

Presidential Range Riders Newsletter

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That Time Again!

I hope everyone had a good summer! It's that time again to start thinking about winter. It looks like we will have a busy winter this year. We recently learned that the 40th Annual Ride In for Easter Seals will be held, once again, in Gorham, February 3-5, 2012. This is also the year of our club's 40th anniversary of being a recognized club in the State of NH. Another event planned for this winter is our 2nd Annual Gorham Sled Fest on Presidents Day weekend, February 17-20. Needless to say, we will need lots of help in preparing and organizing these events. Volunteers will be needed at both events to do various things like getting donations from area business's, getting supplies, and running the club booth at the Ride In, etc. We need your help to pull off these events successfully. Last year our 1st Sled Fest brought in a nice amount of money and everyone that attended had a great time. We are looking to grow this event into a large scale snowmobile event here in the North Country to support our area businesses and our club. We do have a few fall projects to complete before snow flies. The bridge on the Ledge Hill Trail needs to be re-decked, a bunch of brush cutting and installing several 4 x 4 posts to improve our trail signage. If anyone would like to be added to the "call list" for trail work, please shoot me an email at bkruel@myfairpoint.net and put "work list" in the subject line along with the best way to contact you. We have been out scouting around since Hurricane Irene hit and have found that most of the trails are okay other than some blow downs and minor erosion. The worst thing is that the large swinging bridge over the Wild River in Maine on Corridor 19 was completely wiped out. The bridge was put there in 2001 by the U.S. Forest Service and is about 180 feet long. The Bureau of Trails and our Maine counterparts are working towards a solution for this issue. As things progress I will let you know.

We did receive a grant this year to have one of our groomers re-habbed. It is currently at the Pisten Bully shop in Lewiston, Maine and we should have it back (in like-new condition) before snow hits. Along with this newsletter you will find the 2011-2012 club application. Please fill it out and return it early so we can process it in a timely fashion. Below you will also find the meeting schedule for this season. Please keep this and post it where you can see it as we will not be printing any other reminders. We will send e-mail reminders, so please include your e-mail address on your application. If anyone wants to go out on their own and do trail maintenance please let me know so that I can get special permissions for those who wish to use ATV's to access our trails for this purpose. I hope to see you soon at a meeting or on a work day - please try and make a few. Attendance at the meetings last year was very low towards the end of the season. Work days will be discussed at the meetings and also e-mailed when dates are set. Thanks for reading and do your snow dance! Brian Ruel.

Meeting Schedule:

All meetings will be held at the Town & Country Pool Side @ 6:30 pm **unless otherwise notified**. Bring the kids and their swim suits.

October: Tuesday 10/4/11 First Meeting

November: Tuesday 11/8/11

December: Tuesday 12/6/11 Potluck Dinner meeting, more info to come.

January: Tuesday 1/3/12

January: Thursday 1/26/12 Ride in Meeting

February: Tuesday 2/14/12 Sled Fest Meeting

March: Tuesday: 3/6/12 Last meetin

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