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- Snow Show
- Kid's Ride
- BCSEF Raffle Tickets
- Canadian Snowmobile Code of Ethics
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President's Message

Wow! What a great "Snow Show" we had on Nov 10! We had a large turnout from the public (some 300 adults plus uncounted kids and teens). The four dealers all had terrific displays of new sleds and ATVs, as did Far West and Kilm Snowmobile Clothing with their outdoor gear. Search and Rescue were also represented, although a tad late as they were.....go figure.....out "searching and rescuing" two *different* individuals that very afternoon (great job, Kevin). We had enough door prizes donated that we were able to draw every 15-20 minutes, plus Doug Roehrig donated around 20 kids hats and sweatshirts that we gave to the young ones as they came in the door. Thanks Doug!

Thanks also to Dianne, Brian, Taylor and Kristy for all their efforts that evening and for all the advance planning and preparation that these types of events demand. (NB: *note from Dianne: a very special thanks to Gord himself, who put in many hours on the phone and in person prying door prizes out of local businesses!*). Also, thanks to the Lumby/Mable Lake Club (Larry Smith and Lawrence and Phyllis Ohashi) for doing such a good job with the 50/50 draw.

Truly a "great time was had by all"! We're planning a bigger and better *Snow Show* for next year.

The VSA will be hosting a *Kids' Ride* on December 2, in conjunction with the Salvation Army. This is open, of course, to all members and their kids/grandkids, as well as 25 kids chosen by the Salvation Army (aged 4-14) —who may never have had the privilege of riding a snowmobile before.

We'll "sled" them up to the Silver Star Chalet, where they'll be able to go tobogganing or be taken on more easy snowmobile rides around the meadow; a wienie-roast at around noon; and I hear we're expecting a surprise visitor in a *red suit*.....



We can always use more help with *organizing* the day, as well as helping out *on* the day. Also, the visitor in the red suit could use donations of toys and whatever else.

Whether you are able to help out or not, **PLEASE come out and enjoy the day with us** (with or without kids/grandkids of your own). We're expecting to have a terrific timesee you on the 2nd!

Gord Evans
VSA President

2006/07 Executive

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2006/07 SNOW SHOW

Snow Show nears

BY TYLER OLSEN

Morning Star Staff

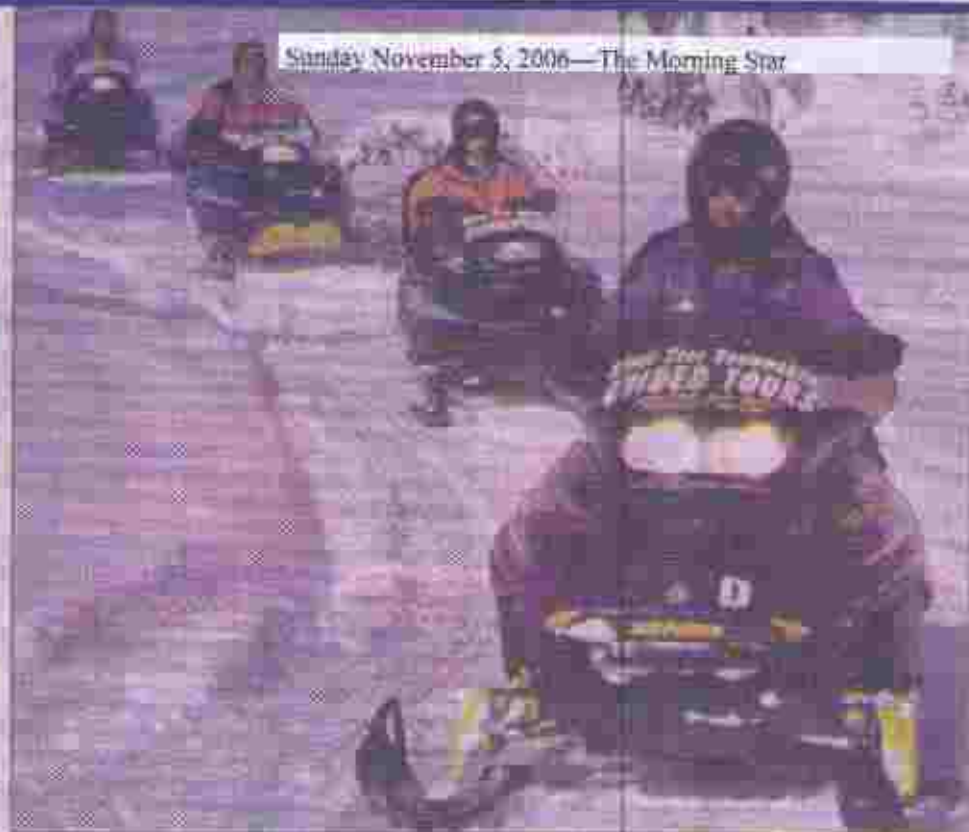
As the snow line begins its descent down Interior mountains, snowmobiling enthusiasts are gearing up for the opening season with the Vernon Snow Show, which goes Nov. 10 at the Best Western Vernon Lodge.

"It's a great event. It's the big kickoff for the winter for all the local snowmobilers," said the Vernon Snowmobile Club's Taylor Assly. "It's a big social event, it gets people hyped up for the season."

Local snowmobile dealers will be displaying their latest models and Vernon Search and Rescue will put on a safety presentation.

The Vernon and Lumby snowmobile clubs will both be selling memberships.

Assly said the Vernon club has seen more inter-



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THE VERNON SNOWMOBILE CLUB is gearing up for a new season.

est travel, with 50 members signed up last year. Still, that number is far from the club's heyday, when its membership included more than 400 riders.

"There's a bit of a resurgence coming now, after a bit of a lull," said Assly, who added that

snowmobiling in the North Okanagan tends to be much more of a family activity than elsewhere in the province.

"We really encourage newcomers to come out because snowmobiling around Vernon is more of a family event," he said. "If you come you'll see

more family suitable snowmobilers."

The Vernon Snow Show runs from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Best Western Vernon Lodge.





Thanks go out to these local businesses for making our Snow Show a huge success.....



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Marketing Report

As we all look up the hill and see the frost line creeping down the mountain, we can't help but think of all the amazing snowmobiling to come this season. Dreams of ripping up the snow was of the highest priority at last week's annual Vernon Snow Show.

With all 4 snowmobile producers showcasing their new products, 2 exciting retail vendors and an attendance of upwards of 300 people, it is safe to say that this year's show was a huge success. Plenty of door prizes, a large 50/50 and a stocked bar kept the snow hungry guests at bay as they drooled over all of the amazing new technology for 2007. All in all, the first big promotion to Vernon's snowmobiling community is on its way to becoming one of the premier events in BC!

One of the contributing factors to such a successful event was the increased joint effort throughout the club to get more exposure through sponsors and media. Articles by the Morning Star and Daily Courier, on air plugs by Sun FM as well as a plethora of new sponsors recruited by Gord and Dianne (VSA Directors) were all a combined effort which resulted in an outstanding turn out to the show this year.

Several marketing items were showcased by VSA at the show, one of the most important, of course, was our new and improved website. VernonSnowmobileClub.com is now fully equipped with an online booking form for memberships, weather reports, grooming reports, webcam, maps and more. Be sure to check it out for updated information on the club as well as upcoming events. I would

also like to encourage all of our members and non-members to voice their comments through our website on any questions, concerns, requests and intriguing ideas for the club.

As for the season to come, get ready to see a VSA like you have never seen it before. With several events in the works and a new surge of enthusiasm, the club is priding itself once again in creating new and exciting activities for all of our members. Be sure to keep your eye open for what the Club will have to offer once the snow flies this season.

Taylor Assaly - Marketing Director



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Grooming Report



*Here's this month's
Grooming Report.....done
in white ink.....*

Doug Roehrig, Grooming Director



Saying goodbye to our old groomer.....

Will the Real Dumbass Please Stand Up?

AT&T fired President John Walter after 9 months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 Million severance pack-

age. Perhaps it's not Walter
who's lacking intelligence.

Upcoming Meetings

The People Place
3402—27 Ave
Vernon

(across from the Real Canadian
Wholesale Club)



We need your ideas!

For building security reasons, the front door is kept locked—someone will be waiting by the door to let you in until 7:015 only, so please be prompt.

KIDS' RIDE

We're planning a day out for you, your kids and grandkids, and 25 mini-guests invited by the Salvation Army. A special guest in a red suit is expected.

Saturday, December 2, 2006
(morning/early afternoon)

Details/arrangements will be finalized at the Wed. Nov. 22 VSA General Meeting.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you're able to help out with rides, supervision, donation of food items, goodies or toys, **WHATEVER.....** we would be very grateful.

IN ANY EVENT, even if you aren't able to volunteer, **PLEASE JOIN US** (with our without kids/grandkids).

Please attend the meeting, or call any of the VSA Directors to get further details, and to **RSVP with the number of kids you'll be bringing** (we need to let the guy in the red suit know!).

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please have your pictures, articles, news, classifieds, safety tips, (relatively tasteful!) jokes, etc. to Dianne Evans by the 10th of each month for inclusion in the next edition of the VSA Newsletter

Phone: 546-0980

Next Meeting:

Wed. Nov. 22/06
7:00 PM

Please have Agenda Items to Dianne by the Monday prior to the meeting date.



THE NEXT PHAZE IN SNOWMOBILING.

Always wear an approved helmet, eye protection, and proper protective clothing/eggs. Always ride in a responsible manner, respecting the environment as well as all other snowmobilers. Read your Yamaha snowmobile's owner's manual carefully. Do not drink and ride. Yamaha reserves the right to change without notice equipment models and specifications. Yamaha and Phazer are registered trademarks of Yamaha Inc.

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YOUR FINE CLASSIFIED AD GOES HERE

Note our new Club logo! Our appreciation goes out to Gavin Murgatroyd, a dynamite graphics artist / animator, who "played" with an existing logo variation to come up with the fun one you see here now.
Great job, Gavin!



GAVIN MURGATROYD

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Special Offer to VSA Members!

VSA Members may advertise in the Classifieds for free! If you have a business, you may also display your **business card for free!** Please have classified ads or business cards to Dianne Evans by the 10th of each month, for display in the next issue of the VSA Newsletter.

Phone: 546-0980 Email: gevans3@telus.net Or mail to 4268 Hullcar Rd., Armstrong V0E 1B4

Free Classifieds

Treasurer / Membership Report

Not too much on the revenue-side to report at this early stage of the new season. We have now completed the sale of the old greaser for \$10,250. The revenue from the Snow Show will be determined when all the bills (rental, advertising, etc.) are in and paid. We should come out on the "plus" side, and in better shape than from the last two Snow Shows. We had approximately 300 through the door, with lots of door prizes donated by local businesses. A BIG

THANK YOU to all of them!

On the membership side, we haven't received many applications yet, but now that the tops of the mountains are sporting white hats, things should quickly pick up.

On the expense side, we have paid the first insurance premium of \$1600 for the two chalets, equipment, etc., with \$400 to pay later for the liability insurance. This year we took out a new accident/disability policy that will cover up to 9 Directors and 10 Volunteers when working on Club projects (i.e., chalet maintenance, trail clearing, etc.). This was a BIG gap in our coverage up to now; the premium was only \$30, so we

should get lots of bodies out splitting wood, etc. next fall.....RIGHT??

The chimney on the Silver Star Chalet needed to be replaced this year, which was another small expense. Also, while we were at it, the roof needed repair.....some idiot tried to ride his sled up the roof last winter and tore the sheathing. I hope he stretched his sled!

See you up the hill

Brian Carls
Treasurer/Membership



PUN INTENDED.....

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carriage allowed per passenger."

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it rained, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

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- 2006 90 HSP Evinrude E-tec Outboard Boat Motor
- \$12,000.00 credit towards a BRP Sea-Doo Sport Boat

2nd Prize

- Fishing Excursion at Harrison's Cove Lodge, valued at \$9,500

3rd Prize:

- Bobtail Snowmobile and Quad Deck from Hi-Lite Truck Accessories, valued at \$2,499

4th Prize

- Alaskan Cruise for 2 (travel voucher) from Murrayville Travel, valued at \$2,000

5th Prize

- Avalanche Gear donated by Survival on Snow, valued at \$700

6th Prize

- 2 nights accommodation for 4 at Windsor Hotel, Trout Lake, valued at \$350



October, 2006—Recent work crew at the Silver Star Chalet for badly-needed chimney replacement and roof repair. Notice how *NOT*-white these pics are.... won't be long!



STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters...**S.T.R.** Seriously.. Please read:

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and that she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid wasn't about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm, Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO READ THIS, BUT COULD SAVE A LOVED ONE'S LIFE.....

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, STR Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S* Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T* Ask the person to **TALK** to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (i.e. . . . It is sunny out today)

R* Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

***NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this:**

Ask the person to **'stick' out their tongue**. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, **call 911**



BCSF

British Columbia Snowmobile Federation



CANADIAN SNOWMOBILE CODE OF ETHICS

I understand and accept the risks associated with snowmobiling and I will take responsibility for my own actions...

As a responsible snowmobiler....

- I will ride in a manner that is a credit to our recreation.
- I will influence other snowmobilers to adhere to this Code of Ethics.
- I will respect the rights of others, including property owners and other outdoor enthusiasts.
- I will protect and preserve our natural environment.
- I will ride in a responsible manner and will use only marked trails, areas or roads open to snowmobiles.
- I will not harass or harm wildlife or the natural surroundings.
- I will minimize my impact on the environment.
- I will ride smart, be prepared, and stay in control.
- I will check ice and weather conditions before riding.
- I will help those in distress.
- I will obey all laws and rules government our recreation.
- I will promote proper snowmobile education and training.

This Month's Safety Tip

Defensive Driving

Always be alert of potential danger. Your helmet and engine noise can impair your hearing. Visibility is also reduced in conditions of snowfall, blowing snow and night driving. Never assume what another snowmobiler will do. Do all that you can to ensure your safety and that of other riders. Expect the unexpected!

Watch out For - Thin ice and open water, Grooming equipment, Oncoming snowmobiles, Unforeseen obstacles beneath snow, Unexpected craters, intersections and stops. Road and railway crossings, Logging Forestry Operations, Snow banks and drifting snow, Trees and branches on the trail, Bridges and approaches, Wildlife and domestic animals, Other trail users (skiers, hikers)

