

# Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club

## Fall Newsletter.....Nov 2008

### *Message From Your President ~*

As I sit here contemplating what message I'd like to deliver, the weatherman is calling for a rather balmy 19 degrees tomorrow and the possibility of setting new record highs. Given the time of year I could just as easily be telling you that snow is falling and the ponds and lakes are beginning to freeze.

Well, the snow isn't falling and the ponds haven't begun to freeze, but for everyone familiar with snowmobiling we know what it means when the first flakes of snow hit the ground. It's time to get the mothballs out of the sled and get out on that fresh snow....fly down the road, out in a field or maybe even on that stretch of lake that froze over last weekend. Whoa!!! Let's back up a bit. Yes it's time to get your trusty steed ready but let's not get too anxious to get out there for a ride, not just yet.

Every fall at the first sign of snow we hear about it first thing Monday morning, "a 26 year old male was killed on the weekend when he hit a tree after he failed to negotiate a curve in the road" or, if that isn't enough, "a 26 year old male drowned on the weekend when the snowmobile he was operating went through the ice". It's as sure as I'm going to have fresh apple pie at my mother-in-laws at Christmas (it's second to none by the way but that's another story).

To give you a better picture of why this occurs consider this. Of the snowmobile related fatalities that do occur each year, 54% of them occur on lakes and rivers while 42% occur on roads. The leading factor in all snowmobile related deaths is, yes, you guessed it, alcohol, at a whopping 77% with speeding coming in a close second. Almost all fatalities are men (93%) and it's those in the 15 to 34 year-old age group that are most likely to die or be severely injured in snowmobile accidents.

Snowmobile clubs across the province are comprised of dedicated groups of volunteers that go to great lengths to establish and maintain quality snowmobile trails that are used in a safe and environmentally responsible manner to further the enjoyment of organized snowmobiling. The result is a system of snowmobile trails that are second to none. Let's use them.

If you aren't already aware, your former President stepped down last spring creating a bit of a shuffle.

**To highlight a few of the changes the following is a list of the new executive board.**

President – Wayne Harpell
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres & Chief Financial Officer~ Liz Phillips
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Al Landry
Treasurer – Murray Moore
Secretary – G.M. Weilandt
Past President – Kevin Kerrivan

Although Kevin stepped down from the President position he continues to play a very important role within our club by assuming the role of office manager. Kevin will look after a myriad of office type tasks and will remain the "kingpin" when it comes to the undaunting and thankless job of handling permits. Thank you Kevin!

As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, our club is well represented on the City's Trails Advisory Board as well as the Recreation Forest User Advisory Group (Somerville Tract) Through both of these functions it might interest you to know that a number of items have come to fruition such as gates at most access points within the Pinery to prevent illegal dumping of garbage and to help prevent vehicular use/misuse of the trails; cautionary signage at all of these recreational access points has been installed; many new culverts have been installed on the main road through the Pinery to help prevent flooding of the trail; some surface treatment has been done on the rail line north of Lindsay; and work on two new parking areas (one at each end of the main Pinery trail) is almost complete.

The last item I'd like to mention is this; when the snow does start to fly and you just have to get out there to go for that first ride, please do not open any gates to any of our trails. That task is assigned to certain persons for a variety of reasons. We strive to maintain good relationships with our landowners and the last thing we want is to inadvertently let out a herd of cattle or something of that nature. And secondly, we have risk management issues to consider prior to opening any trail on our system. These issues need to be dealt with first.

***Have a great season, and see you on the trails.***

~~WAYNE HARPELL

## *Driver Training Updated~ Wayne Harpell*

After almost 30 years of performing this rewarding task I have stepped aside as a driver training instructor. The role of Chief instructor is now in the hands of Greg Snider who will be assisted by Gerry Rintoul and Ken Taylor. For more information contact Greg at 887-6393.

## *Trail Patrol Updated*

Trail Patrol is alive and well. Greg Snider will now assume the role chief instructor. If any of our members wish to be involved in this program call Greg at the above number.

## *STOP*

The program continues to be active and well respected within the snowmobile community. A couple of reminders that cause some grief to snowmobilers, STOP officers and OPP officers alike:

- remember your validation tag must be current and must be placed on the left side of your hood
- have your licence, insurance, proof of ownership, etc. with you and have it handy
- display your trail permit in the appropriate place

## *RAIL TRAIL E108/B103*

Here are a couple of reminders about the rail trail, directly from the by-laws;

- All use of the VRTC, including road access, is limited to between the hours of 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM, unless by special permit.
- Motorized use is limited to a maximum speed 50km/hr unless otherwise posted. All use is limited to a maximum speed of 20km/hr through the urban areas of Bethany, Fenelon Falls, Burnt River and Kinmount

On a similar note, the City is investigating the feasibility of a recreation bypass bridge over the Scugog River north of Lindsay to provide access to the South and East side of town. As with anything the City tries to do I'm sure there will some controversy over this but a bridge like this would be good for all trail users. Stay tuned. .  
~Wayne Harpell

# TRAILS PROPER

## **District 2 News**

By Gerry Rintoul

The OFSC has received the promised \$3 million for snowmobile trail improvements from the Government. District 2 started working on submissions for projects immediately and have been approved for 12 of 14 proposed projects, which are now underway. Most involve trail improvements at problem locations. **The big news is that, one project covers destination signage for every top trail intersection with a TOP Trail in the district.** If you are at an intersection you will SOON see a sign with destinations and distances in each direction including GPS coordinates! One could travel within Dist 2 without a map. The project in KLSC, involves surfacing with screenings in locations that loose snow quickly during a meltdown. Our **Dist 2 map** is available at all our vendor locations

Email: [dist2@snowbase.ca](mailto:dist2@snowbase.ca) ,  
Web [www.dist2ofsc.ca](http://www.dist2ofsc.ca)

### **We are getting ready for SNOW!!!**

Please contact the club by visiting our web page and signing up for helping out brushing our trails !

You can email [klsc@sympatico.ca](mailto:klsc@sympatico.ca) and I will forward a volunteer form to you and place you on our E- mailing list to keep you updated on trail work.

**DON'T FORGET PRICES OF PERMITS GO UP ON DECEMBER 1!  
GET YOUR PERMIT NOW AT \$180!  
THINK SNOW \*\***

# Don't Forget

## Driver Training Courses

DECEMBER 6, 2008 & January 20, 2009



Driver Training Courses for anyone who is the age of 12 at time of course. This is a great way for novice individuals or beginner families to learn snowmobile safety before that first ride

Cost of the course last year was \$30.00.

**Book Early!!**

Class Sizes are limited.

**CASH ONLY PREFERRED Must Be Prepaid**

**NEW** Call **GREG SNIDER 705-887-6393** for registration forms and info or the Club @ (705) 887-1288



## See Us At:

Calvin Mabee Auctions  
Hwy 35 North of Fenelon Falls  
**SNOWMOBILE AUCTION**

**Sat. Nov 22, 2008 @**  
10:00

Draw for Sled Pass

## H.B.CYCLE

Open House

**Sat. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 9~4**

Hwy 35 North of Lindsay

Don't Forget

## SLEDARAMA

Morrow Building

Peterborough

**Sunday Nov 23, 2008**

9 ~ 5

## Annual Family Fun Run

**~ Sat Feb 7, 09 ~**

Enjoy a Great Fun Filled Day For the Whole Family.

Over 250 people attended this past year and **over \$7000** in prizes awarded.

Registration at the Fenelon Chamber of Commerce  
8:45 until 10:30

**Only \$15.00 per person to be entered for prizes!!!**

Proceeds donated to support our local community  
~ to be announced at Fun Run~

Buy Lunch at Community Centre Kinmount 11:30 'til 1:30

Finale at the Burnt River Community Centre @ 3:00



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2009 Checkpoint Weekends

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Feb 13th to 15th



# We're building more than just *great trails!*

Message from Your Volunteer Co-ordinator (VIA)

~ BY Liz Phillips,

Well did you get that skip in your step when we had SNOW in OCTOBER????? Some of us did (me). But some of us decided to tell me not to start the snow dancing yet.... Oh Well... It's November and the permits are all out at our Vendors so get ready for sledding. Price goes up December 1, 2008 to \$230.00. This year we are doing major construction in some of our trails. Before our trails can be officially opened we need to ensure that all of our trail signs are in proper placement and that any obstructions are removed from trails. If you would like to be added to our email list send me a note at [KLSC@sympatico.ca](mailto:KLSC@sympatico.ca). You will find useful information on our website, currently undergoing updates weekly. We are trying to organize groups close to the areas in which they live/cottage and are near the trail they access. If you would like help out in the "adopt" a piece of a trail, email me and



we can set you up with the team leaders in that area. Trail Patrols will be working hard again this season to assist sledders and watch for trespassing on our trails. It is still hard to believe, at

the low price of permits, where you can go anywhere in Ontario, how they think they have any right to ride on groomed trails, especially at the high cost of Diesel to fuel our groomers. **Don't ride with those who don't pay their way!** Our Trail Patrollers and Stop Officers are volunteers that deserve a Huge THANKS!



## Congratulations to our 2007~2008 Volunteers

Volunteers of the Year – Murray Moore & John Chudy  
Rookies of the Year – Norm Clapham & Kaitlin Chidley  
Trail Patrol of Year – Rob Altvater  
Family of the Year - The Kerrivan's

How to Contact us: [klsc@sympatico.ca](mailto:klsc@sympatico.ca)  
Mail Box 611, Fenelon Falls, On K0M 1N0  
PH: 705.887.1288

***Trespassers, Speeders and Other Violators  
Be AWARE! We Are Out There!***



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## NO ATVs ON OFSC TRAILS!

ATVs are not allowed on OFSC trails on private land in any season without landowner permission.

ATVs must stay off all OFSC trails during the winter grooming season.



## Thank you Landowners

We have the most Scenic Secondary Trails in the Area thanks to our Landowners many of which are snowmobilers too! Respect their lands and stay on marked trails! Do not venture off into the "snow covered hills" around marked trails and this can cause damage to crops or your sled and yourself if you hit a boulder or fencing.

### VOLUNTEER COATS BY CHOKO

Have you volunteered and would like to purchase a Volunteer Jacket? If so you need to email the club at [KLSC@sympatico.ca](mailto:KLSC@sympatico.ca) For any volunteer from our club wishing to order 'Volunteer' jacket (s), the DUE date for any orders is by Monday December 1, 2008. Cost of each jacket is \$159 (cost includes shipping and all taxes). All jacket order (s) are to be accompanied with payment in full. All payments (cheques only) are to be made payable to: **Choko Designs Inc.**