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# FLEA CALLER

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## CONGRATULATIONS SONIA!

On Dec. 4 this year's winner of our snowmobile raffle, Sonia Koehler, her husband, Mike, and their children met Joe at Robbins Powersports in Windsor to pick up her prize. While Mom may have won the sled, we understand that it will be Ethan and Kassie who will be riding the sled the most as they continue a family tradition that dates back to their Mom's grandfather, one of the founders of the Norton snowmobile club! Thank you Koehler's for supporting our raffle!



And, thank you to Butch, Paula, and Andrew Robbins for their help with this fundraiser!

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## SIMPLY THE BEST

We want to acknowledge and thank a very special volunteer and someone who has supported our Club for the last 4 years - Windsor County Secretary and VAST Awards Committee Chairperson Patty Companik. Patty not only coordinated the recent Trailblazer Awards, she wrote the article about Dot, Pete and Dan which appears in the most recent VAST magazine, she photographed the meeting and raffle, and provided some of the refreshments. She and her husband Frank can be found at most all of our events. You are the very best Patty!

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## JANUARY MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 10th beginning at 7:00 pm at the home of Karen and Joe Marini, 865 Heald Rd., Proctorsville. Hope you will join us!

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## THANK YOU EARLY BIRDS!

We registered 236 sleds during Early Bird pricing, and members donated \$1,725.00 to our Barn Building Fund! Thank you also to those who purchased 50th Anniversary stickers and Club clothing with their TMAs as the proceeds from these sales also went into the Building Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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## COOK SHACK OPENING

As soon as Mother Nature cooperates and provides snow, the Cook Shack will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm. We will post info on the Cook Shack opening date on our Facebook page and on our website.

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## OUR TRAILS ARE READY

Once again our Trail Signage Coordinator Russ Walsh and his wife Jean spent three weeks getting our corridor signs and trail markers in place including adding new location signs to each road crossing stop sign. This year was a little more challenging with both a trail closure and a re-route which required the installation of both signs and roping to keep folks on the trails. Thank you both for your commitment to the Club!

Thanks also to Michael and Karin Carey, Willie Arnow, Willie Arnow, Jr., and Rob Keefe for spending time clearing our secondary trail from S 45 to S 46, and to Woody who put in the trail signs and trail markers on the secondary trail. We have the best volunteers!

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## TOWN SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the Cavendish Snowmobile Ordinance. The Ordinance went

into effect on Feb. 9, 2017 and allows residents to ride town roads from their home to the nearest VAST trail. We have heard that 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 snowmobiles this much freedom to access the VAST trails. Please follow the Ordinance and respect the privilege we've been given!

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### NEW FUEL LOCATION IN CHESTER

Gasoline will now be available for sale at the Stone Hearth Inn in Chester off Corridor 12 on the secondary trail at S 32. Hours of operation are Thursday-Monday from 10 am - 5 pm. Contact Sheldon 802-875-2525 for more information.

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### LOGGING OPERATION CORRIDOR C4/12

There is a logging operation on Corridor C4/12 between WR 66 and WR 34. Use caution in the area as the loggers have plowed the road.

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### IS PARTY PLANNING YOUR THING?

We are looking for ideas for an annual winter event for Club members to meet, get together, and have some fun. It could be an outdoor event during the day or in the evening where folks could travel by snowmobile, or an indoor event in the evening where folks travel by car. What kinds of events have you attended and enjoyed? Email us your ideas and we'll put them to a member vote!

Once we decide on an event, we would like some folks to volunteer to be the coordinators/organizers. We know we've got some talented people in the Club who could make this an event everyone will look forward to attending. An active and involved membership is the strength of a snowmobile club!

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### VERMONT & MAINE FREE WEEKEND

Both Vermont and Maine are hosting a Free Weekend Feb. 1st thru 3rd. Bring your friends to check

out what Vermont has to offer to snowmobilers. All Vermont state rules must be followed but a VAST TMA trail pass is not required.

Maine's trails are open to sleds registered in any state or province. No reciprocal agreement is required.

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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.

### LOCAL EVENTS

(check Club's website for more information)



- Feb. 9**                      **Chester Snowmobile Club**  
**4:00 -**                      **Valentine's Bonfire Ride In**  
**9 pm**                      **Power Lines WR 51, Andover**  
**(If attending, contact Club so they can plan food)**
- Feb. 18**                      **Chester Snowmobile Club**  
**9:00 am**                      **Annual Poker Run**  
**Rec Field, Lovers Lane, Chester**

*Time for the Snow Dance People!*

