

THE KNOX KNEWS

KNOX TRAIL SNOW SHOW BOOTH WINS BEST IN SHOW!



Volunteer George Cain mans the KTSR booth at the SAM Snow Show

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Knox Trail Sno-Riders. We had snow in October to get our snow blood flowing. We have completed the new village trail to bypass the J&D Marina and keep the trail around the village for better access for snowmobilers to get gas, food, parking & rest rooms. We still

have many trails to work on, to improve your snowmobiling. Work is slow because of the lack of volunteers. We have a new map that will let you know where you are on the trails. Signs and markers will be on the trails to help you identify your location. We had a great swap meet at New Boston Crane on Nov. 2 and had snow by our treasurer Jim Richard's snow machine. The kids had a great time in the snow. We are planning to have club rides after our meeting when snow permits. Check out our web site "knox trail.com" or call our snow & info phone 413-269-0243 for activities. Hope your sleds are ready to go! I know mine are!

Norm Picard, president



THE SAM DELEGATE REPORT

Hello fellow snow lovers. Here's a quick update from SAM through the eyes of your delegate. Operating budget concerns were a huge topic. As with all businesses, money is a very important. At the SAM and KTSR meetings, we discussed how to balance the SAM budget. SAM officers suggested raising the club dues by fifty cents to \$1.50 per pass sold. Also, the price of the SAM sticker would go up \$5. KTSR voted this down. I will present to the next SAM meeting a list of suggestions from the mem-



Joyce Taylor's planter.

bers who attended the last KTSR meeting. The delegates will vote at next SAM meeting on 12-04-08.

As most of you know, the snow expo that SAM puts on has been getting smaller in recent years. SAM is having trouble getting vendors to the show. The economy and the snowfall are major factors on the success of the show. Vendors won't come if nobody is buying stuff. For next year, we are considering an all power sports show.

What do dinosaurs and toilet seats have in common? They were on sale at the 2008 SAM Snow Show at the Big E on October 18th and 19th. Huh? Member Peter Chait donated his machine time to cut out gigantic dinosaur skeleton puzzles which were raffled and sold. "Don't let snowmobiling become extinct. Join a club!" was the theme. Laser printed toilet seats with "I'd rather be sitting on a snowmobile" etched onto them were very popular. These items, sweats, and tees, combined with the help of many volunteers netted the club the "Best in Show" for a club booth. Good work!



This could include ATVs, motorcycles, campers, personal water craft, and boats. I'm sure there is more to this list. SAM is thinking of having a grass drag and a vintage show. We are also considering moving the show to the North Hampton Fairgrounds. Feel free to send any thoughts and ideas to SAM through their web site, Sledmass.com. Or Better yet, come to a SAM meeting, held the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in Springfield at the Holiday Inn.



See you on the trails,
Mr. Bill (Taylor)

YOUR TREASURER'S RANT

People ask me all the time why they need a trail pass if they already have a Mass sled registration. The Mass registration allows you to ride on state owned land. The trails maintained by this club often cross private land. Permission to ride there, is given by the landowners. The Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts trail-pass allows you to ride on any open SAM trail in the entire state, not just the club you purchased your pass from. Buying a pass also brings with it club membership. When you buy your pass from KTSR, part of your dues are used right here in Otis to make your sledding experience the best!



Jim Richard,
treasurer

Let the snow begin!

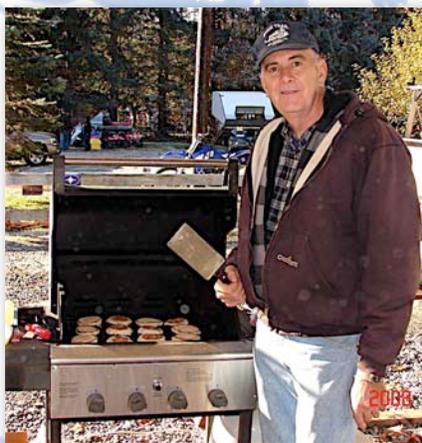
THE CLUB CALENDAR

- Meetings 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month except holidays. Breakfast at 8:30am. Meeting at 9am. Tannery Road clubhouse, Otis.(1)

- Trail work after each meeting at the groomer garage in East Otis center (2).
- Club rides after each meeting at noon. Meet at L&M Gulf (1) in East Otis.
- Poker Run and Picnic Sunday January 25 at the (W19) intersection at the northwest end of the reservoir.

BITS OF INFORMATION

- The SnowPhone is 413-269-0243
- Buy your trail passes on line , via mail, or at these merchants: L&M Gulf (1), Katies (2), Knox Trail Inn (3), New Boston Crane (7), New Boston Inn (8), and Smith's in Huntington. Passes are \$40 via mail, \$50 via the SAM website link, and \$42 at participating merchants.
- The club's web address is www.knoxtrail.com
- The 10/10 Club begins the Jan. 14, 2009. Get your chance to win \$25 or \$50 from ten weekly drawings. \$10 per ticket. Call the SnowPhone , email knoxtrail@gmail.com, or send \$10 per ticket to Box 363, East Otis, MA 01029 . For the benefit of the Groomer Fund.
- Parking available at L&M Gulf (P3) , Knox Trail Inn (P4), Alan Road at Rt. 8 (P1), Otis State



Chef Norman fed a lot of people at the New Boston Crane Swap Meet on Nov. 2. It was a very successful fund raiser

Forest on Rt. 23 (P5), Tolland SF Boat Launch(P2), October Mtn SF (P6), and the Clubhouse on Tannery Rd (P7).

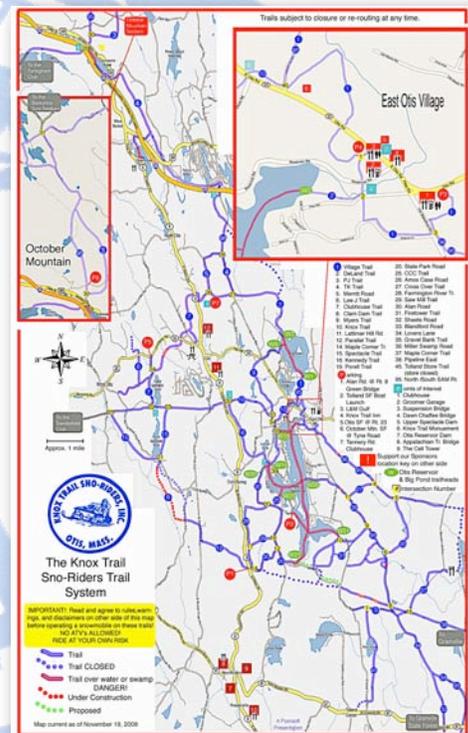
THE MAP PROJECT

A good map is crucial to the safety and enjoyment of a club's trail system. Making and keeping a map current is a challenge to any club. This one is no exception.

After many hours of work I have designed a new map. Features include:

- Numbered trails with name list
- Numbered intersections marked with coordinated trail signs
- Points of interest
- Location of services and parking
- Coverage from Rt. 57 in the south to the October Mtn. SF four corners in the north.
- Compact 11x17 size, full color

The map is available right now at <http://www.knoxtrail.com/Images/map.jpg>. Once released, copies will be available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE)and \$1 to KTSR, Box 363, East Otis, MA 01029. They will also be available at selected merchants for \$1 and will be included with all trailpasses purchased. Send a copy of your pink receipt with a SASE if you did not receive one with your pass.



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