

# FLEA CALLER

## REMINDERS

VAST requires a copy of a current registration be submitted for each snowmobile or we cannot issue a TMA.

To take advantage of Early Bird pricing your Membership Application, copies of current registration(s), and payment must be received by Dec. 15th.

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Regardless of snow cover, Vermont snowmobile trails do not open until Dec. 16th.

## MEA CULPA!

In last month's article about the Pig Roast we forgot to thank a very special person - Patty Companik. She has supported our Club for over a year photographing our events and writing articles about the Club for the VAST magazine. You are the best Patty!

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## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Sat., Dec. 10th beginning at 5:30 pm at the home of Karen and Jared Wilson, 352 Chapman Rd., Proctorsville.

Information on the party is included with this newsletter. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP by emailing the Club or calling 802-554-0011 by Dec. 5th so that we can get a count for food.

This is a BYOB event. The evening includes a Yankee Swap. Please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift if you wish to participate in the Swap.

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## DECEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 15th starting at 7:00 pm at the home of Deb and Dan Tiernan, 198 The Hill Rd., Proctorsville. Hope to see you then!

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## THANK YOU EARLY BIRDS!

As of Nov. 28th we have registered 67 sleds, and members have donated \$657.00 to our barn building fund. Thank you for your support!

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## DINNER ON US

Congratulations to Dan Stowell on receiving this year's first \$25 gift certificate!

Refer 5 new members/sleds and receive a \$25 gift certificate to either The Chop House or Mr. Darcy's Bar and Grill. A new member is anyone who was not a member during the 2015 season. Mail or email the contact information to Karen. Once 5 of your referrals join the Club, you can choose your gift certificate. Remember each sled counts as a membership!

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## OUR TRAILS ARE READY

We had two very productive trail cleaning events in Nov. A huge thank you to Bill Brickelmaier, Fred Burkhardt, Bill, Greg, Philip, and Ryan Gullone (who helped at both events), Walter Johnson, Bob Kirby, Joe Marini Jr., Deb and Joe Nardini, Darryl Secor, Jean and Russ Walsh (who helped at both events), and Mike and Vanessa Zampini for joining Joe Marini and Dan Tiernan in getting our trails ready by clearing brush, cutting trees, and installing a new culvert, and to our chef Jared Wilson for cooking their lunch. Thank you to Willie Arnow for all his work in cleaning up our secondary trail, and thank you to Jeff Stearns for donating his truck for trail rerouting.

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## IMPORTANT TRAIL CHANGES

**Corridor 127** This trail now follows the power lines from Twenty Mile Stream Rd. through the quarry to the intersection of Corridor 12 (WR 44).

**Corridor 106** We were not able to get permission from one of the landowners for our original proposed reroute. But thanks to the generosity of an Atkinson Rd. family this Corridor has been reopened. The new route goes

from Joe's Bridge on Brook Rd., through forested land to Atkinson Rd., left onto Atkinson Rd. for approximately four tenths of a mile, right onto Moriglioni Rd. for approximately four tenths of a mile, and then back onto the original Corridor 106. We are continuing to investigate possible options to get this portion of the trail off of the roads.

Signs and flags mark the location changes on both Corridor 127 and Corridor 106. Please obey the signs, stay on the trail, and be respectful of our landowners. All snowmobilers suffer when a landowner decides to remove their property from the VAST trail system. Without their generosity we have no trails.

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### SNOWMOBILER'S PLEDGE

*I will remember that this land I am traveling on is not mine, but borrowed for a season. It is the home of someone else. I will respect their privacy as I would expect others to respect mine in my home and on my land.*

*Moreover, I understand that I am not the only guest to share this great outdoors. There are others from all walks of life who seek the same privilege of using this land just like me. I will also respect Mother Nature's wild creatures who were here long before us.*

*I will take time to slow my journey, if only to experience the beauty of the season and to enjoy this sport I love. I will remember the Golden Rule.*

*I will leave no blight of litter or abuse on this gift of freedom from life's often sameness.*

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### COOK SHACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

January will be here before we know it. If Mother Nature cooperates the Cook Shack will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm beginning Jan. 7th. Please contact Jared (802-226-7494) if you can spend a day helping in the Shack. It's a warm, fun place to make new friends and help the Club, and it gets your name into next year's drawing for a Volunteer TMA!

Do you have a dish that receives rave reviews from family and friends? Please contact Jared if there is a weekend when you could donate your favorite soup, a special sandwich, or dessert to enhance our menu.

Jared keeps a schedule so please be sure to contact him before bringing food or coming to help out.

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### CLUB CLOTHING

A supply of youth short sleeve t-shirts (sizes Small to XL), and adult long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts in sizes Small to 3X will be available for sale at the Cook Shack, along with Windsor County and VAST maps.

Clothing and maps can also be purchased at the Marini's.

Profits from the sale of clothing go into our barn building fund.

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### CLUB RIDES

We are looking for your input on possible Club rides for this season. Do you have a favorite destination? Email us your suggestions and look for information on our rides in upcoming newsletters.

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### CIRCLE THE DATE

**Jan. 27-29, 2017** Tri-State Reciprocal Weekend

### CLUB RIDES SAVE THE DATE



**Feb. 11, 2017** Chester Valentine's Day Bonfire  
**Feb. 18, 2017** Chester Poker Run  
**Mar. 25, 2017** Chester Pig Roast (or by car if no snow)

