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# FLEA CALLER

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## CAVENDISH SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

By now everyone should have received an email or a letter from Joe Marini regarding the new snowmobile ordinance being considered for Cavendish. Please get your letters of support to us by Jan. 7th. If you are sending your letter via email, please be sure to include your signature on the letter. We would like as many members as possible to show their support by attending the Select Board meeting on Jan. 9th at 6:30 pm in Cavendish Town Hall. Joe's letter and a copy of the ordinance can be found on the home page of our website. Please contact Joe (802-554-0011) if you have any questions or concerns.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Another year, another great turnout for our Christmas Party! And, as always, the Yankee Swap proved to be a lively experience. Roxie Davis did an amazing job keeping the participants under control, with Jennifer Stowell only having to use her 'teacher voice' once or twice!

Thank you to Karen and Jared Wilson for again opening their home and hosting the party, to Jared for coordinating the menu and to those who provided all of the delicious food!

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## JANUARY MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 12th starting at 7:00 pm at the home of Dot and Pete Ramsdell, 369 Route 131, Cavendish. We hope you'll join us!

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## OUR SECONDARY TRAIL

Thank you to Willie Arnow, Willie Arnow, Jr., and Paul and Penny Carbo for cleaning up our secondary trail and replacing the bridge next to the railroad line. Thank you to Woody for putting up the secondary trail signs.

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## THANK YOU EARLY BIRDS!

We registered 219 sleds during Early Bird pricing, and members donated \$1,225.00 to our barn building fund!

This was our highest Early Bird sales. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Club and your very generous donations!

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## DO YOU FEEL LUCKY?

The Club will be running a season-long 50-50 raffle with the winner being chosen at our April Club meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Cook Shack.

Half of the money raised will go to the winner of the raffle and half will go into the Barn Building Fund. Please 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

Weather permitting, 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 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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## PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS

Almost all of the trails in Cavendish are located on private property as opposed to being on State land. These landowners are key to our being able to ride the trails, and we must show them the upmost respect. Each year our Trail Signage Coordinator Russ Walsh and his wife Jean spend two to three weeks getting our signs and flags out so everyone knows the location of the trails. It is very disturbing when the groomers go out and see sled tracks outside our marked trails. It only takes one person to ruin

it for everyone. Please respect our landowners, stay on the trails, and if you meet a landowner while you're out riding say thank you!

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### DINNER ON US

Congratulations to Robert Brady, Paul Marsh, and Anthony Scricca the latest recipients of \$25 gift certificates for bringing in new members!

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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### REMINDER

#### AVOID A DUI OR SUI

VAST and the Vermont Sheriff's Department have asked that we remind everyone of the penalties for operating machinery on the trails while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. If caught on a trail which is also a public road, the arrest will be a DUI, as if in a motor vehicle. If caught on a trail which is not a public road, the arrest will be an SUI with a fine and points against your license. We encourage our Club members to be smart when operating your sled on the trails.

These penalties also apply to those who operate the groomers.

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### TRI-STATE RECIPROCAL WEEKEND

This year's Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine Tri-State Reciprocal Weekend will be January 27th - 29th.

The weekend provides complimentary snowmobiling in the three New England states for VAST members that have a valid 2017 TMA and all snowmobiles legally registered in New Hampshire and Maine. This is a great opportunity to ride the New Hampshire and Maine trails without the expense of their State fees.

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### SNOWMOBILER'S CODE OF ETHICS

*I will be a good sportsman and conservationist.*

*I will always operate my snowmobile in a reasonable and prudent manner.*

*I will promote sportsman-like conduct among my fellow snowmobilers.*

*I will operate my snowmobile only when there is sufficient snow cover.*

*I will not litter or damage living trees, shrubs or the land.*

*I will share the trail and respect other people's rights.*

*I will not harass wildlife.*

*I will respect the landowner and stay on the trail.*

*I will not snowmobile where prohibited.*

*I will know and obey all laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of my snowmobile.*

*I will lend a hand when I see someone in need.*

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### 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)

