

# FLEA CALLER

## CAVENDISH SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

We submitted 36 letters and had 20 members in attendance at the Jan. 9th Select Board meeting in support of the new snowmobile ordinance. Prior to the vote, Club members Al Davis and Paul Carbo addressed the Board explaining what it is like for them to access the trails. The Board listened and modified the ordinance removing the 1,000 ft. limit and adding wording with no distance limitation. The ordinance goes into effect on Feb. 9, and we will distribute copies to members once it is official.

We do not know of any other town which allows snowmobiles this much freedom to access the VAST trails. Please follow the ordinance and respect the privilege we've been given. Don't do anything that will jeopardize this privilege for all of us!

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### YOU'VE BEEN HEARD AND ... IT'S NOT GOOD!

We have received several complaints from Club members about two snowmobilers in our town who are riding sleds with altered mufflers. Vermont law prohibits the replacement of an exhaust system that exceeds the manufacturer's original equipment specifications. Violation of this law will result in a fine of \$300 for the snowmobile operator and a \$300 fine for the person selling the illegal exhaust system. No by-pass of a muffler system is allowed.

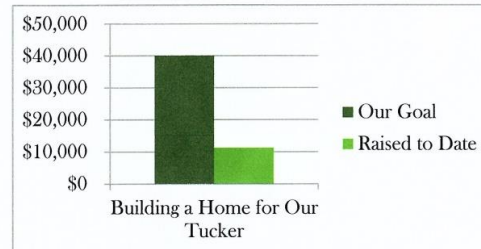
If you're upsetting fellow snowmobilers, you're upsetting landowners, and, with the new ordinance, you could be upsetting town residents. It only takes one person to ruin it for everyone. Don't be that one person!

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 16th starting at 7:00 pm at the home of Karen and Joe Marini, 865 Heald Rd., Proctorsville. Bring your ideas for Club rides!

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ANOTHER  
MILESTONE

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED  
SUPPORT!

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## WE NEED A HEAD COUNT FOR THE CHESTER BONFIRE RIDE

We need to provide Chester with the number of members who will be taking part in our group ride to their Bonfire event on Feb. 11th. If you are planning on taking part in this ride, email the Club or leave a message at the Marini's - 802-554-0011 - **by noon on Feb. 7th**. Info on the ride can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

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## VT TRAILS APP

VAST now offers a Vermont Snowmobile Trails app for iPhone and Android users. The app loads the statewide VAST maps in portions on your phone. The app has been designed to utilize your phone's built-in GPS to allow you to track your ride, plan trips using waypoints and even check the trail conditions by club and county. The app does require cellular connectivity or WiFi to load maps and check trail conditions, but tracking your rides (called breadcrumbs, a shout out to Hansel and Gretel) can be done with no signal. The app is a free download from the Apple and Google Play stores.

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## SNOWMOBILE RECALLS

Yamaha and Arctic Cat have both announced snowmobile recalls. Arctic Cat is for 2007, 2008, and 2009 models. Yamaha is for 2016 models. Complete info at [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Arctic-Cat-Recalls-Snowmobiles](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Arctic-Cat-Recalls-Snowmobiles) and [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Yamaha-Recalls-Snowmobiles](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Yamaha-Recalls-Snowmobiles).

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## AN INCREASE IN TRAIL CLOSURES

VAST and Windsor County are very concerned over the number of landowners statewide who are removing their property from the trail system. The primary reason – the landowners are tired of snowmobilers not following the posted trail signs. We've experienced this problem first hand. Once a section of trail is closed it takes time, money, and volunteers to create a new route – if you're lucky enough to find land for a new route. No matter where your snowmobile travel takes you, please respect the landowners and obey the trail signs!

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## NEW ITEM ON THE COOK SHACK MENU

The Cook Shack menu now includes cheese and pepperoni pizza slices from Goodman's American Pie. Don't miss out on this local favorite!

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## DO YOU FEEL LUCKY?

The Club is again running a season-long 50-50 raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Cook Shack.

Half of the money raised goes to the winner of the raffle and half goes into the Barn Building Fund. Print your name and telephone number on the back of your ticket and wait for a call the evening of April 13th. Good luck!

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## COOK SHACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Jared (802-226-7494) if you can spend a Saturday or Sunday helping in the Cook Shack. It's a great 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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## DINNER ON US

Our incentive program is going strong with 66 new sleds registered with us as of the end of January.

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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## CLUB CLOTHING

Adult and youth Club clothing can be purchased at the Cook Shack, as well as Club baseball hats, and Windsor County and VAST trail maps. Our fleece clothing is available by order only. The order form can be found on the Club's website. The next fleece order will be going to the supplier at the end of March. Contact Karen Marini with any questions.

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## CLUB RIDES



### *Chester Valentine's Day Bonfire*

Sat., Feb. 11th - 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Leaving from the Cook Shack at 2:30 pm

### *Chester Poker Run*

Sun., Feb. 19th – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

\$10.00 per hand

Leaving from the Cook Shack at 7:45 am

