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## November/December 2011 Newsletter

Another season is right around the corner and before you know it we'll have that 3' of snow that the majority of us are looking forward to! On that note, our trail system does NOT open until 12/15, providing we have enough snow to open gates & get our equipment out and grooming. The club's insurance policy does not go into effect until then so pass that bit of info along to anyone asking "when do the trails open"!! We have much to talk about, many thanks to send out and a Christmas Party/Yankee Swap to announce to let's get to it.

The Tucker 1000 (also known as the Gilford groomer) has been sandblasted, primed & now has a fresh coat of bright Tucker orange paint! A huge huge thanks to many people for getting this done. First and foremost, Dave Glazier for his many tireless hours working on this project, Tyson McKenna for making the arrangements to get Mike from Miles Marine with their truck & trailer to haul the Tucker to John Froumy's in Belmont. And a gigantic thanks to John Froumy who not only opened up his shop for the groomer but who actually used his equipment, gave his time and "got 'er done" for us. It almost looks like a new machine! Many hands got this project done and for those others who helped in stripping it down, sandblasting, removing the accessories, tool box, brush guard, gas tank etc., thank you as well. Mark @ Gator Signs in Gilford also deserves a shout out for producing the decals at a very reduced rate for the club, with money tight we appreciate it when the club can get a deal, thank you!!

Circle the dates on your calendar, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 - the states of Maine, NH and Vermont will open their trail systems to each adjoining states that weekend. Years ago we had reciprocity with each other, only to have it end, making many snowmobilers very unhappy, so now is your chance to ride in Vermont & Maine at no extra cost, without having to register your machines in those states!

Some of you who have been receiving the weekly e-mails regarding work parties and announcements are aware of our new web master, Rick Zach and the new web site. But first I'd like to thank Linda Davis who designed & maintained our original web site. Thank you Linda for a job well done, especially knowing that you don't even snowmobile!! We appreciate the time & effort you put into the original site. Rick Zach has taken over that responsibility and has completely revamped, updated & designed the new web site. He's put in many many hours getting this small feat accomplished and has done a marvelous job. I urge you to check out the new & improved web site. We think you'll find maneuvering around the site easier, he's even got "mug" shots of the directors, officers and groomer operators so you can put a face to a name! Rick is open to suggestions and comments so if there is something you think could or would make the site easier or user friendly, by all means drop him an e-mail. The web site address for those of you who don't have it engrained in your memory bank is [www.belknapsnowmobilers.com](http://www.belknapsnowmobilers.com) Thank you Rick for a job well done, your time & effort is much appreciated! We would also urge you to check the web site weekly as he will be

updating more often in the weeks to come. He also has a page for our groomer operators to update nightly as they are out grooming the different trails, which is a feature we think you'll find very helpful, especially mid week when we find the trail conditions best!

We have been asked by Steve & Lisa at HK Powersports in Laconia to please consider registering your sleds early this year. People typically tend to wait until the first significant snowstorm to register and that makes for extra long lines at the counter. So if at all possible, an early registration would help alleviate this. On another note, don't forget you can also register as well as join the club at the NHSA Office in Tilton. Phyllis would love to help you out during the week, as they are not open on the weekends, so consider this option as well.

Jason Trefrey, our Vice President, has put out some "donation" containers at various locations and should you happen to see one when you are out and about, all donations will be much appreciated. No amount is too small so even if you drop in your spare change, we'll take it, although we like the "green" stuff as well!!

One more time we are going to urge you to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than snail mail. We promise you that we do not share your e-mail address with anyone and Jill sends out the newsletters and any other digital correspondence via BCC, which means for those of you who don't know, that no one else receiving the e-mail sees your address. This newsletter will be the last snail mail sent out using last year's memberships. You won't receive any additional snail mail until and if you rejoin the club!

The work parties are winding down on both sides of the lake. We've had a fairly decent turnout and once again, thank you to those of you who have given your time & efforts to get this done. E-mails will continue to be sent out announcing any future work parties, we're hoping they will be limited, but again, we urge you to check the web site weekly for updates & announcements. We have a couple of bridge repairs/replacements and extra hands will be needed to check the web site please!

And now to our Christmas Party/Yankee Swap. Jon & Angie Bossey are heading this up this year and I will attach the announcement they have typed up. We always have a great time, lots of fun/unusual gifts and great food. So be sure to let them know if you will attend or feel free to contact them with any questions!!

This will be my last year as President of the club and I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you who has made my job easier, has called or dropped me an e-mail and even stopped and chatted while fueling up the groomer. It's been a long ride in this position, having taken over from Linda Wilking many years ago, who took over from Bud Wool, many years before that and so in April the torch will be passed once again. We'll have a new slate of officers come next year and hope that some of the changes they will be making will be welcomed with an open mind. Young, fresh ideas are sometimes not always welcomed but we feel that the young "fresh blood" who will be stepping in will do just fine and just as the present slate, will have the best interest of the club in mind!

Happy Thanksgiving, very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years! Fingers crossed for another banner year of snow & good riding!

**John Ferguson - President**