

January '07 Newsletter



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Nine Mile Creek in the winter- Brrr!

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2007 Club Raffle!

This is important! - The Marcellus Snowmobile Club will again this year hold its annual raffle! Prizes are as follows:

Grand Prize: Choice of one of the following- Polaris 550 Super Sport Snowmobile, Polaris Hawkeye ATV, or \$4000.00 cash.

2nd Prize: John Deere 102 Lawn Tractor

3rd Prize: \$500.00 cash

4th Prize: \$300.00 cash

5th Prize: \$200.00 cash

6th Prize: \$100.00 cash



Tickets are \$20.00 each, and members are encouraged to sell AS MANY tickets as you can! Last year's raffle was very profitable for us; let's make this year's even more so. We REALLY NEED TO TRY HARD TO SELL TICKETS! **If you aren't selling the tickets you have, bring them to the next meeting to be redistributed.**

The drawing will be held Saturday, February 17th, 2007 at the Toad Hollow/Marcellus Poker Run to be held at Orchard Valli. SELL, SELL, SELL!

Thanks to [R.C. Bobbett](#) for all his hard work on the raffle, and to "Elvis" too!

Message from the President

Here we are in a new year, and as I write this we wait patiently for enough snow to fall so we can all enjoy the sport we love.

I wanted to take the time to thank everyone in the club for voting to help out the Marcellus family in need by donating \$550.00 to them. Although they wish to remain unnamed to protect their extremely sick child; what we did helped them tremendously during a very rough time in their lives. Additionally, it shows that we, as a club, are a visible part of this community and it is our obligation to act that way! I think it is a good tradition to continue every year, choosing a local family in need to help out.

When we do start to ride, I hope that if nothing else, everyone does it safely and smartly. No one wants to see anyone get hurt, but also, respect the landowners and stay on the trails. We spent many hours placing the trails where they are for a reason, and that is to comply with the wishes of the people who own the land to keep them happy. **SO ride safe, ride smart, but mostly have fun!**



Financial Statement



As of 11/08/06

Petty Cash: \$935.46

Checking Account: \$1916.84

Groomer Account: \$585.35

Savings Account: \$7162.93

Have you registered your sled? Our funding is a direct correlation to the number of sleds registered. So get yours registered, and remind your buddies too!

Note that we have spent several thousand dollars on wood to rebuild several bridges on our trails. The bridges were rebuilt so that they are safer, heavier duty, and wider to both accommodate our new groomer as well as to comply with state recommendations. We purchase our lumber from Mike's Millworks in Marcellus, both because he gives us a good rate, and we want to keep the money we spend local, and help out the local economy.

We have also, as we do every year, spent a substantial amount of money on signs. The signs are not cheap, mainly I assume due to the reflective surface on them. We have also had to purchase more poles for the signs as well.

However, the bottom line is this: we are given money by the state each year to maintain the trails. The money we spend isn't squandered on useless items, it is put to good use both improving and making our trails safer for all to ride on. And in the end, that is what the money from the state is for.



Trail Information

The trails are done, and ready to ride! We did some fine tuning here and there- replaced some bridges, built new bridges, added culverts, straightened some trails, made the new trail to footprints, and rerouted some of the existing trails to either make them better, meet landowners needs, or avoid crops.

During your first ride of the season, please take it easy and make note of these changes. **The trails aren't exactly like they were last year!** Take a little time to familiarize yourself with the different configurations before you go all out. Safety comes first.

If you come across a closed gate on the trail that means the trail is CLOSED. Don't go around it, don't open the gate, and don't cut the lock. Turn around, and go home! Even though the season is officially open, if there isn't enough snow, the trails won't be open. It's Mike and Tom's call, no exceptions!

Many in the club don't realize that we have some of the best trails in the area. That is why a special thank-you is due to all the men and women who came out and helped work on the trails- clearing trees, brush, building bridges, and signage. Putting up that number of signs and markers is a daunting task, but we always seem to pull it off.

We have also spent a significant amount of time at Mike Lannings shop getting the groomers ready. Both snowmobiles, and the new Imp, should be ready to go. Thanks Mike. Tom, Dave, Steve, Mike S, Dan, and anyone else that helped out. And a special thanks to Steve Frank's kids!

Happy trails to everyone, and have fun.



We finished the trail to footprints- it will be a nice ride, jus be careful as it can be steep at times . Below: New bridge at Smith Hollow.



Club Profile: Officer's Information

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Contact any officer when the need arises. That is what we are here for!

Snowmobile Club Social Gathering

The club will have a "social" gathering Saturday, January 20th at 7:00 pm at Footprints. Admission of \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple will get you hot and cold Hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, a raffle, cash bar, but most especially live music from Dan Horst's band "Not Quite Right". Music starts at 8:00 pm. Both club members and non members are welcome. RSVP by 1/13 to Sarah DeCapiro at 673-3425 or email her at sdecapio@marcellusnowmobileclub.com. I Hope everyone comes & brings a friend!



Upcoming Events

Below you will find a list of partial upcoming events. For a more extensive, up-to-the-minute list, check out the [calendar](#) on our website under "Events Calendar".

Next Meeting:	January 10th
Toad Hollow Meeting:	January 3rd
Vinatge Show at Tanner Valley:	January 13th
Trailwork:	As needed
Tully Trailblazers Safety Course:	Jan. 6 & 13
Club Social Gathering at Footprints:	Jan. 20 th 7:00 pm
Onondaga County Association Meeting	January 23rd
Great Eastern Whiteout	February 10th
"Toad/Cellus" Poker Run:	February 17 th
Camillus Snowmobile Club Poker Run	February 10th



[View of Gypsy Road in the fall](#)

2007 Benefit Raffle

Marcellus



Snowmobile Club

<http://www.marcellussnowmobileclub.com>

Grand Prize

Your Choice of:



Polaris 550 Super Sport Sled



Polaris Hawkeye ATV



\$4000 Cash

Second Prize



John Deere 102 Lawn Tractor

3rd Prize

\$500 Cash

4th Prize

\$300 Cash

5th Prize

\$200 Cash

6th Prize

\$100 Cash

Tickets \$20.00

Available at:

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 or Call 730-6662

**Winner Responsible for Sales Tax
 on Sled, ATV and Tractor

Drawing on Saturday February 17th
 at Toad Hollow / Marcellus Poker Run

Pictures of the making a trail

What is it like making a trail? They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so below find my 50,000 word essay, and then some. These are a few pictures I snapped with my camera between digging and cutting.



Rants & Raves

1. At the last meeting there was some tension about our new shirts and whether or not the club should underwrite some of the cost. Some believed the club should underwrite a portion of the cost of the shirts, while others believed that members should pay what the club pays. A third group (Myself- Andrew Reichel) thought that each member should pay a little more than what the club pays- make a profit. Say, charge \$20.00 for a \$16.00 shirt.

An uncomfortable argument ensued, tempers flared, but in the end, it was voted that the club would charge for the shirts the same amount that we paid for them. To my next personal point-

2. I, writing this newsletter and having the autonomy to do so, cannot understand why the club wouldn't want to make a slight PROFIT on the shirts. If they cost \$16.00, sell them for \$20.00, and make a profit. **THIS IS WHAT MOST CLUBS DO TO MAKE MONEY.** The money could be used for other things, such as what Toad Hollow calls the Toadironrack trip, whereby the club pays for rooms in Big Moose for its members for the outing. Things like this could happen with money from dry goods sales, but it was voted on and we will sell our stuff for what it costs us. Also, the money made could be used to add to our selection, such as ball caps, coozies, different types of shirts, bumper stickers, mugs, terrible towels to wipe the snow off your helmet, who knows?
3. I have set up an area on the website where we will be able to sell our "merchandise", otherwise known as dry goods. It will be a secure area, primarily using Pay Pal, but also taking prepayments as well. The format is there; however, it isn't up and running yet as we don't have much product to sell. Also, I envisioned other items in addition to the tees to sell, such as different types of shirts, hats, mugs, coozies, bumper stickers, etc. Sooo, that project will smolder for a while, cause I'm gonna ride and not worry about no stinkin T-shirt!
4. Take notice when you ride the trails the condition that they are in. If you are happy, say so. If they stink, say so. We need **YOUR** input, as they are YOUR trails. Several people spent many weekends building bridges, bulldozing trails, clearing brush, falling in creeks, and getting wet, cold and muddy to try and improve our trails. The process is ongoing, each year we will do as much as possible to make our portion of the system the best it can be. I won't name everyone who worked on the trails, 'cause quite frankly I don't even know everyone's names. But I remember the faces, and the same 9 or 12 or 15 were there, week in and week out, giving a helping hand. So it is them who we must thank when crossing those streams on new bridges, knowing we will safely make it to the other side. By the way, I bet you don't know how much a telephone pole weighs, off chance, do you? They do, and I found out for myself, also.
5. Take a moment and think about how **YOU** might like to be involved in the club. Attending the meetings is o.k., nothing wrong with that. But what ELSE would you like to see happen with your club? Group trail rides? A Trip to the Adirondacks? More fundraising to donate to the community or Children's Hospital? More social functions? Safety classes for the kids? Maybe First Aid training and CPR for the adults? Mention it, and let's make it happen.
6. Lastly- The raffle is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to our club. It generates a large amount of revenue to keep things going. Don't be afraid to ask your friends, family, co-workers, or strangers to buy one. You'd be surprised who will buy! And if you aren't going to sell them, please return what you haven't sold for others to do so. \$20.00 isn't a hard sell. Thanks R.C.

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