

SCRUB OAK SCRAMBLERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



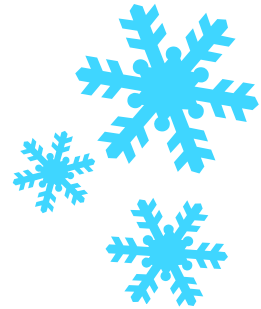
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, DAVE GEORGE

The season is upon us and hopefully the snow dancing will generate some white gold. As we get into having fun on the trails keep in mind the amount of work it takes to have a trail system. The past few years have been hard on our sport and our members have come through with donations and a lot of manual labor. Thank you for your support. We have purchased much needed equipment to make work faster and still need more volunteers to keep the SOS machine running. We made some changes in joining that seem to be working there will be some growing pains while we make adjustments so bear with us. We really need a secretary and committee members to keep moving forward so please consider stepping up. Open Houses will begin as snow accumulates so the club will be open on Saturdays between 11AM and 4PM. We need hosts to keep that going. All proceeds go right back into the trails. We are looking forward to a great snowmobile season so ride safe and have fun. See you on the trails.



TRAIL MASTER'S REPORT, DAVE CHARRETTE

Yippee! As I write this we have snow, but not enough to open trails. Just maybe by the time you get this we will. The weathermen are calling for more snow for this weekend. The trails are ready for the season. Thank you to all the members who made it possible and remember PLEASE Stay on Trails or we may lose them. Thank you, Trail Master Dave

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, STEVE JONES

2013-2014 Membership fees are now due!! Please get them sent in as soon as possible. Remember, your membership in the club gets you: Sno-Traveler Magazine subscription, sponsors several events such as the Winter Carnival, monthly newsletters, up-to-date trail information, NHSA information just to name a few. These monies also help with the upkeep of the trails that you are riding...AND all the fun and camaraderie with your fellow Scrub Oak Scrambler riders!!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT CONT'D, STEVE JONES

If you have family or friends who would like to join the club and register, they can do so at Charrette's Flooring on Rte. 16 in Center Ossipee, Profile Motorsports on Rte. 16 in Albany, and Watson's General Store at the intersection of Rte. 25 & Rte. 16 in Ossipee and pay only the \$30.00 club dues with their registration fees. They can also join and register at Barton's Motorsports on Rte.

16 in Tamworth or Canoe King on Rte. 16 in W. Ossipee but they will have to pay a few dollars more for their memberships as these vendors are charging us to do the memberships. If you do go to one of these vendors to join and register, be sure you are filling out a Scrub Oak Scramblers membership form and not another club's membership form.



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, SEAN PINARD

To all our valued members as you read this the 2013 year is quickly coming to an end! With any luck the snow is flying and our trails are open and usable or well on their way! We have some events coming up as well as open houses and our monthly meetings! I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your continued support to our great club and the sport of snowmobiling! I would like to thank all the volunteers that have spent time whether at the club, out on the trails, or during meetings and events! Without all of you none of this would be possible! I would also like to ask for more help! We still need people for some of our committees, a secretary, and members to work open houses (there is a calendar on the fridge at the clubhouse), Winter Carnival and we need cooks for our monthly meeting / potluck dinners! We are also looking for more ideas for functions or get-togethers, to help make things more fun! We always have a lot of work to do and sometimes that gets in the way of the real reason we are here. If anyone is interested in hosting any type of event no matter the size or has any ideas for something please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the BOD. This can lead into the next summer as well. It is never too early to start planning! Thank you all and I hope you, your families and friends have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year! Think Snow and see you on the trails!

ACTIVITIES, LISA CHARRETTE

"RACE INTO WINTER" SUPER RAFFLE to benefit the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association Member Clubs

2014 SKIDOO MX Z SPORT 600 CARB
\$500.00 IRVING GAS CARD

\$300.00 IRVING GAS CARD
\$200.00 IRVING GAS CARD

Donation \$20.00 - Only 1,000 Sold & Presence not required to win; prizes awarded January 21st, 2014 at the NHSA Office; TICKETS AVAILABLE thru SOS contact any Officer.

CLUB RIDE

A Club Ride will be held on January 25, 2014 weather and open trails permitted. Meet at clubhouse at 8am. Sign-up via email or call 603-539-2733 by January 20th to allow us to schedule the rides. Beginner or advanced- fun for al). More information to follow. Thanks!

SAFETY COURSE

Please check our website and / or Facebook for more information on upcoming course.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Vrrrrrm, Vrrrrrm, On your Mark—Get Set—Come to the *SOS WINTER CARNIVAL*; Saturday, February 15, 2014 10am-3pm Freedom Town Forest/Airstrip; Radar Run, Poker Run, Scavenger Hunt; Vendors, Food, Raffles & More.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this committee. Please contact Lisa Charrette at scruboakscramblers@gmail.com.

Of course we're hoping that there will be lots of snow for our event but just in case Mother Nature does not cooperate, our snow date will be March 15th.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Monthly *General Meetings* are held on the THIRD Saturday of each month from October to April. Our next meeting will be December 21st. Dinner will begin at 6:15pm with the General Meeting immediately following.

The club will provide Roast Beef for the dinner. All members are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish to compliment our Christmas Dinner. This will be followed by a VERY brief General Meeting before turning the night over to our Christmas Party and Yankee Swap.

In the past we have followed the below chart. If your last name begins with: you could bring:

A – G Vegetable, stuffing or a potato dish
H – N Relishes, cranberry sauce or rolls
O – Z Desserts

The guidelines for those wishing to participate in the Yankee Swap are as follows: Gifts should not exceed \$15.00 in value. Women should bring a wrapped gift for a woman and men should bring a wrapped gift for a man. For children under the age of 10, parents should bring a wrapped gift for your own child. Please make sure that your child's name is clearly written on their gift from "Santa".

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO OUR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS TO BE DONATED TO THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES!!

THANK YOU!!

OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE, DONNA JONES & ANN MONTAGUE

Soon our season will be upon us and we will begin hosting our weekly Open Houses. These events are held every Saturday during the riding season (only when the trails have been deemed open by the Trail Master). We are looking for members to help with this. Please call or email Donna Jones @ (603) 323-7470; fredonna55@gmail.com or Ann Montague at (603) 539-7886; ACMonta@aol.com if you are interested in hosting an open house or if you would like more information. If you are unable to host but would like to help out, please consider donating a dish. A pot of chowder or soup, salad / side or dessert is always greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse!!! And for our members' convenience, we now accept credit cards in lieu of cash.



We will be open every Saturday 11:00 – 4:00
For heat, rest, food, drinks and SOS Gear
Stop by, have a bite to eat and share a story!
This will be when trails are officialy open, however, a
member can open the clubhouse if desired when trails are closed!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS, KIM FIELDING

If you are receiving this newsletter via US Postal Service and have an email address, please notify Stephen Jones @ stepj31@yahoo.com. Emailing the newsletter saves the club money!

Please forward any articles or items to sell / trade that you would like me to include in the newsletter by email at jack5428@verizon.net. I would need to receive these items no later than the 10th of each month for inclusion in the current month's newsletter.

MERCHANDISE, DONNA JONES & THE MONTAGUES

SOS merchandise is available at the Clubhouse. You can contact the website sosclub@sossc.com or scruboakscramblers@gmail.com for more info or to get info on ordering merchandise to be shipped.

OTHER NEWS

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to be on the Bylaw Review Committee, financial committee and a secretary. If you are interested, please contact any board member for more information. Thanks.

The Board of Directors has approved printing some advertising in this newsletter for a small fee. If you would be interested in placing a business card size ad in the newsletter, please contact any board member for details (see list below).

A review of the bylaws will be on January 4, 2014 at 3pm at the clubhouse. All members are encouraged to participate as these are the clubs bylaws. Thank you.

Below are the most common New Hampshire snowmobile trail signs. Some of them you know, and some of them are a little more mysterious. These are not the only signs you'll come across, but they are the standard signs. Please familiarize yourself with these. They are there for the safety of all snowmobile riders.



Identifies a fixed object at the side of the trail. Used any time the fixed object narrows the normal width of the trail such as bridge railings. The stripes slope down towards the trail.



Warns riders of an approaching trail hazard.



Provides additional guidance to the rider in a sharp turn.



Informs the rider that they are on a designated snowmobile trail.



Indicated that the rider is approaching a series of curves.



The rider must come to a complete stop before proceeding.



Announces direction change in areas where the rider may lose the trail.



Trail conditions or other factors ahead require you to slow down.



Asks you to remain on the trail. Ignoring this very important sign has led to some trails running through private property to be closed.



The rider is approaching a stop sign.

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We hope you will feel free to contact any of us with questions or suggestions!

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PLEASE CUT OUT AND POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR
SOS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



<i>December 21</i>	<i>Roast Beef Dinner, Yankee Swap & General Meeting</i>
<i>January 1-March 31</i>	<i>Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign</i>
<i>January 18-26</i>	<i>International Snowmobile Safety Week</i>
<i>January 18</i>	<i>Spaghetti Potluck Dinner & General Meeting</i>
<i>January 25</i>	<i>Club Ride</i>
<i>February 7,8,9</i>	<i>Easter Seal Ride In</i>
<i>February 15-16</i>	<i>Annual Groomer Rodeo</i>
<i>February 15</i>	<i>Winter Carnival (weather permitting)</i>
<i>February 15</i>	<i>Pizza Potluck Dinner & General Meeting</i>
<i>March 7-8</i>	<i>Swift Diamond Snodeo, Coleman State Park</i>
<i>March 15</i>	<i>Irish Potluck Dinner & General Meeting</i>
<i>March 15</i>	<i>No Snow Date for Winter Carnival</i>
<i>April 19</i>	<i>Ham Potluck Dinner & General Meeting & Voting of Officers</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Annual Meeting TBD</i>

Best wishes to all our members and their families
 for a very Happy, Healthy & Joyous Holiday
 Season!





**Scrub
Oak Scramblers**
Would like to
wish you and your
families a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year!

