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# FLEA CALLER

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Another year, another great turnout for our Christmas Party. And, as always, the Yankee Swap proved to be the highlight of the night. Clay Sides was back keeping the participants under control as gifts travelled back and forth across the room at a frantic pace!

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 folks who provided all of the delicious food!

## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO CORRIDOR 12N AT WR 43

When leaving the Cavendish Cook Shack at WR 43, Corridor 12N now goes left onto Twenty Mile Stream Rd. then immediately right onto Chapman Rd. Travel on Chapman Rd for .34 mile then right into the driveway at 352 Chapman Rd., then left back into the fields.

Please follow the arrows and signs and be alert as you are driving for a very short distance on a town road.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

# OUR SECONDARY TRAIL

Unfortunately with the death of Dennis Allen the Little Ascutney Club voted not to continue grooming our secondary trail. Several Club members have offered to help try and keep the trail open as best they can. Please use caution as there is also logging taking place in Proctor Piper State Forest.

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### JANUARY MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 11th starting at 7:00 pm at the home of Jean and Russ Walsh, 2756 Tarbell Hill Rd., Cavendish. We hope you'll join us!

### THANK YOU EARLY BIRDS!

We registered 225 sleds during Early Bird pricing, and members donated \$1,120.00 to our Barn Building Fund! Thank you so much for your continued support.

#### DO YOU FEEL LUCKY?

The Club will again 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 12th. Good luck!

#### NEW GROOMERS IN THE TUCKER

Eric Alden, Glenn Fagan, Jim Filipowicz, Art Jara, and Adam and Tim Rowe answered our call on Dec. 16th for folks to help groom. Training has begun for the local folks. We will be contacting the weekend folks beginning this week. Scheduling of training will depend on what Mother Nature provides us. If you have questions, please call Joe (802-554-0011).

#### COOK SHACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As long as Mother Nature continues to cooperate, the Cook Shack will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm beginning this weekend - Jan. 6th. 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.

#### DINNER ON US

Congratulations to George Petruney and Karen Nardella on receiving this year's first \$25 gift certificate!

Refer new members who register a total of 5 sleds and you receive a \$25 gift certificate to either The Chophouse or Mr. Darcy's Bar and Grill. Provide the contact information to Karen Marini, and once the new members register a total of 5 sleds with the Club you can choose your gift certificate.

#### 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 who have a valid 2018 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.

#### **HEADING NORTH?**

The Comfort Inns & Suites on Route 5 South in St. Johnsbury is offering a discount rate starting at \$129 per night to VAST members. When making your reservation, indicate you saw their ad and mention the code VAST17.

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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.

#### **NEW CLUB DECAL**



Thanks to our friend Pete Rappoccio at SignPro, we have a new decal which celebrates our Club and VAST's 50th Anniversary. The decal is \$3. and can be purchased

at the Cook Shack. Proceeds from the sale of the decals will go into our Barn Building Fund.

# LOCAL EVENTS

(check Club's website for more information)



| Jan. 6<br>5:00 pm  | Andover Mountaineers Pasta Dinner & Blind Auction   |
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| Feb. 10            | Weathersfield Pathfinders   |
| 9:00 am            | Annual Poker Run  |
| Feb. 10<br>4:00 pm | Chester Snowmobile Club<br>Valentine's Day Bonfire Ride In<br>(If attending, contact Club so they can<br>plan food) |
| Feb. 18            | Chester Snowmobile Club   |
| 9:00 am            | Annual Poker Run  |