

FLEA CALLER

THANK YOU TO OUR 'VILLAGE'

32 baskets have been reserved, only 16 baskets remain for sale. The success of this fundraiser would



not have been possible without the support of Club members, members of the snowmobile community, and local businesses: Patty and Frank Companik, Terri and Rich Conte, Kevin Forbes (Blake Hill Preserves), Dick Jewett, Dan Stowell, VAST, Kelly Weymer, Lee Whiting, Mark Williams (Mr. Darcy's and

Sam's), Karen Wilson (Caldwell Banker), Janet and Wayne Wysocki, Pam Zampano (Pam's Delights), and Margo Caulfield (Cavendish Connects) and Dan Singleton (Singleton's). If you would like to reserve a basket, please contact Frank and Patty Companik 203-710-7358 or (patricia.companik@sbcglobal.net).

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TOWN SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the Cavendish Snowmobile Ordinance, which went into effect on Feb. 9, 2017. It allows residents to ride town roads from their home to the nearest VAST trail. We have heard not all local sheriffs and Vermont Fish & Game Wardens are aware of the Ordinance. You may want to keep a copy of the Ordinance in your sled in case you are stopped.

We do not know of any other town which allows snowmobilers this much freedom to access the VAST trails. Please follow the Ordinance and respect the privilege we've been given.

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STAY ON THE TRAILS OR GET A TICKET

Vermont law enforcement will again be putting an emphasis on enforcing unlawful off trail riding. They will be patrolling and giving out tickets.

Off Trail Riding (technically known as "operating on private land without permission") equals a \$300 fine, not to mention it hurts the landowners that allow us the use of their land and the volunteers that put so much effort in making sure you have great trails to ride.

If you do encounter someone who is riding off trail, do not confront them. VAST asks that you take note of the trail location, the color and manufacturer of the sled and, if possible, the sled's registration number. It would also be helpful if a photo or video can be taken, but do not jeopardize your safety. Any info you obtain should be forwarded to VAST Director Cindy Locke.

It only takes one person to ruin it for everyone. Don't be that one person!

SATURDAY, DEC. 4TH

**HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS
PICK UP & PURCHASE**

SINGLETON'S

9 am - 2 pm

CLUB MEETING

2:30 pm

TIM ROWE'S BARN

1997 TWENTY MILE STREAM RD.

REMINDER

Regardless of snow cover, Vermont snowmobile trails do not open until Dec. 16th. Our trail conditions will be posted on the VAST website, our Facebook page, and our website.

VERMONT 2022 FREE WEEKEND

This season's Vermont Free Weekend will be Feb. 4th, 5th, and 6th. The biggest change from previous years - no TMA required.

However, Pre-registration is required. Forms will be available on the VAST website after Dec. 1st. Also required:

- Valid registration from any state or province
- Liability insurance on your sled
- Completion of a safety course if sled operator is born after July 1, 1983.

Check the VAST website for complete details.

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ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE

The key to the sport of snowmobiling in Vermont is permission from landowners. Please respect and obey the "Stay on the Trails" and "No Snowmobiles" signs. Remember snowmobiling is a privilege not a right. And whenever possible, please thank a landowner! Without them, 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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SAVE THE DATE

March 5 - 11 am - 3 pm
St. Patrick's Day Ride In
Cook Shack

March 12- 11 am - 3 pm
(backup date for Mar. 5)
St. Patrick's Day Ride In
Cook Shack

SNOWMOBILE FREE WEEKENDS

Quebec	Jan. 15 & 16
Vermont	Feb. 4, 5 & 6
New Hampshire	
& Maine	Mar. 4, 5 & 6

