



POWDER MILL SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
*New Durham and Farmington, New Hampshire*

September 2022

Greetings !!

Another summer has seemed to slip into our memories as we prepare for an exciting and busy snowmobile season in our neighborhood.

Congratulations are in order for Mike Gelinas and Russ from Merrymeeting Marina. This past spring, Mike received the **NHSA “Groomer of the Year “Award** and also the **Bureau of Trails “Chiefs Award”**. Merrymeeting Marina was awarded the **NHSA “Business of the Year” Award**. We are so proud of the honor and recognition they have brought to Powder Mill Snowmobile Club. Because of all their hard work, along with organizing other volunteers, our trail system has been growing and getting better every year.

Once again, we are pleased to announce some major improvements on our trail system for the upcoming year. Jim Matthew, Mike Gelinas & their crew have installed additional intersection signs. We will have a few more available to purchase this later this year, when they have caught up. This has been a terrific fundraiser for the club. Signs are \$100 per family and will be installed at your choice of available intersections on the trails. Keep an eye on Facebook to see when they will be ready. Signs go fast.

On your rides this winter, you will notice two new dedication/memorial projects that have been put in place to include 1 kiosk and 2 scenic view benches on Caverly Mt. and Birch Ridge. Nineteen helpers – snowmobilers, horseback riders, hikers, XC skiers and mountain bike riders came together in August to close out work on the new camp Pride Trail. It was wonderful to see our community work together for a common goal. The new Middleton to Birch Ridge Trail has been finished. Work is completed on the new Blueberry Trail Loop with amazing views.

Sundays in October will be our scheduled fall trail work days. We kick off on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am at the New Durham Fire Station. In an effort to give back to our community, please join us cleaning up sections of Route 11 in New Durham as part of our Adopt A Highway program. Details (trails, jobs, equipment and times) for the remaining Sundays will be posted on Facebook and our website in the next few weeks.

Of course, we can't be “all work and no play”. While things are still tentative at this time, we will be scheduling our traditional winter events in February with some new twists and additions.

February 18<sup>th</sup> we will host our Annual Winter Carnival in combination with the Cookout and Ray Gamble Memorial Poker run. It will be a busy day with a lot going on. You won't want to miss this one so mark your calendar now. Look for another Family Ride. Once the weather cooperates and our trails are ready we will plan another adventure over to Poor People's Pub. Last year the club ride was very well attended with 27 sleds and 30 riders. Our youngest rider was 3 and our youngest driver was 9. The full ride covers about 70 miles round trip.

Our new Sponsor Tee Shirt and design will be unveiled at the September meeting. There are still a couple spots available if you are interested in advertising your business on the back. Show your club spirit and visit the store page on our website to order apparel and other snow related items. We now have children's sizes too. It's never too early to shop for the holidays.

The NHSA membership portal is up and running. That means you can renew your PMSC membership online or can just fill out the attached form and mail it back to us to get your registration discount. We have 3 grant projects in various stages, and we have to front the cost. Those early memberships can go a long way to help keep the projects moving along while we wait for reimbursements from the grants. Not to mention, getting those registrations done early makes sure you're ready to go when the snow comes. Yahoo!!!

We have become a victim of our success. With the expansion and improvement of our trail system, so has the growth of our membership. Attendance at our monthly meetings last year has grown to 25-30 members each month. We are a bit later than normal with our notification as securing a location that met our growing needs this year has been a challenge. **We are thankful that Mitchell Hill BBQ has donated the use of their function hall. Our new meeting location is 6 Bridge St, Rochester, NH. We have reserved the space starting at 6:15, and have access to their full menu, some come early to get your food orders in. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00.**

Now we just need to think SNOW!!!

PMSC Board of Directors