
FLEA CALLER

VAST HORIZON AWARD

At the VAST Annual Meeting Karen and I were the recipients of the VAST Horizon Award. We were honored to learn it was members of our Club who nominated us. The presentation was made by Windsor County Director, Dick Jewett, and last year's Award winner, Patty Madigan Companik, two individuals who we admire for their dedication to the Chester Club, Windsor County, and VAST.

All that we have accomplished the past two years would not have been possible without the support and friendship that we've received from our members.

Our names may be on the plaque, but in our eyes it's an award for all of the fantastic volunteers that support us in everything we do for the Snow Fleas.

Thank you!

Joe Marini

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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Thank you to Clay and Crystal Sides and Brian and Kelly Weymer, who joined the Marini's as our delegates to this year's Annual Meeting.

VAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS: One of the first orders of business was the membership vote on the petition to change the bylaws to allow non-Vermont residents to hold positions on the VAST Board of Directors. After a brief discussion, including VAST's acknowledgment that 48% of their members are non-Vermont residents, a vote was taken by Australian ballot. By a 3 to 1 margin the vote passed allowing non-Vermont residents to hold positions on the Board. An item still to be determined is the wording on the percentage of meetings all VAST Board

members will need to attend to remain in good standing.

ONLINE TMA PURCHASE: Beginning this season, VAST will offer the option to purchase three types of TMAs online - Early Bird, Regular Season and Three Day Passes. Both returning members and new members will be able to use this option. Purchasing a TMA online will be more expensive than purchasing directly from your local club. The difference in price was not announced at the meeting because TMA prices had not yet been finalized. We will provide more info as we receive it.

WIN A 2016 POLARIS: To increase Early Bird sales, individuals who purchase Early Bird, Volunteer, and Military TMAs by December 15th will have their names entered into a VAST drawing for a 2016 Polaris 800 INDY® SP snowmobile. The drawing will take place in mid-January.

VERMONT SNOW TRAILS CONSERVANCY CHARITABLE TRUST: Stan Choiniere gave a presentation on VAST's recently formed Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy Charitable Trust (VSTC). The Trust works with landowners to obtain easements to allow for the continued use of corridor snowmobile trails in Vermont. In an agreement between VSTC and VAST, all VSTC easements fall under the protection afforded by the State of Vermont for the Vermont Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (VSSTS) granted to VAST. Landowners, who are interested in creating an easement where a corridor trail crosses their property, should contact their local Club's president, who will pass the information on to VAST. The value of the land donated for the easement will be a one-time income tax deduction for the landowner <http://www.vlt.org/land-protection/tax-implications>.

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OUR ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Plans are being finalized for our second annual Pig Roast on Saturday, October 8th (rain date October 9th) from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the field next to Snow Country Snowmobiles on Winery Road in Proctorsville.



This is our big fundraiser with a Silent Auction, and 50/50 raffle. Musical entertainment will again be provided by Jamie's Junk Show. The support for this event last year was incredible as we served over 100 dinners! People have been spreading the word, and we anticipate serving even more dinners this year. There is a letter included with this newsletter indicating ways you can help.

Please consider volunteering for this event! Pig Roast volunteers will be included in this year's drawing for a 2017 Volunteer TMA.

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CORRIDOR 106 UPDATE

The re-route we had planned for Corridor 106 involved permission from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and two landowners. Unfortunately one of the landowners has decided not to allow a trail on their property. Thank you to Ron Brenton, Bill McNamara, Ken Emery and Wyatt McAllister for all of their help. We are now exploring other re-routing options for this section of trail.

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TRAIL CLEARING & CLEAN UP

The first of four planned trail clearing and clean up work sessions will happen on Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring your chain saw and work gloves. ATVs and side-by-sides are also needed to help transport folks to the trails. Lunch is provided by the Club at 2:00 p.m. at the Cook Shack.

This month's trail clean up and the Pig Roast are the last opportunities to have your name entered into this year's Club drawing for a 2017 Volunteer TMA.

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ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Saturday, October 8th
12:30 - 3:00 pm
Winery Rd., Proctorsville

Pork, 2 sides, soft drink & a dessert - \$15.00

Kid's meal (6 and under)
Hot dog or hamburger, chips, drink & a dessert
\$5.00



Rain Date: October 9th

TRAIL CLEARING & CLEAN UP

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 24
Sat., Oct. 22
Sat., Nov. 12
Sat., Nov. 26



Meet at the Cook Shack

Bring your chain saw and work gloves

Lunch provided by the Club