

Vernon Snowmobile Association



VSA Newsletter

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Message from Gord (VSA President)



Lets Ride BC, Wesbild Centre, Vernon

Hi, all! Well, by the look of all the snow up on the mountains, we're well on our way for a new sledding season. *Let's go!*

A huge thank you to our corporate sponsors who generously renew their annual corporate memberships and infuse our club coffers each fall with much-needed (and appreciated!) funds so that our club can carry on with its operations for another year. Without their help maintaining our trails and chalets would become a great deal more difficult, if not completely impossible.

We had a great turnout for our recent snow show. Both our club and the Lumby/Mabel Lake Club did well with our silent auction and our 50/50 draws.

Another big thank you goes out to all the contributors of items for our silent auction (see page 3), as well as to the club members who gave up valuable free time to help out over the 2 days, namely: Dean Kohut, Kathleen Kohut, Jonathan Kohut, Joey Kohut, Greg Sinitzin, Dennis deGruchy, Ian MacLeod, Jan MacLeod, Doug Ellis, Brian Corke, Walter Lesyk, Kevin Hillier, Glen Carswell, Thelma Anderson, Doug Roehrig, and (can't forget!) my wife, Dianne Evans.

Yet another thank you to all the hard-workers who showed up for our work party in October—we

finished (finally!) installing the windows, did some basic cleaning at the SS chalet, and chopped firewood for the SS chalet. We still need to get out to the Armstrong Chalet and cut firewood.

I'm pleased to announce that we have reached an amicable agreement with a new snowmobile tour operator, who will be using our trails. The final negotiations will be finalized within the next few days. Please welcome Trevor Clarke and his company Okanagan Recreation Rentals (dba Silver Star Snowmobile Tours) to our VSA family.

Here's more exciting news...we now have a professional trail map!!!! Our deepest appreciation go out to Doug Ellis and Dugald Dunlop (Meridian Mapping) for all their volunteer help...*awesome job!* The map is currently available on our website for you to print. This map will become the flipside of our brochure, which will be going out for professional printing on gloss

paper within the next few days. While the gloss paper will not be *waterproof*, it will definitely be an improvement over inkjet on plain bond paper....at least the ink won't run! The brochures/maps will be available soon, and one will be mailed to each member. They'll also be available at our local sled dealerships.

There is an interesting website that I would urge you to check out....it could possibly have quite an effect on our snowmobiling area. www.savesilverstarpark.org

Make plans to attend the Sled-necks event on November 23 (see details on page 8)!

Here's to you, all our valued members—both new and returning! Thanks for supporting the VSA! Have a safe winter and happy sledding!

GORD EVANS

VSA MEETINGS:

ARE HELD ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEXT DATE). EVERYONE IS WELCOME! JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AND HAVE A SAY IN YOUR CLUB, EVENTS, ETC. A CLUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS MEMBERS...WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!

Next meeting:

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2009

7:00 PM

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The VSA thanks its CORPORATE SPONSORS — without their generous support, the VSA could not stay operational.

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Let's Ride BC snow show, Wesbild Centre, Vernon

Let's Ride BC—snow show

We have yet to hear any feedback from anyone at the BCSF with regard to the success of the recent snow show. Because the VSA and our snow show partner (Lumby/ Mabel Lake Club) have now taken a back seat in the event, we likely will not hear anything until the BCSF's AGM next spring when the financials will be released.

Speaking from a visitor viewpoint, it appeared to many that the number of exhibitors was down from last year, as well as attendance. For the former, the decrease could be attributed to the fact that the Edmonton show was the following weekend; the latter could have been because of the door charge levied this year.

In any event, we hope that the BCSF realized a successful event, and that it will return to Vernon again next year. The snow show is our only source of fundraising (except, of course, for memberships sold, day passes and corporate sponsor contributions). We did very well this year with our silent auction and 50/50 draws!

We had 70 items contributed to our silent auction, with an approximate retail value of \$6812, selling at auction for \$4173.50, netting (after \$292 in expenses) \$3881.50 which we split with the Lumby / Mabel Lake Club (so \$1940.75 each).

We had two 50/50 draws this year—one for each day. We gave away \$750 to Shirley Morrison on Saturday and \$458 to Sharlene Sivyer on Sunday. So, to extrapolate, we split \$1208 with the Lumby club, netting the VSA \$604!

To summarize:

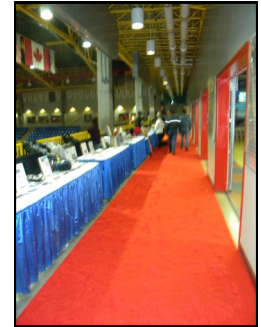
Silent Auction = \$1940.75
 50/50 = \$ 604.00
TOTAL \$2544.75

Thank you to everyone who contributed auction items and who gave up their valuable free time to help staff the auction, the 50/50 draws and our club booth. We could not have been this successful without all of your help!

Dianne Evans



VSA club booth at the recent Let's Ride BC snow show, Wesbild Centre, Vernon



Our 60 feet of silent auction items!



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Thank you to these Silent Auction contributors!

We hope that you will reciprocate the generosity of these businesses by purchasing from them!

CONTRIBUTOR	ITEM
VERNON DODGE JEEP	Die cast car
GLACIER HOUSE RESORT, REVELSTOKE	2 night stay, 2 people
SQUIRES FOUR PUB	Gift certificate
CANADIAN AVALANCHE CENTRE	Avalanche safety pack
PRONTO ESSO, ARMSTRONG	Gift card
IRL INTERNATIONAL TRUCK CENTRE	Power inverter
PETER'S TIRE	Sports bag, 2 water bottles
VIDEO EXPRESS, ARMSTRONG	Gift card
RENT-A-BOAT.CA	2 gift certificates (1 for boat rental, 1 for sea-doo rental)
IMPRESSIONS (ANITA WAS & ESTHETICS)	2 gift certificates (1 pedicure, 1 manicure)

CONTRIBUTOR	ITEM
WOT WIDE OPEN THROTTLE	2 hoodies
BEACON UNDERWRITING LTD.	Man's pullover
PRESTIGE INN	1 night stay, 2 people, deluxe rm.; knapsack
SNO-RIDERS	Sweatshirt, touque, cap
BLUE RIVER POWDER PACKERS	2 nights stay, 2 dinners, 8-person guided snowmobile tour
LUMBY TIRES PLUS	2 oil change certificates
B-LIGHT DESIGN	Helmet hooker
OKANAGAN RECREATION RENTALS	Gift certificate 2 hr. boat rental
VALEMONT AND AREA REC. ASSOC.	Bbq set
SHUSWAP XTREME RECREATION	Sweatshirt; snowmobile boots

CONTRIBUTOR	ITEM	CONTRIBUTOR	ITEM
RIDERS EDGE	t-shirt; tie-downs	ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONCRETE	Bird bath
GILBERT AUTO PARTS, LUMBY	Universal tie-downs; 1st aid kit, cap	INLAND KENWORTH SALES	Flashlight; auto/marine elec. tool kit
OHASHI TRUCKING	Chemical spill kit	KENCRAFT MOTORHOME & RV SALES	Sportsman fly reel; Protac fly line
KEN ANTE (LUMBY/MABEL LAKE SA)	HiFi Works speakers	ARMSTRONG COOPERATIVE	Case of oil
FOUR SEASONS MOTORSPORTS	helmet	BACKUS RACING	jacket
JUST FOR YOU SPA & ESTHETICS	3 gift certificates	VALLEY MARINE	Marine service certificate
CAPRI INSURANCE	2 helmets	WIRES BY DESIGN	2 rolls speaker wire
SHEARDOWNS SUPER-VALU, LUMBY	Bbq King set	BANNISTER CHEVROLET	Lube job certificate; ball cap, thermos mug
KAL TIRE, HEAD OFFICE, VERNON	Garmin GPS Nuvi unit	ROSIE'S PUB, ARMSTRONG	Used sled deck
THUNDERSTRUCK FILMS	3 DVDs	VELOCITY FUELS (ESSO BULK STN)	Case of oil
BANNER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS	Gun holder for quad	STAPLES BUSINESS CENTRE	Grab bag
NOR-VAL RENTALS, ARMSTRONG	Sawzal reciprocating saw	KAL SPORTS BAR	2 gift cards
TERRY'S AUTOMOTIVE, LUMBY	Oil change certificate	MONASHEES BAR & GRILL	3 gift cards
SNOWANDMUD.COM	Sweatshirt, touque; t-shirt, touque, cap	ALPINE MOTORSPORTS	Snowmobile shovel; gas carrier
KAL TIRE, LUMBY	Wheel alignment certificate, oil change certificate	TERRACANA RANCH RESORT	2 nights all-inclusive sled pkg
HOME DEPOT	Cordless drill		



Grooming Report

Not a whole lot to report. I've seen quite a few vehicles in the parking lot and heard that the trails are in good early season shape. Silver Star reports a 68 cm base at the top. Please remember that that Passmore Trail is being used by Sovereign Lake for an early season ski training trail - and no snowmobiling is al-

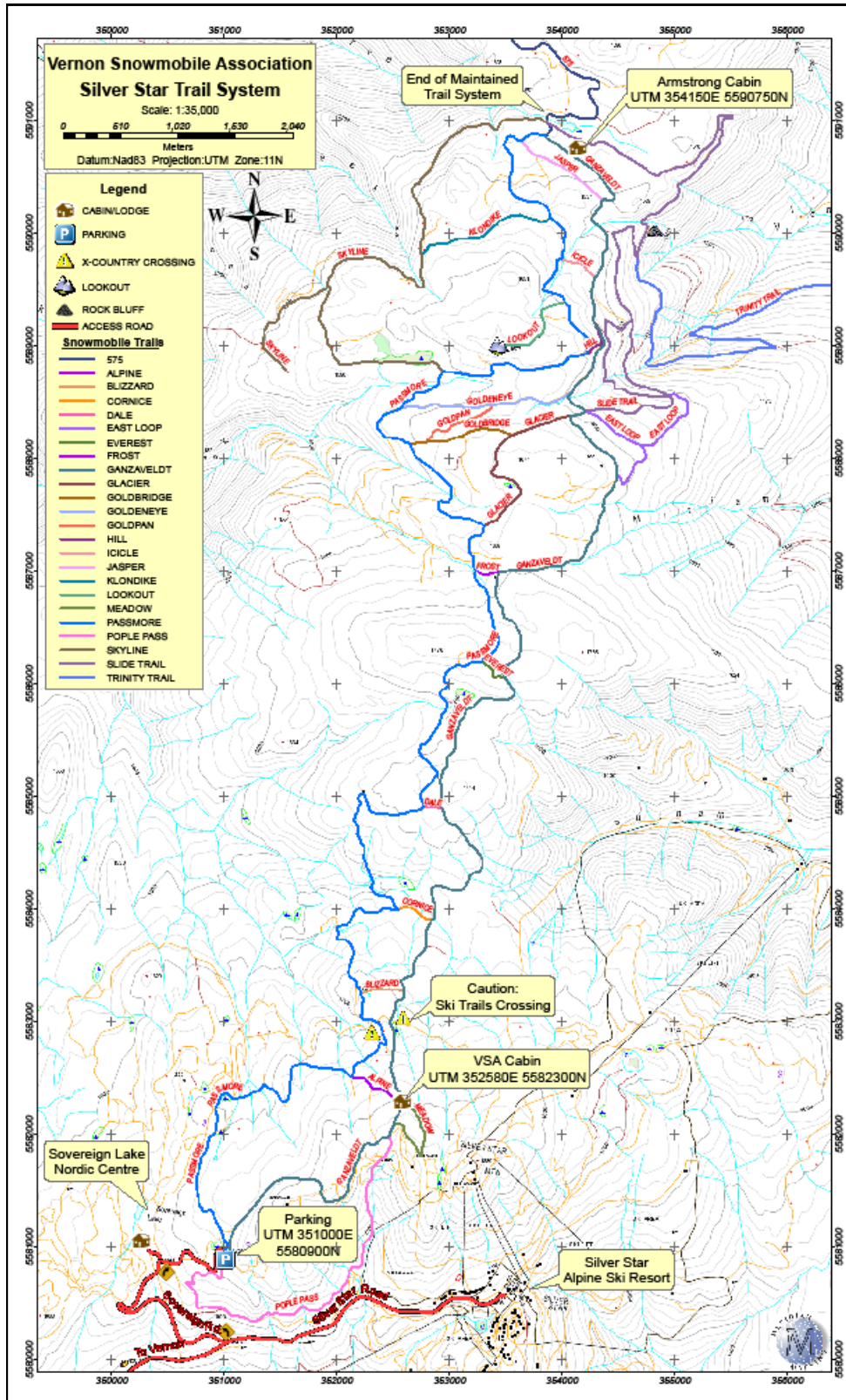
lowed. It usually re-opens for snowmobiling by December 1st.

The groomer is still tracked up from last year. Aside from an engine oil change it's ready to go!

Doug Roehrig

Please remember that Passmore Trail is being used by Sovereign Lake for an early season ski training trail...no snowmobiling is allowed. It usually opens for snowmobiling by December 1.

Our new VSA trail map!



A HUGE thank you to VSA member Doug Ellis who arranged with Dugald Dunlap of Meridian Mapping to professionally re-map our trails! THE RESULTS ARE INCREDIBLE! So, thank you Doug and Dug!

Our club brochure will be reprinted with our new map on the flip-side... laser printed on legal-size, glossy paper so it will hopefully withstand a drop into the snow!



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VSA's new tour operator!

The VSA is happy to announce its affiliation with Okanagan Recreation Rentals (dba Silver Star Snowmobile Tours) who will be operating on our trails. Please make Trevor Clarke and his guides welcome when you encounter them out and about!

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Please renew your membership
as soon as possible...and try to
recruit your friends, aunts,
uncles, et al!



Treasurer and Membership Report

Here we go again! Another season is upon us...time to polish up the helmets, clean the goggles....and *open your wallets!* Time to take out/renew your membership...hopefully we can surpass last year's total of 44 members.

We are starting the year in reasonable shape financially. Last spring we finally paid the last installment on our groomer. So, barring any major repairs, we should only have the fuel and maintenance to pay for this year.

The final tally for the snow show is not complete yet. Once all the bills are in and paid we should show a profit of about \$1500-\$2000 (NB: see the snow show report on Page 2!)

The rest of the season's revenue will come from MEMBERSHIPS, day passes, corporate sponsors...and any other fowl means we can get away with! Any ideas out there?!

Every year we receive a turkey from the Credit Union where we do our club banking. As usual, we will donate it to the Salvation Army.

Once again...**please renew your membership as soon as possible and try**

to recruit your friends, aunts, uncles, et al!

BRIAN COOKE



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VERNON SEARCH AND RESCUE

Vernon Search and Rescue has been providing their services to the North Okanagan for almost 50 years. Winter is a typically a busy time for the group, calls for lost or stranded snowmobiles occur frequently from December to April.

The group responds to calls for lost snowmobilers anytime, anywhere, in any weather conditions 24 hours/day. The searches are generally very challenging and can last for a few hours to a day

or more.

There are a number of things snowmobilers can do to assist SAR members in the event they're lost:

- 1) Tell someone where you're going - always - and stick to that plan. Local areas such as Park Mountain, Hunter's Range and Galloping Hills have a number ways to access the riding area - it will speed the response time a lot if you let someone

know where you plan to park as well.

- 2) Be prepared. Everyone should have Survival gear, first aid supplies, GPS and avalanche equipment. Most importantly, learn how to use the equipment properly.

- 3) If you're lost/stuck/broken down - realize that you're not getting out when you have time

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Banner Recreational Products Presents



SLEDNECKS 12 "Unleashed in the Okanagan"



Once again the Slednecks team has raised the bar for what can be done on a snowmobile, from deep snow in the Canadian Rockies to backflip world records, this film has it all. Find out what drives these daredevils in this inside look into the world of freeride snowmobiling. Featuring Geoff Kyle, Chris Burandt, Paul Thacker, Chris Brown, Dan Adams, Cory Davis, Brett Turcotte, Shad Free, Dan Treadway, Brandon Cormier, Sam Rogers and the rest of the madmen.....

WHO: Banner Recreational Products Presents
WHAT: 7:00 - SHARP First Film yet to be Determined.
 7:45 - Canadian Avalanche Presentation
 8:15 - Break
 9:00 - Feature Film "Sled Necks 12"

WHERE: Vernon Performing Arts Center
WHEN: Nov 23rd 7:00 pm. \$20.00 per ticket
WHY: Proceeds to Vernon Search and Rescue and awareness for the Canadian Avalanche Center



Presentation on the key safety issues facing a mountain snowmobilers today. Jeremy Hanke brings 15 years of back country experience as well as a story and footage of a near death experience. Wren McElroy adds to the presentation a wealth of avalanche related experience. Her achievements as a curriculum specialist for the Canadian Avalanche Association deserve the utmost respect. A worthy presentation.



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Vernon Search and Rescue

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and energy to set up camp. Get prepared to spend the night.

4) Stay with the machine - it's a source of fuel and oil for fires, it can be used as part of a shelter, and if it's running, it can be used to signal searchers.

5) Sign in and out of the guest books in the chalets

6) Know your limits. Don't go exploring new areas in bad weather, at the end of the day or in poor snow conditions.

7) Check the Canadian Avalanche Association reports before heading out. If conditions are bad, stay home. If the

conditions are bad enough, the Provincial Emergency Program will not allow SAR teams in the area to rescue you - you will be on your own for potentially several days.

If someone you know is lost, in order to activate SAR you must call the RCMP. Vernon Search and Rescue cannot, and will not, respond to any call without authorization from the Provincial Emergency Program.

Occasionally on large searches SAR requires extra help and calls on local snowmobilers to assist. If you're interested in being added to the "on call" list, contact Kevin Hillier and we can discuss it.

KEVIN HILLIER

Little Johnny's at it again.... A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

Little Johnny attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Johnny asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?" His father replied, "Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy. Johnny, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom."



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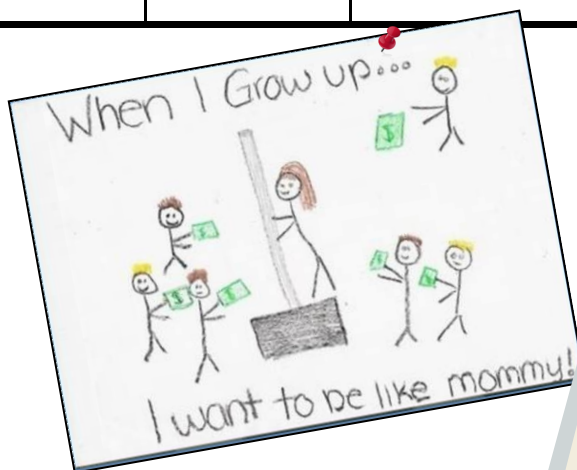


November, 2009

The Vernon Snowmobile Association (VSA) welcomes you to Silver Star Mountain Park, outside of beautiful Vernon, B.C. The VSA has been operating the 160 kms of trails and maintaining its two warm-up cabins on this mountain since 1967. Part of the trail system is contained within a Provincial Park, and part is managed jointly with the B.C. Forest Service. Silver Star Mountain Park offers a wide variety of terrain for all riders, but our trails are mostly geared towards family outings. The VSA is a not-for-profit club, managed by an elected Board of hard-working volunteers. All trail maintenance (brushing and grooming), and chalet upkeep is done by volunteer members. Without these diligent volunteers, the VSA would not be able to continue to operate...so THANK YOU!

2009/10 VSA Executive

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Here's the reply the teacher received the following day.....

