

The Sudbury Trail Plan Assoc.

Member Newsletter

Opening Remarks

The first snow has fallen, for most clubs trail work has begun and many of your club executives have already attended the first of many meetings. The STP groomers are being prepared for dispatch, just as our members I am sure are getting their sleds out of storage and polished up for the season. Like every year there are many anxious sledders out there and once again we caution all to wait for the frost to sink into the ground, the stones to get a good layer of snow and above all the lakes and rivers to freeze up properly before you venture out on them. A good rule of thumb is – No stakes – No sledding on ice. You don't want to end up another statistic

What is New?

Toronto Snowmobile Show

The STP partnered up with RCSA, District 12 and the Greater City of Sudbury to attend the Toronto ATV and Snowmobile Power Sports Show in October.



Many snowmobilers visited the booth and asked
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questions about the area and voiced an interest in visiting us this winter. We give a big Thank You to George Robbins for once again donating a prize for us to give away in our booth draw. We also congratulate Trish from Southern Ontario for winning the draw and hope to see her up here during the snowmobile season enjoying her stay at the Sportsman's Lodge.

Social Networking

In today's fast paced world of instant news and communications, the Sudbury Trail Plan is attempting to keep up with all the new media: Have you looked us up on -----

1. **Facebook** – why not join our group
2. What about our newly **upgraded STP web page** – your photo may even be posted here
3. Have you tried the **Interactive Trail Map on the OFSC website**
- Or 4. What about the **District 12 website**

Besides these, many of the clubs have websites and of course we have gone to a web-based newsletter to keep you up to date

STP OFFICE HOURS

The Sudbury Trail Plan has new office hours for the fall and winter to help accommodate our customers. The hours are:

Mon - Friday--8:30 to 5:00 p.m. with Thursday hours are from 8:30 to 7:00 pm

For more information call 693-7669 - ext 12

STP General Meetings

The STP holds general membership meetings on the second Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. It is at these meetings that your directors make important decisions.

SNOWARAMA

Snowarama has been set for Saturday February 5th 2011 starting at the Colonial Inn in Coniston. Once again it is time to start collecting pledges and preparing for another successful campaign.





BRP Million Dollar Draw

The Sudbury Trail Plan and Algonquin Equipment teamed up on November 13th to hold an open house and a chance for club members to enter the Million Dollar Give Away draw. A&E supplied delicious burgers and refreshments which Northbound Snow Drifter volunteer Marcel Roy cooked up for all to savour. Walden Snow Runner volunteers manned the permit sales area and Nickel Belt's, Richard Riach along with the STP executive handled the BRP ballets. Another thanks goes to Tim Horton's for the supply of coffee. Throughout the day many permit buyers turned up to buy a permit, fill in a ballet, sample the food and pick up a few of the deals on snowmobile and ATV gear, let alone see the new iron.

A big thanks to Jim, Marion and Greg of A&E.



Permits

Permits are now on sale at the Sudbury Trail Plan office.

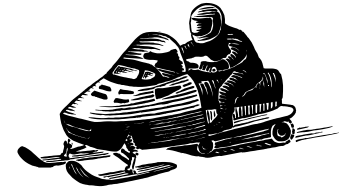
Full season Regular Permit:

\$250.00 for a regular permit and

Classic Permit: Half the price of a full season permit or \$125.00 A copy of the vehicle ownership is required. This permit applies to machines 1996 or older and can only be purchased at a designated outlet (the STP office on Falconbridge Hwy in Garson)

Other regular permit sales outlets are:

Mid City Sports – Falconbridge Hwy
Sudbury Cycle and Marine --- Hwy 17 East
Sudbury Boat and Canoe – 314 Harrison Rd
Algonquin Equipment – 259 Fielding Rd (Lively)
Northland Snowmobile & Marine – Paris St
Royal Distributing – Lasalle Blvd
Desjardins Service Stn – Chelmsford
Leroux Automotive – Chelmsford
Joan's Central Variety - Capreol
Colonial Inn - Coniston
Rocky's - Lake Wanapitei
Sportsman Lodge - Kukagami Lake
Welcome Confectionary - Lasalle Blvd
Gillo's Gas & Lube – Dowling
Levack Home Hardware – Levack
Windy Lake Motel – Onaping
Hi-Way Restaurant - Cartier
Western Valley Auto - UAP – Hanmer
Naughton General Store - Naughton



Trail Projects

As in every snowmobile season there are many trail projects that have been completed or are in progress:

Onaping Falls: Two of the largest projects in the area are the Onaping and Cameron Bridge projects. Thanks to a grant from the OFSC and a lot of volunteer work and time these bridges have received a major face-lift and will be ready for your enjoyment this winter.

Other projects have been taking place throughout the system from minor reroutes and trail upgrades to larger reroutes and trail re-alignments. These along with signage and cleaning up trails after a long summer of neglect has left our many volunteers with a big workload. Perhaps a call to your local club and an offer to help would be appreciated by an over worked club member even if it is for only a day or even a few hours.



A Proud Member of the OFSC

The BIG DEAL

Well if you haven't heard by now – Sudbury and snowmobilers are in for a real treat this winter. On Saturday February 19th the STP will team up with Larry Berrio and Digital Video Productions (Snowgoer Television) to put on an event the likes of which most snowmobilers in the area have never experienced. The proceedings include a breakfast (by the Lion's Club), a poker run followed by a dinner (by Cranky Joe's) and Country and Western Concert featuring Larry Berrio and others to be named. Some of the sponsors are the snowmobile manufacturers, Choko, Ford Motors, Sudbury Lions Club, Kicks Radio, MCTV and Cranky Joe's. Proceeds will mainly go to the Big Sisters and Big Brothers organization, who will be doing much of the volunteer work. Besides events already mentioned, there will be displays as well as test rides on snowmobiles and ATV's. All the events will be based out of the Garson Arena.

Keep your eyes and ears open – you won't want to miss more upcoming news on this all day event. Also keep your calendar clear for Feb 19th 2011.



Volunteers

While a lot of the club work is already completed every club has work to do including clearing, brushing and event help as well as clerical tasks etc. If you have a few hours or a half-day to spare give your local club a call or drop them an email and see how you could lend a helping hand. Don't be discouraged if you don't get an answer right away as many of these folks are also volunteers and have full time jobs. You can contact Norm at the STP by calling 693-7669 ext 12 or by contacting the STP for information at www.sudburytrailplan.on.ca also you can *Check out Sudbury Trail Plan on Facebook*

Safety First

With the cooling temperatures, snowy forecasts and the weather channel showing snow everywhere we need to sit back and use some of that uncommon sense. Before we jump on that sled and head out we need to make sure we have done our fall pre-use check. No one wants to be left stranded. Also make sure your winter gear is in good shape and we use that brain bucket every time we or the kids get on the old scooter, even for a short ride. Last as always remember the only way to drive a snowmobile is sober – **zero** tolerance. Also stay off waterways until the clubs have had time to check and put up the stake lines.

Club Corner

Broder Dill Snowmobile Assoc.

BDSA has not been idle over the summer. The club has completed a major reroute on C108D by Raft Lake as well as a smaller one at Wavy Rd.

This year once again BDSA and WSR are teaming up to host our annual end of the season social. The event this year will be held in Lively at the Huddle on March 26th. This evening is a great way to socialize and tell the tall tales from the trail with fellow snowmobilers.

BDSA trails stretch from Lake Penage to the Killarney Hwy and north to Coniston and offers a wide variety of riding. The club is one of the original snowmobile clubs in the Sudbury area and is over 30 years old.

Like many other clubs, BDSA is in need of more volunteers and while the core group is intact without new people the club is quickly reaching a crisis point. If the south end trails are to continue they need your support and participation. The BDSA club now meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Lockerby Legion at 7:00 pm. Come out and join us and keep the club going.

(Due to the holidays Dec meeting will be Dec 16th)

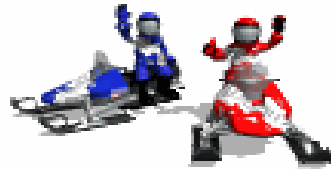


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ONAPING FALLS HIGH RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB NEWS

November 19, 2010

The club, led by our VIA Coordinator, Karen Morley, held our annual Volunteer Breakfast at the Windy Lake Motel on Saturday November 13. This is sponsored by our local council representative, Claude Berthiaume and the Club. This breakfast is to bring together and thank the club members who have volunteered their time to prepare the trails for the coming winter. It also is seen as the kickoff to the new season, hopefully just around the corner. Karen arranged the location and breakfast with Jessica and Ralph Linton for the 28 persons attending. She had door prizes and presented every family with a take-home gift. She demonstrates how important the VIA program is to the club. The Club Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented. The Family-of-the-Year was the Clelands (Janet & Richard). The Trail Patroller-of-the-Year selected was Wayne Gorham. The Rookie-of-the-Year was Gord McPhee. Gord has shown us all that a person can join a club as a very senior citizen and contribute many valuable hours to improving the trails. The Volunteer-of-the-Year selected was Myron McCormick.



Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year

The Executive and Staff of the Sudbury Trail Plan want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and all the best in the New Year.

Dave Bolton President
Don O'Connor Secretary Treasurer
Richard Bleskie VP of Operations
Norm Hein Operations Director
Vassie Lumley Administrative Assistant



We hope Santa is good to you all and we are looking forward to seeing you all out enjoying the trails in the coming months. Our wish is for lots of snow that lasts well into April 2011.

President's Corner

Hello from the president's desk. Here we are in Dec and snow is on the ground and a cold wind is blowing. Are you ready for a great winter?

I would first like to thank Marion, Greg and Jim of A&E Equipment for hosting an Open House for **STP** clubs on Nov 13, 2010. Your support is appreciated.

The **STP** clubs are very busy this time of year. Brush to cut, signs to re-install, bridges to repair or rebuild, destination signs to distribute to all corners and most of all permits to sell. Without permit sales the whole system can be in danger. Funding is required for those \$6.00 signs and \$12.00 posts. Bridges cost more money than a club can envision so permit dollars and government funding is needed. Building new trails when we have lost land use is very costly. So the next time you see someone steal a sign, trespass off the trail or ride an ATV on private property just think about all the dollars they are costing you the legal rider who loves winter and smooth trails.

If you are reading this then you know that **STP** is planning to provide you the permit buyer with timely newsletters that provides real information to make your winter riding more enjoyable. Our **STP** website, www.sudburytrailplan.on.ca is a work in
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progress so that you are better informed. You can also visit District 12 website for more information at www.ofscdistrict12.com

I encourage you to visit www.ofsc.on.ca to see the new and improved information site. You will learn about the new Interactive Trail Guide that uses colour-coded trail graphics instead of text. It will remind you of the highway report. A Routable GPS map is now available for the low cost of \$79.99 which you can download to your GPS unit for a ride across Ontario or a ride on your favourite trail. If you are the owner of a iPhone then check out OFSC for an App.

The board of **STP** has been busy planning different things to improve your year as well as help you have some snow fun while riding on our 1200 kms of groomed trails. We have extended our hours on Thursday evenings to 7 pm to accommodate you the permit buyer.

The annual Snowarama is scheduled for Sat Feb 5, 2011 and hosted by the **Coniston Wahnapiatae Driftbusters** at the Colonial Inn. Contact **STP** or myself 560-5432 for your pledge form and join us for a fun day while helping our Easter Seals Kids.

A new event this year is planned for Sat Feb 19th, 2011 and yes it is a BIG DEAL. This poker run will have a country music concert with Larry Berrio and friends to complete a day on the **STP** trails and support local groups. Contact Norm Hein at 693-7669 ext 12 for more information.

A special thank you to all the dealers and suppliers for helping us sell permits during this busy time of the year. Your support helps us the volunteers to continue to offer Sudburians a fantastic trail

network and bring a smile every time it snows while others frown.

I would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping a local club build a better trail system for the snowmobiler community to join us. You will learn as I did that it takes effort and dedication to keep 8 clubs working together to maintain our system. We also have fun because we have riding buddies who enjoy a day of touring. I have also learned that we have a lot of community support from our dealers and equipment people who go out of their way to support the sport. If you can't find the time for meetings then volunteer for trail work as it starts before the snow comes.

Get your sled ready and "Let it Snow"

Dave Bolton, President STP

Dave Bolton



COMING EVENTS

January 29th The Valley Trail Masters are hosting there **Exploration Run**. For more details contact the www.valleytrailmasters.ca

February 5th – **Snowarama** – Hosted by the Coniston Wahnapiatae Driftbusters out of the Colonial Inn in Coniston – come out and support Easter Seals and the kids

February 19th – **The BIG DEAL** – Hosted by the STP, Larry Berrio and Snowmobiler TV. Staged out of the Garson Arena on Falconbridge Hwy. this is an all day event – see the STP web site for many more details

February 26th - The Nickel Belt Snow Spirits are holding their **25th Annual Wilderness Run** at the Skead Rec Center, contact Charlie or Bonnie Hinds for tickets @ 566-9387.

March 27th- Broder Dill Snowmobilers and the Walden Sno Runners once again host the **4th Annual Social Night Out**. Come out and enjoy this fun filled end of the season event held this year in Lively at the Huddle – more details to come.