permits. It also improves trail safety by clarifying enforcement powers and improving safety regulations.

Bill 101 does not effect land. The new agreement between the OFSC and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario that results from Bill 101 only deals with the production, distribution, sale and accountability of Trail Permits. It does not deal with OFSC trails or any land upon which they may reside.

The fact that the OFSC now has an Agreement with MTO regarding Trail Permits means that the permit itself will show both the OFSC and the Government of Ontario logos. It does not mean that any of the revenues from the permit sales are paid to or collected by the government.

The reason for the government involvement with the Trail Permits is simple. To make it a legal requirement for all snowmobiles using OFSC trails to have a Trail Permit, two things had to occur:

1. The Trail Permit itself had to show the Government of Ontario logo to be enforceable by police agencies who could not enforce what was previously a 'private' sector permit.
2. Prescribed Trails – meaning all trails operated by OFSC clubs – had to be identified so that enforcement agencies could confirm where a permit was required before charging anyone for not having one.

For landowners, having Trail Permits become law under Bill 101 means the Province of Ontario now recognizes the benefit of ensuring the legality of those using OFSC trails. Today, landowners receive three kinds of protection when allowing OFSC snowmobile trails on their land:

1. Liability Insurance coverage carried by the OFSC
2. The Trespass to Property/Occupier's Liability Act
3. The legal requirement for all snowmobiles using OFSC trails on their land to have a valid Trail Permit through which they can be traced and checked just as with a motor vehicle.

The other benefit that Bill 101 brings to OFSC snowmobile trails is new safety regulations which make it easier for police to enforce the Criminal Code of Canada and the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act on the trail. This benefit should bring landowners additional peace of mind for knowing that OFSC snowmobiling activities conducted on private property are legal, responsible and enforceable.

It's just one more way for OFSC clubs to demonstrate to landowners how much their land and relationship is valued. It is a privilege not taken lightly – and now OFSC clubs have

## **Bill 101**

Some of you may have heard about Bill 101 and how it will affect the snowmobile industry. The following gives a brief overview of Bill 101 and what it means to the SVSA.

one more tool to help fulfill their responsibilities to landowners.

For more information on Bill 101 and how it affects the snowmobile industry, visit the OFSC website at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca).

**Driver Training**  
**Sunday, November 25, 2001 9:00am**  
**Lions Club, Bonville**  
**Ages 12 and older**  
**Contact Angus Hope (613)932-3387**  
**Or Don Bowman (613)933-2099 for**  
**information and registration.**

**SVSA Website**

[www.geocities.com/seawayvalley](http://www.geocities.com/seawayvalley)

The SVSA website has been updated with information that can be found in this newsletter and also has the following information:

- Trail Conditions
- Trail Permit Information
- SVSA Trail Map
- Weather Conditions for the SVSA area
- SVSA Calendar of Events
- Groomer Information
- Snow Times Newsletter (downloadable)

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name taken off the newsletter mailing list. You will still receive any OFSC and special mailings provided by the SVSA.

We hope to add a “Trail Services” section to provide snowmobilers with information on Gas Stations, Hotels, Service and Sales. We would also like to add a classifieds section that would be 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Again, 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. Let’s hope this winter is just like last winter, which was the best we’ve seen in many years!

**Happy Sledding!**

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