



**Blow-Me-Down Snow Riders**  
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## January 2009

### **December 2008:**

The month of December brought an ice storm followed by a Nor'Easter that blanketed the Upper Valley with upwards of 30 inches of fresh powdery snow. Club members were out in force grooming and clearing the trails. Unfortunately, warm weather and rain followed which has pretty much wiped out the snow.

### ***Think Snow***

### **New Groomer**

The new ASV ST 50 groomer was delivered by MB Tractor & Equipment on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Located at the Laundry residence on Trues Brook Road, we're looking forward to utilizing this new piece of equipment.

### **2008/2009 Winter Grooming Grant-In-Aid (GIA):**

Just over \$1.5 million was allocated throughout the state for winter grooming. Blow-Me-Down Snowriders applied for, and was approved for a total of \$6,887. This funding will help defray the club's cost of trail grooming. Winter Grant-In-Aid is based on an hourly rate per groomer, with the ASV and Holland Tractor being funded at a much higher rate. Questions and/or concerns relative to the club's Winter Grand-In-Aid funding should be directed to John Berry, Trail Administrator, at 543-1118.

### **Attention Groomers:**

Groomers are encouraged to please take an extra moment to ensure grooming slips are accurate and completed in their entirety. Completed slips for the 08/09 season may be submitted to John Berry or left in the envelope at Gil Wilson's garage. Slips for the current month, i.e. January, must be submitted to John or left in Gil's garage not later than January 31, 2009. Delinquent and/or untimely submissions will not be accepted by the State.





**Membership Dues**

Have you paid your membership dues for 2008/2009? They're a straight forward \$30 for single and family, with NHSA membership being included. Submission of your dues early in the season will allow for uninterrupted receipt of the Sno-Traveler. Membership applications are available at club meetings, from the club's website [www.bmdsnowriders.com](http://www.bmdsnowriders.com) and at both the Cornish and Plainfield Store.

**Note of Appreciation:**

Thank you to Diane Talbert for compiling the club news for submission and publication in the Early Winter Edition of the Sno-Traveler. Nice Job Diane!

**Meeting Schedule – Winter 2009**

January 13, 2009  
February 10, 2009  
March 10, 2009 (*Election of Officers*)  
April 14, 2009

All meetings, which are held at Pam & Gil Wilson's heated garage, 169 Route 120, Plainfield, NH begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Note of Thanks:**

The Club is truly fortunate to be allowed to utilize Pam & Gil Wilson's heated garage free of charge for our meetings. Thank you Pam & Gil!

**Election of Officers:**

Election of Officers for the 2009/2010 season will take place at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The positions of Trail Administrator, Trail Master and two Assistant Trail Masters will also need to be filled. Please plan to attend and make your vote count!

**Need to Register Your Sled?**

The Cornish Store would be more than happy to register your sled. Please bring your club membership card and your drivers license.

**Sullivan County Meeting**

1/26/09–Ro-ick Transport, Claremont, 7:00 p.m.

**Did You Know?** The Blow-Me-Down Snowriders was started in 1971, as a family oriented, non-profit organization. We have fifty miles of trails that wind throughout the towns of Cornish and Plainfield that are groomed/maintained by volunteer time of our members.

**2009 Maps:**

The Winter 2009 NHSA Official New Hampshire Snowmobile Trail Maps have been received. These will be available for pickup at our monthly meetings or by contacting a club officer.

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Seals**

**Ride-in:** The 2009 Easter Seals Ride-In Program will take place February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville Notch. Club members wishing to participate in this event, are encouraged to make room reservations, at their own expense, by calling 1-800-255-0600.

**NHSA Super Raffle:**

This year's Super Raffle, which benefits both NHSA and its affiliated clubs, will take place on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Prizes include:

- 2009 Arctic Cat Crossfire R 8 LE
- Blizzard Aluminum Trailer with sled dock cover
- \$1000 gas card from Irving Oil
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Winners need not be present to win.

Club members who have sold tickets, and haven't turned them in, are requested to bring them to the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. In the event that's not possible, please contact Gladys Berry to make arrangements to have them picked up.

**Happy New Year:** The Officers and Directors wish you and yours the very best for 2009. Happy New Year!

**NHSA Scholarship:**

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) will award one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted at a College, Junior College, or Vocational School, or to a college student who is already enrolled. The student's parents or guardians must already be members in good standing of NHSA for the year 2008/2009.

Additional information, and an application may be obtained at:  
[www.nhsa.com/scholarship.shml](http://www.nhsa.com/scholarship.shml)

**Trail Signage:**

Out of the four categories of signs – Information, Regulatory, Trail and Warning, do you know which are the most important? Warning signs are the most important in that they let you know what to expect on the trail – Caution, Stop, Slow, Junction Ahead, Watch for Groomer, Gate Ahead, Logging Ahead, Bridge Ahead, Curves Ahead and Stop Ahead, to name but a few.

**Manchester Monarchs NHSA Night:**

Manchester Monarchs NHSA Night, to Benefit Easter Seals, will take place on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester. Tickets are \$12 of which \$2 per ticket

will go to benefit Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo.

**Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week:**

February 14 – 22, 2009 is "Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week". Additional information may be obtained from [GoSnowmobiling.org](http://GoSnowmobiling.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities Available:**

Show your support for our Club - Come to the meetings and get Involved!

If you're unable to attend the meetings, there are a multitude of ways you can volunteer your time and talents:

- clearing trails
- grooming
- trail maintenance
- fund raising
- community relations, to name but a few.

To obtain additional information about volunteer opportunities, please contact an Officer of the Club.

*Encourage your friends and neighbors to join our Club!*

*Remember:*

*It's a privilege to ride...*

*Ride responsibly...*

*Respect the Landowners...*

*Take out what you take in.*

*Stay on the Trail*



Next meeting: Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.,  
Wilson's garage  
169 Route 120,  
Plainfield, NH

