

# THE KNOX KNEWS

The Knox Trail Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club of Otis, Massachusetts presents it's 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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Vehicle prizes supplied by New Boston Crane Service and Sleds

Help the club upgrade it's sled groomer fleet and celebrate it's 40th. birthday! Your ticket donation will be used to purchase two new four stroke, wide track grooming machines. It's a big investment but the club needs to replace two old sleds and keep the trails the best they can be.

### Sorry it's late!

This edition of the Knox Knews should have been out over a month ago. A lot of issues were being decided upon at that time. To keep the issue up to date with the summer goings on, this delay would be in the best interest of the readers. Plans for the Club's 40th. anniversary raffle and participation in the Otis 200th birthday events were the biggest factors.

### The President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well we see spring has sprung, maybe for some of us all to fast. The rainy season came early as a big surprise. Winter has faded. Snow came down fast with large snow fall amounts late in the season, just in time for very warm temps to melt it all away. I hope all of you enjoyed the winter here in the Otis area. As we transition to summer sports, our core group of club volun-

teers will be hard at work planning, developing, and formulating ideas to meet our goals for the up coming season.

I want to thank the past season's officers and board of directors for the hard work and accomplishments for a very successful snowmobiling season. I am also grateful for the behind the scenes work that club members and non-club members do to support our efforts to keep snowmobiling in our community.



We still have a lot going on. For the Otis Bicentennial Parade in June, we are planning and designing a float in the spirit of snowmobiling. This will be a first for us. We are purchasing two new sled based groomers so we can retire our older machines.

The Grouse House is now under new management and a new trail will be

## TWO BIG ANNIVERSARIES!

This season will mark the 40th. anniversary of the club. Since it's also the Bicentennial year for Otis too, a raffle fits right in! The club desperately needs two new groomer sleds. During last season's short grooming period, many trails went without because the two 1997 Bearcats spent more time in the shop than on the trails. This season, the club will have a brand new 2010 SkiDoo Skandic 24" track machine and a 2011 Polaris FSWT 20" track machine. Both are clean running four strokes with radiator / tunnel cooling and hi/lo range transmissions. These machines embody the latest technology. They will groom through the toughest conditions and last for many years. They will join the four stroke Arctic Cat and Yamaha wide tracks the club now has.

These two purchases will cost the club over \$22,000! Some of the costs will be covered by current funds and financing. This is where the raffle comes in. A \$10 donation gives you a chance to win either a 2010 Polaris 600R Rush snowmobile with Pro-Ride suspension OR a 2010 Polaris 550EPS ATV with a winch, plow, and power steering. In the event that not enough tickets are sold to cover the club's cost of the prize, the winner will take away one half of the proceeds. That could be over \$8000! No more than 2000 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased from club officers, participating merchants, on line, or by mail.

proposed to this restaurant in the up coming season

If you go to our web site you will enjoy reading the many things we do as a snowmobile club and looking at the smiles on people faces in our web gallery.

We support many charities, public trails, and local businesses. Otis is a wonderful place to live and visit and snowmobiling is a recreation that everyone can enjoy.

Jeff Gamelli, President, KTSR Inc.



## Schedule of Events

☞ Join us at the Otis Bicentennial on June 11, 12, and 13th. Watch for the KTSR parade float on the 12th.

☞ Reservoir Fireworks July 10th. Rain date July 17th. Stay tuned to KTSR twitter box if weather is questionable.

☞ First 2011 season meeting Sunday Sept. 26, 2010. at 9am. Breakfast at 8:30

☞ SAM Power Sports Show at the Big E grounds. October 16 and 17.

☞ Nov. 7th. NBCSS Swap Meet. KTSR Raffle drawing at 3pm.

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## Your treasurer's rant

The 2009-2010 season wasn't the best season, but it wasn't the worst either.



Good riding conditions came slowly from small snowfalls but were wiped out by rain on Jan. 25th. but not before a great

Poker Run. Again, small snowfalls brought some trails back, but not enough for the vintage ride. The VR will have a more flexible schedule next season. Eighteen inches of snow finally came but were immediately cut in half by heavy rain. Then another 9 inches capped it off forming a snow cover similar to quicksand. The big groomers got mired and the sled groomers could not reach some of their rounds. Sledding became treacherous. The snow finally tightened up but rain again wiped it out in early March.

That's the challenge of operating a snowmobile club in SW Mass. Hopefully 2010-2011 will bring better conditions but there is a problem to deal with . The Reservoir Dam will be overhauled next

winter and the bridge will be closed and replaced. State Park Road and East Otis Road (Trail 20) must be plowed for the residents around Camp Overflow and heavy equipment to reach Rt. 57. The W20 lake access will be closed for the winter. There is no other option. The club will do it's best to open up alternate routes. Fortunately, this will only affect one season. The lake must be low to facilitate repairs. Winter work is difficult but when the choice to keep the lake low for the winter vs. summer, the snowmobilers lost. Hopefully, the W20 ramp will get an overhaul!

Thank you to all of the landowners, volunteers, and members that made the past season a reality. Please volunteer and help make next season one of the best!

Jim Richard, Treasurer

## Adopt - A - Highway



The Adopt-A-Highway Visibility Program is a volunteer event. It is held every spring.

Approximately 30 bags of trash were picked up on Sunday April 19 on route 23 in East Otis by 14 club volunteers. The club has been involved in this Ma. DOT program for several years.

## Your new club officers and board of directors

PRESIDENT : Jeff Gamelli

VICE PRESIDENT: Greg Stevens

TREASURER: James Richard  
413-269-7318

SECRETARY: Diane Therrien

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Bill Roberts, Greg Stevens, Jack Shinkwin, Paul Gage, Jeff Gamelli, Joyce Taylor, Mike Bannish, Paul Mastraini, Peter Chait, Steve DeLand, James Richard, Bill Taylor, Andy Kutz

## A note from the Veep...

Groomer operators make snowmobiling enjoyable. Without them riding would be a nightmare. They are volunteers that spend countless hours not only operating but also repairing the groomers. There is a belief out there that the state pays these volunteers to go out and groom but this is not true. All expenses for grooming are paid for by your trailpass purchases. The state (you and I) benefit with marked and maintained trails and an influx of local business during what would normally be a slow period.

Greg Stevens, VP



Board of Directors member Pete Chait's toy fleet takes the change from winter to summer in stride!

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## Knox Trail Sno-Riders

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Knox Trail Sno-Riders, Inc. is a snowmobile club located in Otis, MA. Its purpose is to promote the sport of snowmobiling and maintain a network of groomed trails. Formed in 1971, the club begins its 40th year of providing a great riding experience in the Southern Berkshires. The club is an affiliate member of The Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts, an association of 36 clubs, helping to make Massachusetts a destination of choice for snowmobiling individuals and families. PRESIDENT: Jeff Gamelli VICE PRESIDENT: Greg Stevens TREASURER: James Richard 413-269-7318 SECRETARY: Diane Therrien BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Bill Roberts, Greg Stevens, Jack Shinkwin, Paul Gage, Jeff Gamelli, Joyce Taylor, Mike Bannish, Paul Mastraini, Peter Chait, Steve DeLand, James Richard, Bill Taylor, and Andy Kutz. The KNOX KNEWS is published 4 times during the Snowmobiling season. Send photos, articles, and comments to [knoxtrail@gmail.com](mailto:knoxtrail@gmail.com) or Box 363, East Otis, 01029. Copyright 2010, Knox Trail Sno-Riders, Inc. James Richard, editor.

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