

Vernon Snowmobile Association

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Special points of interest:

- Schedule & Location of upcoming VSA meetings
- Date & location of 2006/07 Snow Show
- Dates & location of BCSE Annual General Meeting and 2006/07 Snowmobile Show
- 2006-07 Membership Information & Signup Form

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President's Message

Welcome back, everyone—I hope you had a great summer. A start to a new sledding season is just about upon us!

The VSA's goal this year is to focus on increasing membership and organize some fun Club outings. We'll be discussing these items at the next meeting, so please come and give us your input. The Executive exists to serve you and meet your expectations for the Club....but it's far easier to do that if you tell us what you want! So please—make a point of attending Club meetings and having a voice. The Club is only as strong as its membership.

Let's work together to bring membership in our Club up.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to fill the Directors positions. We have a great crew and should have no problems continuing to move forward. Ashley Dwan had been filling the Administration position, and had been elected to fill the position for another year. She will, unfortunately, be unable to fulfill this office as she relocated out of the area over the summer (we'll miss you,

Ashley!), leaving the position vacant. Thanks, Dianne, for volunteering to fill the position until the next Club election.

Work parties on September 17th and October 8th netted us a couple of years' worth (according to Brian!) of split wood at the Armstrong and Silver Star chalets. Thanks to all who participated, including Brian Corke, Doug Roehrig, Bruce Walthers, Klaus Roehrig, Tom Assafy, and Stephen Roehrig.

Also, our appreciation to Doug and Klaus for the raising of the Armstrong Chalet's out-house and door repair — the ladies will all thank you this winter! (it was a shi...— er, dirty job but somebody had to do it!) Thanks guys!



Brian, Dianne and I went to the BCSE Fall Meeting in Winfield on September 16th. A few things of interest to the Club came up which will be discussed at our VSA meeting, scheduled for October 25, 2006.

Bring on the snow!

Gord Evans—VSA President

2006/07 Executive

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Treasurer / Membership Report

Tis the season again! As the Club's finances have remained unchanged over the off-season months, there is little to report financially, with the exception of our 18-month term deposit—which matured in August '06, earning \$139.82. Because the Club is considering purchasing the mower/groomer from Silver Star Adventures this year, we did not re-invest the \$8,784.00; instead it was transferred to the Club's operating account—which now brings that account up to \$13,212.00.

We have another club interested in purchasing the VSA's old groomer! If this occurs, the VSA should have approximately \$25,000 to use in any way the Club decides.

The VSA will be working to grow our memberships this year, which will increase our ability to make improvements to the chalets and services that the Club provides. Please renew your membership early and recruit as many new memberships as possible (use forms, if necessary!)



Brian Corke

Director—Treasurer, Membership

Ah, hindsight.....

A woman awakes to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to find him sitting at the table with a cup of coffee. He appears to be deep in thought, just staring at the table. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and sips his coffee. "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers, "why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up at her and says "Do you remember 20 years ago when we were dating—you were only 15?" "Of course," she replies. The husband pauses, with



the words not coming easily, "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car making love?" The wife lowered herself into a chair and smiles. "Yes, I remember that too". The husband continues honestly, "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter or I'll send you to jail for 20 years?" he asks as he wipes away another tear. "I would have gotten out of jail tomorrow!"

When hell freezes over.....
we'll ride there too!

Marketing Report

Welcome back for another great season of snowmobiling. I must say, I am more than excited for this winter. As the new Marketing Director for the Club, I have been busier than ever creating new avenues of exposure for the Club - avenues that will produce easier, more user friendly ways of accessing information about the



More Exposed On Taylor!

Vernon Snowmobile Association and everything it

has to offer.

The main project this year, for those of you who may not have noticed it at the end of last season, is our new website. www.vernonsnowmobileclub.com is our newest gateway to everything the Club has to offer - and I mean EVERYTHING. The site is currently a work in

progress, however, such things as membership information and processing, trip planning, history, photographs, upcoming events and much more will be available at your fingertips. I would like to welcome any ideas from the members for content on the website. The more information we have, the better.

Along with the new website, we are focusing a lot of effort towards promoting events throughout the year. It is easy to think of an event or activity, but to get people to attend is what makes it all work. These events and activities are crucial to the growth momentum of VSA so be sure to join in on all the fun.

The first event of the year, as you all know, is the *Snow Show* showcasing all of the new sleds for 2007. The Best Western Vernon Lodge will be host to

this year's event and the VSA will be there in full force promoting everything new with the Club, so make sure you check it out.

You, as a member, are seeing the early stages of a once thriving association coming back to life. Once the largest snowmobile club in the province, I truly believe that with enough hard work, some strategic marketing and a few great events each winter, this Club will be back on top in no time. 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.

Ride safe!

Taylor Assaly
Marketing Director

Groomer Sale and Purchase

Some very good news for the Club! There's a good possibility that the old groomer (1985 BR 400) has been sold to the Kamloops Snowmobile Club. As most of you know, this groomer was used very little last season. Silver Star Adventures purchased a newer groomer (ME Plus) in October of 2005 and this machine did most of the grooming. The Club is now discussing the possibility and potential options of purchasing this new machine from Silver Star

Adventures. The money from the sale, together with the ever-growing groomer fund, should come close to covering the new machine purchase. The details will be worked out over the next few meetings. If you are interested in finding out more about the grooming program or have some input - please come to the next Club meeting and show your support.

The combination of a new groomer

and freshly mowed trails should give us the best riding conditions ever!

See you all in the snow!

Doug Rodrig
Trail and Grooming Director

Upcoming Meetings—and a New Home

Hey! The Club has found itself a new meeting place! The VSA extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of The People Place, Nixon Wenger, and the Morning Star who, in a joint effort, provide meeting space for non-profit organizations. Thank you!



We need your input!

- The People Place
- 3402—27 Ave
- Vernon
- (across from the Real
- Canadian Wholesale
- Club)

Next Meetings:

- Wed. Oct. 25/06
- Wed. Nov. 22/06

7:00 PM

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

Classifieds

New Skidoo S Chassis parts for sale: Belly pans, A Arms, Shocks, and miscellaneous engine and body parts. Call Doug at Silver Star Adventures at 558-5575

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2006/07 SNOW SHOW

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2006

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THANK YOU!

Our appreciation to Nixon
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room.....free of charge!

Trail Brushing Now Complete

The trail brushing project that was started in the fall of 2005 is now finally complete! The forestry side of the trail system has received more than 120 total hours of trail brushing over the last two years and is looking like it should once more. The three days of brushing coincided with the Armstrong Chalet work party on September 17th and continued on to the 18th and 19th. My Post Track Loader, with its new brushing attachment, worked flawlessly over the final 20 hours of the contract. The trails that were completed were Upper and Lower Slide Trail, Glacier Trail, and Upper Baker Road. The trails are looking great but I was amazed at how much regrowth occurred in just one season - some of the areas that were mowed last fall had saplings 4 to 5 feet tall!

The last time the Armstrong side trails were mowed was approximately 15 year ago - meaning that some of the trees I was mowing were 6-8 inches in diameter. I think in the future, the idea would be to decrease the interval between mowing to maybe 5-6 years.

This would definitely make it easier and require much less time to do the job.

Enjoy the wide open trails and have a great winter!

Doug Roehrig
Trail and Grooming Director

BCSF Annual General Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2006

8:00 a.m.

Tradex Centre—Abbotsford, BC

BC Snowmobile Show

November 17-19, 2006
Tradex Centre—Abbotsford, BC

Friday November 17, 5-9pm

Saturday November 18,

10am-7pm

Sunday November 19,

10am-4pm

Snowmobilers top ten lies

1. The bars are the only place to buy gas.
2. The ice is plenty thick.
3. I can read a trail map.
4. it's only a couple more miles.
5. It's not cold.
6. I love my spouse more than my snowmobile.
7. We have enough gas to make it.
8. I can fix it.
9. I know a short cut
10. Don't worry the trees don't hurt that much



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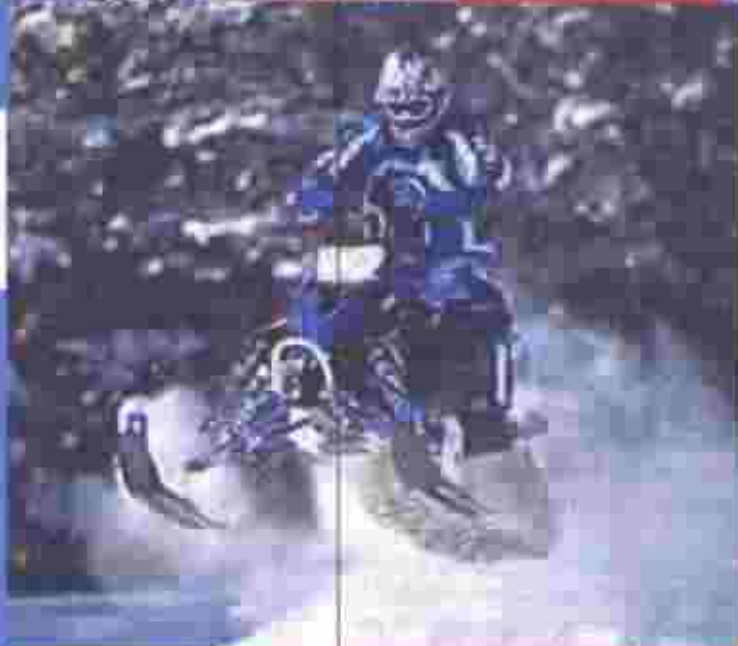
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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please have your pictures, articles, news, 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: 546-0480

Email: gevans3@telus.net

Or mail to 4208 Hullcar Rd.,
Armstrong, V0E 1B4

THANKS FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

For those of you returning members—thank you for your past support of the VSA, and welcome back! Your membership provides valuable funding for trail grooming and running our local club and riding area—as well as money to support the BCSF in their efforts to sustain our sport in BC. Please promote membership to others—friends, family, acquaintances—and help bring the VSA back to its former strength.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR!

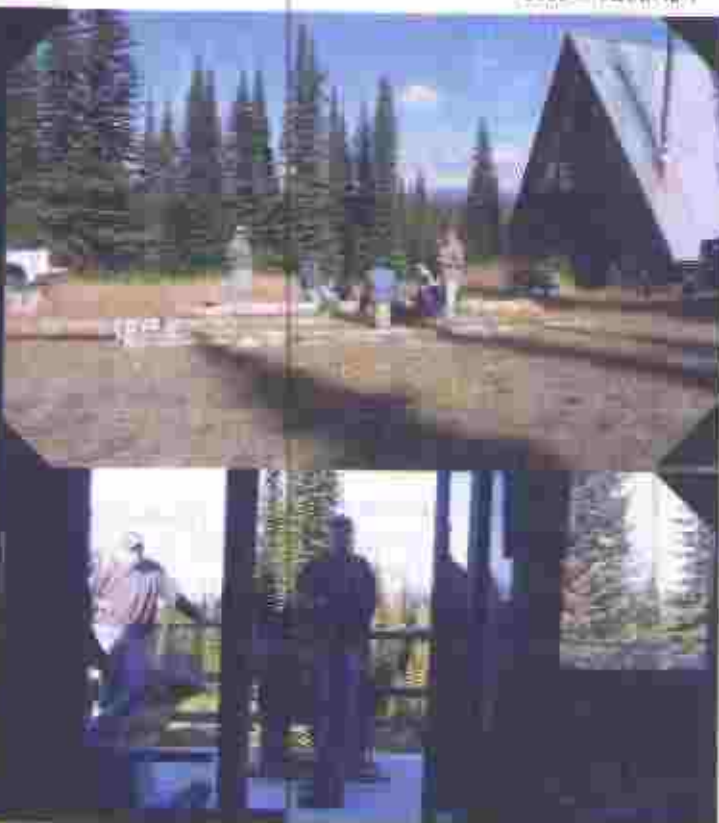
A couple had been debating the purchase of a new auto for weeks. He wanted a new truck. She wanted a fast little sports-car so she could zip through traffic around town. He would probably have settled on any beat-up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range.

After days of shopping and not agreeing on anything, she finally threw her hands up in frustration. "Look," she said, "I really just want something small that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds or less. And my birthday is coming up, so why don't you just pick something and surprise me?"

So, for her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.



September 17 at the Armstrong Chalet, and October 8 at the Silver Star Chalet.....some of the firewood chopping crew "hard at it"!



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Always Be Prepared!

You know, a fairly simple thing that individuals can do is to go through their pack and check out safety items.

These are the most common things that people do for safety and a list of items they should take with them.

- * **ALWAYS BE PREPARED**, Make a Travel-Plan Let someone Know
- * **Prepare as if you would spend a night or two out.** Pack some power bars or the like. Make sure there not from years ago and are eatable.
- * **Know how to build a snow or tree shelter.** It's a basic skill and can save your life.
- * **NEVER travel alone.** If you injure your self seriously while alone - your chances of survival are reduced.
- * **CARRY a Map and Compass.** A GPS is helpful (learn to operate).
- * **CARRY Spare clothing** (gloves, socks, toque) Goes back to planning as if you would be out over night.
- * **CARRY Space blanket.** Same thing - can act as a wind break to keep you warmer.
- * **CARRY Means to start a fire** (Solid BBQ starter works well.)
- * **CARRY Matches in a dry container** (wooden matches in a 35Mil Film capsule will keep them dry)
- * **CARRY Hatchet / Knife.**
- * **IF IT IS DECIDED that you will spend a night out,** gather fuel for a fire early in the day, don't wait until it will be dark. Build a shelter near your snowmobile, as it is a source of things you could use to stay alive. It's also a wind break if there is nothing else.
- * **CARRY First-aid kit**
- * **CARRY signalling devices;** Flares, a whistle, a mirror, thin red plastic to lay on snow as a ground sheet and a signal to aircraft.
- * **CARRY Flashlight,** - L E D, type recommended (lasts many hours - Wall Mart has an inexpensive one in the camping section)
- * **CARRY Spare gas**
- * **CARRY Spare Drive belt**
- * **CARRY Spark Plugs.** (are they working ?)
- * **CARRY extra piece of Starter rope.**
- * **CARRY Towing rope.**

These are all pretty basic things that people should have - even if you are planning a short day out with a group. Weather can fog in, or heavy snow - you can get separated from your group - then you are alone and have to be able to fend for your self.

Let us know things you do and things that make your outings safer - maybe we can add things to our safety items list.

When Wildlife is Encountered

We all enjoy seeing wildlife, these are things you should know.

- * **ALWAYS OBSERVE AND OBEY WILDLIFE SIGNAGE.**
- * **Know** that animals are in a low state of sustenance reserves, scaring animals can have negative impacts on the animal's ability to survive the winter.
- * **If an animal is encountered, NEVER approach the animal**
- * **If it is apparent that your paths will cross, stop and let the animal/s pass.**
- * **Stay on your machine as you are seen as less of a threat to the animal**