

Vernon Snowmobile Association



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2007-08 SNOW SHOW OF NOVEMBER 9!

Every November the VSA facilitates and hosts the annual SNOW SHOW in Vernon. The event has always been very well received and, given that it is the only one in the interior (there's one in Abbotsford and another in Prince George), the VSA has decided to strive towards making the event even bigger and better over the next few years, with the ambitious goal of one day renaming it the "NORTH OKANAGAN SNOW SHOW".

As in past years, all four dealers (Yamaha, Polaris, SkiDoo, Arctic Cat) will set up exciting floor displays of their new models. Klim Aggressive Sled Wear will return this year to show off a terrific line of snowmobile gear.

This year, for the first time, we have invited other clubs in our region to participate as exhibitors to promote and show off their clubs and snowmobiling areas. Other fits will be displays by the BCNU and Capet Insurance.

As usual, the Vernon Search and

Rescue will also be there to promote their organization.

Snowmobile enthusiasts eagerly ant-



VSA President Gord Evans giving our annual SNOW SHOW two thumbs up!

icipate the SNOW SHOW, which has evolved into a social event that the whole family can enjoy. Last year saw several hundred people come through the doors.

This year's SNOW SHOW will be

held on the evening of Friday, November 9, 5:00pm-10:00pm in the conference facilities at the Best Western Vernon Lodge.

We have expanded from 2 to 3 adjacent ballrooms in order to accommodate the additional displays and motivated visitors. We look forward to seeing you there!

We're always looking for volunteers so if you're able to give up a bit of time to help set up, sell tickets, give away door prizes, whatever, please let us know!

These businesses kindly provide us with a meeting facility (The People Place) each month. Thank you!

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UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS:

4th Thursday of each month (no meeting in December)

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 October 25, 2007

7:00 pm

The People Place

3402-27 Ave, Vernon

President's Message

Welcome back, everyone—I hope you had a great summer. Looking up at the mountain tops it appears that it won't be long before we'll be sliding!

We have a great lineup of projects for this season, beginning with our annual SNOW SHOW on November 9th. Could prove to be a "really big session" (pardon my slip into Ed Sullivanese). Hope you can make it.

We're planning our 2nd annual Kids Ride for December, with the Salvation Army supplying the kids. Hey—anyone with a 2-up sled and an afternoon, PLEASE contact us. Because of insurance restrictions, we can only use 2-ups. Doug Koelzig was terrific with supplying the sleds for last year's ride, but unfortunately we cannot prevail upon him this year as he no longer has his sled touring operation. So this year we're scrambling, and we desperately need your help.

Also in the works is our BCSE Region's 2nd annual Ladies Ride, which Carrie Weber (our Regional Director), will be sponsoring and the VSA will be hosting. We anticipate that this will probably take place in February but we'll keep you informed as details are ironed out. We will definitely need member

participation (female AND male!) to put this together so—again—your assistance would certainly be welcome.

A reminder to renew your memberships as soon as possible—membership rates have not changed from last year, and a membership form is included in this newsletter.

You as a member are seeing the early stages of a once thriving association coming back to life. The VSA—some 40+ years old—was once the largest snowmobile club in the province, and we believe that with enough hard work, some strategic marketing, and a few great events each winter, this Club will one day be back on top. I would like to ask all members to voice your ideas, show your support, and—most of all—get out

on the trails this winter to make it a great one. Be safe out there.

Good Events



Last year's Kids Ride—the kids AND the adults had a great time!

Hey—anyone with a 2-up sled and an afternoon, PLEASE contact us...we desperately need your help.

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WORDS OF WISDOM:

Midlife crisis is that moment when you realize your children and your clothes are about the same age.

If you can't convince 'em, confuse 'em.

If life were just, we would be born old and achieve youth about the time we'd saved enough to enjoy it.

A happy home is one in which each spouse grants the possibility that the other may be right... though neither believes it. I don't know why it is we are in such a hurry to get up when we fall down. You'd think we would lie there and rest a while.

Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age.

A status symbol is anything you can't afford.... but did.

Age is only a state of mind... that is, provided you have one left.

Patience is something you admit to the driver behind you... but not to the one ahead.



FOR THOSE IMMUNE TO ALTITUDE SICKNESS

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VANDALISM

Last late winter saw our Silver Star Charter vandalized, with almost all of the windows smashed. The VSA is a non-profit organization so doesn't have excess money to invest in repairs, especially to repair senseless acts of vandalism. We were left with the option of making an insurance claim, subject to a \$1000 deductible. However, Specialty Auto Glass stepped up to the bat and offered to search through their used glass supply and cut to size what we need. To Specialty Auto Glass the VSA offers its heartfelt THANKS...it's wonderful to have your faith in human-kind reinforced with acts of kindness. Touch us at:

We've recently taken delivery of the glass...now we need to get it up to the Charter and install it. We'll soon be organizing a work party to do just that...your offers of assistance would not come amiss!



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An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house and, after eating, the wife left the table and went into the kitchen. The 2 men were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it highly".

The other man asked, "What was the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that's red and has thorns!"

"Do you mean a rose?"

"That's it." He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

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TAKE A FRIEND SNOWMOBILING...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3...

Throughout the winter the International Snowmobile Media Council members will be promoting the Take a Friend Snowmobiling idea and concepts to snowmobile clubs and associations. Many snowmobile associations are planning special rides where they will invite non-snowmobilers for a snowmobile ride. Some clubs and associations are already inviting local politicians and news media (radio, TV and print) to Go Snowmobiling. The best way to explain WHY we snowmobile is to actually Take a Friend Snowmobiling. We know how much FUN it is and once our new and old friends go snowmobiling, they'll be part of our team.

The manufacturers collectively and individually, as well as the dealer body, are supporting the Take a Friend/Go Snowmobiling efforts. Through the ISMA Gear Program, opportunities are available for state/provincial associations to receive financial support in coordinating an effective Take a Friend Snowmobiling event.

There are many opportunities and the ideas are limitless. Knowing how important the weather is and how many of us watch our favorite weather person on TV, I recommend we all co-opt our favorite weatherman (weather woman in most cases) and take him or her snowmobiling. Once we get the weather people on a snowmobile with us, the next time they forecast a winter storm, they will do so with a smile - not a frown.

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.

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Gord pondering the meaning of life...
Spring-riding at Beaver Creek in northern BC