



# Vernon Snowmobile Association NEWSLETTER

**UPCOMING .....2nd ANNUAL LADIES' RIDE 2008** (see page 3)

## Message from President Gord



Well, we met with Carrie Weber (BCSF) about the upcoming Ladies' Ride – and, boy, did we get the (snow) ball rolling! We'll be having a novice group as well as a more experienced group, so we should be able to accommodate your class, whatever that is. We now have a special room rate at the Village Green Hotel, a wine and cheese reception there on Friday evening, a day of sledding with the dealers on site with some demo sleds, secure parking for your vehicles & sleds at Vernon Motorsport, and – last but not least – a banquet Saturday evening with DJ "Rockin' Randy". A good time should be had by all! So get those registrations in, ladies (and you too, hubbies) – the deadline of February 22 is only a few days away.

We'll be needing volunteers to help out, not only for the Ladies'

Ride weekend, but also for a work party on the 29th to clean up the chalet (company's coming!), hang signs, mark trails, etc.....so PLEASE come join us at this Thursday's meeting so we can count you in (besides our usual group is getting bored with each other's company....we could really use the diversion of fresh faces!). If you can't make the meeting, but want to help out, please give me a call at 546-0980.

Speaking of work parties, we recently had one to (finally!) install (some) of the windows that were broken in last year's vandalism of our Silver Star Chalet. Special thanks go out to Speedy Auto Glass for supplying the windows, Greg Shitsin for transporting the glass to the chalet in his M116 Husky, and to all the volunteers who gave up their day to help out – especially Carrie Weber of the BCSF (Carrie—that's way beyond the call of your BCSF duties!), Brian, Walter Lesyk, Layton & Marron Thomas,

and Dianne. See page 4 for pictures.

Hey! Our son Jason won the 1st prize in the Safe Sled Raffle! (see page 5 for more winners).

On a sad note, it is with deepest regret that we inform you about the tragic passing of Randy Dortman in a recent snowmobile accident. Randy was a past active member of the VSA for many years, holding Treasurer and Director positions. He was always willing to lend a helping hand – most recently, he helped out at our last Snow Show, assisting with the front door ticket sales. Randy will be missed by so many. More on Randy's passing on page 2.

Don't forget that the VSA is holding its elections at the March meeting. See page 6 for available positions.

See you on Thursday!

Gord

### CLUB MEETINGS:

4th Thursday of each month

### EVERYONE WELCOME!

Join us for coffee and doughnuts and have a say in your Club, events, etc. A Club is only as good as its members...we need your input!

### NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

7:00 PM

THE PEOPLE PLACE

3402 – 27 AVE., VERNON

### UPCOMING MEETING:

OUR MARCH 27TH MEETING WILL BE OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WITH BOARD ELECTIONS.

PLEASE COME OUT TO NOMINATE AND ELECT YOUR NEW BOARD FOR 2008/09

## LOCAL SNOWMOBI- LING COM- MUNITY LOSES A VALUED MEMBER AND FRIEND

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## DORTMAN

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of our dear son, father, husband, brother and friend, Randy Dortman. Randy leaves behind his loving wife and companion Nita Mironowich, children, Brandon, Jennifer and Brooklyn. He is also survived by his mother, Geraldine of Vernon, brother Ken (Linda) Dortman of Kamloops, sisters, Julie Dyer of Calgary and Karen Neherland of McComb, Kamloops, niece, Donna, Leanne, Carrie, Penelope, Tamara, Aubrey and Rachel, nephew Gabe and numerous aunts and uncles. Randy was predeceased by his father, John Dortman. Randy enjoyed the freedom of the outdoors. Whether it be drifting his own, riding motorcycles with his wife and friends during the summer months or snowmobiling with his buddies in the winter months, Randy was an avid lover of active sports. Randy was friends to all, who loved him and was always there for support or to lend a helping hand. Randy was committed to his job with Pioneer Electric of Canada, working locations throughout Western Canada. He loved his job and loved satisfying to him was meeting people and providing service, with and assisting in his clients' lives who became his close friends. His sudden passing from this earth was in the momentary morning the sport he loved so much. Randy was an avid supporter of the Harley Davidson Owners Group as well as an active member of the Laidly Snowmobile Association. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mountain Dystrophy Society or the Laidly Snowmobile Association. The Celebration of Randy's life will be held on Thursday February 14th at 2pm at Pioneer Valley Funeral Home, 4311 Pioneer Valley Road, Vernon B.C.

Memorials have been arranged to:



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## Outing turns tragic

BY ROGER KNOX

Mountain Star Staff

An avid snowmobiler with decades of experience was killed in a snowmobile accident northeast of Laidly on the weekend.

The Vernon man was out with three friends on sleds for a day's ride in the vicinity of Nelson Mountain.



Henry Proco

All four were members of the Vernon Snowmobile Association, and were well prepared and equipped for the day's outing.

Around 1 pm Saturday, with the snow level described as extremely deep, and with the weather conditions featuring snow and fog, Laidly RCMP report the victim had veered off his snowmobile into a deep stream bed, and could not get out.

"His friends tried to revive him at the scene but they were unable to do so," said Laidly RCMP Cst Henry Proco. "They drove me off the area and called 911. It was a long ways from town. I didn't get the call at my home until 4:30 p.m."

"With his friends leaving the way the Vernon Search and Rescue recovery team arrived at the scene by snowmobile at about 10 p.m. that night."

The deceased has been identified as Randy Dortman, 52, of Vernon.

RCMP will recognize the attempt of Vernon Search and Rescue, RCMP Victim's Assistance and Dortman's many friends, who assisted with the investigation.



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# Women urged to try snowmobiling

BY GEMMA SMITH

Montreal Star Staff

Women are coming up to get into the driver's seat of a sport that has traditionally been male-dominated.

Snowmobiling is increasingly becoming a feminine sport, particularly since B.C. It's part thanks to an event that gives women a chance at the controls.

The event, which starts here this week, is coming to Victoria's aid.

The British Columbia Snowmobile Federation, along with the Victoria Snowmobile Association, presents the annual annual Ladies Ride to Silver Star Provincial Park Feb. 27 through March 2. These highlights are being put into a special Feb. 22.

Experienced riders and teachers are welcome, but the emphasis is introducing the sport to novice women.

"I hope as an instructor we women are involved in the sport's growing start," said event organizer Corrie Williams, who is also the B.C. regional president for the North Island.

Williams encourages ladies to enjoy learning and have fun while in a safe, pressure-free environment. "I'm not afraid of learning the sport from someone who can offer love and support."

"Don't get a little upset with us because we can't read their minds and we don't assume anything."

Don't worry, she says. "The support is there. It's just that it's about it and don't doubt yourself if something doesn't seem right just tell us."

The ride kicks off Friday, Feb. 29 with a wine and cheese reception at the Village Green Hotel at 7 p.m.

"It's a chance to get to know a few people before you go riding with them," said Williams.

Four riders will meet at the Victoria Snowmobiles parking lot at 10 a.m., where they will head to the Silver Star Provincial Park trail.

After unloading the sleds there will be a warm-up and demonstration at the track. Snowmobile Association and also be



WOMEN ARE encouraged to come out to the Ladies Ride March 2.

we have with sled safety gear, which riders are encouraged to take advantage of.

"It really pays to get in and just try a bunch," said Williams.

During the ride, riders with no experience will be taken back to some basic riding knowledge.

"You should be able to go over a few things if you don't feel completely blind before going out there."

Lunch will be provided down the road and based on the size of the group, depending on their choices, to be the next day.

Following the ride, participants will enjoy lunch in the parking lot between 1 and 4:30 p.m. to head down to the hill for a dinner and music at the Village Green Hotel.

"You'll have them to help to beat home and down or come up if you feel you want to but we're assuming that this is a one-time thing," said Williams.

Happy hour begins at 6 p.m. The buffet dinner is served at 7 and continues until 11:30 p.m. at the Village Green Hotel.

The following day, an optional 500 km ride course will be offered back to Silver Star Provincial Park at 9 a.m. The course fee for B.C.S.F. members and \$100 for non-members. (Those who are not snow-bow are considered that it is cheaper to purchase snow-bow.) There is limited space for the course.

The cost for the Ladies Ride, which includes the Feb. 29 and March 1 activities and meals, is \$55. A secure booking for such a snowmobile.

To register by the Feb. 22 deadline, or for more information, contact Williams at 833-2663, 888-733-6 or email williams@victoria.vic.bc.ca. Contact her with the Victoria Snowmobile Association and also be

contacted at 246-0780 or 250-838-4554. Website: [www.vicnsa.com](http://www.vicnsa.com). Registration forms are also available on download at [www.bcsl.org](http://www.bcsl.org).

Those taking part are reminded to drive to homes with a seatbelt, preferably water-proof, and warm boots. Wetwear also ensures that alcohol will not be consumed during the ride.

## TWO NUNS

Two nuns are ordered to paint a room in the convent, and the last instruction of the Mother Superior is that they must not get even one drop of paint on their habits.

After conferring about this for a while, the two nuns decide to lock the door of the room, strip off their habits, and paint in the nude.

In the middle of the project, there comes a knock at the door. Who is it? calls one of the nuns.

'Blind man' replies a voice from the other side of the door. The two nuns look at each other and shrug, and, deciding that no harm can come from letting a blind man into the room, they open the door.

'Nice boots' he says, 'where do you want the birds?'

# 2nd Annual LADIES RIDE

**FEBRUARY 29, MARCH 1 & 2, 2008**

**WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION**  
**FOR FRIENDS OF THE RIDING!**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29—7:00 pm**  
**WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION AT THE VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1—10:00 am**

- LADIES RIDE ON BEAUTIFUL SILVER STAR PROVINCIAL PARK.
- DINNER AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL.

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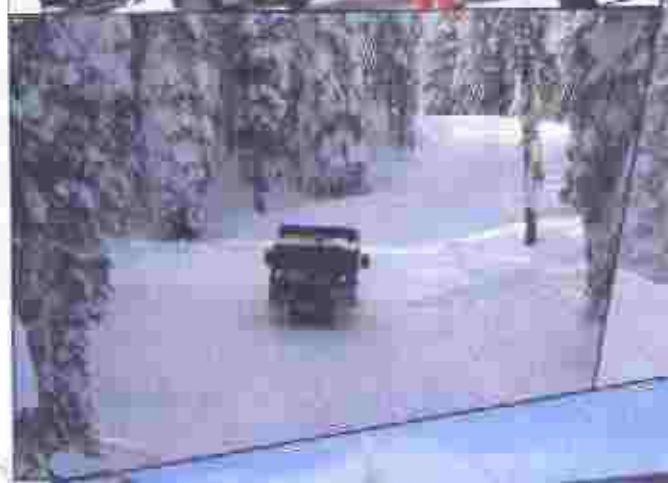
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6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
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## Safe Trails Raffle 2007-2008 Winner Announced

**FYI**  
Grand Prize winner of an Arctic Cat Prowler 650 XT ATV or an Arctic Cat M1000 152 Snowmobile: Jason Jenkinson of Yorkton, Saskatchewan; sold by the Vernon Snowmobile Club (*40% — the ticket was a Christmas gift from us — that's our motto: it's all for fun! Love and Honor!*)

2nd Prize winner of a quad/snowmobile deck from Hi-Lite Truck Accessories: Gerald Barube of Prince George, BC; sold by the Prince George Snowmobile Club.

3rd Prize winner of \$2000 cash: June Beaman of Gabriola Island, BC; sold by the Mid-Island Sno-Blazers Snowmobile Association.

4th Prize winner of a guided day trip with Great Canadian Snowmobile Tours in Revelstoke: George Chisholm of Bear Lake, BC; ticket sold by the Prince George Snowmobile Club.

5th Prize winner of a Survival On Snow avalanche pack: Paul Avaujo of Pemberton, BC; ticket sold by the Similkameen Snowmobile Club.

6th Prize winner of 2 tours with Canadian Snowmobile Adventures in Whistler: Gordon Alex of Burns Lake, BC; ticket sold by the Houston Snowmobile Club.

7th Prize winner of 2 nights at the Windoor Hotel at Trout Lake in Nakusp: Ken Jordan of Calgary, AB; ticket sold by the Salmon Arm Snow-Blazers.

8th Prize of 2 nights for 2 at the Glacier House Resort in Revelstoke: Kevin Young of Nanaimo, BC; ticket sold by the Mid-Island Sno-Blazers Snowmobile Association.

9th Prize of 1 night for 2 at the Sandman Inn in Revelstoke: James Comish of Qualicum Beach, BC; ticket sold by the Mid-Island Sno-Blazers Snowmobile Association.

8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 50) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. ☺

12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.

13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.

14. You are too busy to notice there was no 88 on this list.

15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a 89 on this list.

**AND NOW YOU ARE LAUGHING at yourself.**



**Wal Mart APPLICATION**

*This is an actual job application that a 75 year old senior citizen submitted to Walmart in Arkansas. They hired him because he was so funny....*

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NAME: Kenneth Why (Grumpy Old Bastard)

SEX: Not likely, but I am looking for the right woman (or at least one who will cooperate)

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DESIRED SALARY: \$185,000 a year plus stock options and a Michael Ovitz style severance package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

EDUCATION: Yes LAST POSITION HELD: Target for middle management hostility

PREVIOUS SALARY: A lot less than I'm worth.

MOST NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

REASON FOR LEAVING: It sucked

HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK: Any PREFERRED HOURS: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS?: Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.

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DO YOU HAVE A CAR?: I think the more appropriate question here would be "Do you have a car that runs?"

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DO YOU SMOKE?: On the job - no! On my breaks - yes!

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