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WELCOME TO THE 2008 SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS NEW ENGLAND SNOWMOBILE EXPOSITION!

**Saturday and Sunday October 18th and 19th
at the Big-E , West Springfield, MA**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome fellow snowmobilers to the 2008 -2009 season. The club has resolved a couple of issues this summer. We have a new Web Master that is handling our web site. Rerouting the trail around the old J&D Marina will be one of our main tasks to keep the trails around the East Otis village. I am working on a new trail map due to the closure of trails on private property.



There are a lot of trees down on the trails and the club will need volunteers to help. We have reinstated our old Snow & Info Phone 413-269-0243 to give quick up dates. I hope to see new and old faces at our first meeting on Oct. 26, 2008 at our club house on Tannery Road. Start getting your sleds ready for the season because the Farmers Almanac said it will be cold with lots of snow.

Norm Picard

THE SAM DELEGATE REPORT

Hey folks! Bring your pink copy from your SAM pass you purchased last season to the SAM Snow Show October 18th and 19th and you will get in free. If you didn't keep it, you can pur-

chase this years pass and use the pink copy to get into the show. And yes, the SAM trailer will be selling passes outside this year. Just remember to pick the Knox Trail Sno-riders as your club of choice. See you there.

Your SAM Delegate, Bill Taylor

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YOUR TREASURER'S RANT

Sympathy goes out to the family of Ralph Plaisted. Mr. Plaisted passed away at his Wyoming, MN home on September 8th. He was 80 years old.



Back in 1968 I remember the excitement of watching a CBS News Documentary by Charles Kuralt about the Ralph Plaisted expedition. An insurance man turned adventurer, Mr. Plaisted with three companions, Walt Pederson, Gerry Pitzl, and Jean-Luc



Bombardier, accompanied by Mr. Kuralt, piloted their Ski-Doo snowmobiles from Ward Hunt Island, Canada for over 400 miles to the North Pole. His achievement is the first confirmed excursion to the North Pole. Although the Robert Perry and Frederick Cook expeditions claim to have reached



the pole in 1909, historical records do not confirm the pole was reached. Perry was off by 121 miles according to a 1988 review of his logs. A US Air Force flyover confirmed the Plaisted expedition's arrival at the pole on April 19, 1968, 43 days after departure. The aircraft also gave them a ride home.

I will remember him as a culmination of the adventurous spirit of every snowmobile enthusiast!



Jim Richard,
Treasurer

See ya' on
the trails!

THE CLUB CALENDAR

- The Safety Course will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 at the club house. Contact Gary Bushey at 413-499-2111. Get your VAST certificate!
- Meetings 2nd. and 4th. Sunday of the month except holidays. Breakfast at 8:00am, meeting at 9am. Tannery Road clubhouse, Otis. First meeting is Oct. 26.
- Trail work after each meeting at the groomer garage in East Otis center.
- Club rides after each meeting at noon. Meet at L&M Gulf in East Otis.
- Poker Run and Picnic Sunday January 25 at northwest end of Otis Reservoir at the Porrell Trail entrance. No-snow date is February 8th.

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Tickets are available by calling the snow phone or by sending an email to knoxtrail@gmail.com. Tickets are \$10 and benefit the Groomer Fund. The numbers will follow the Mass EVENING drawing.

TRAIL INFO

The pipeline is closed from the Farmington River to School House Road. Stay tuned for reroute information. Quarry Trail is still closed. The JD reroute is completed. REMEMBER TO STAY ON THE TRAILS!

Knox Trail Sno-Riders, Inc. is a snowmobile club located in Otis, MA. Its purpose is to promote the sport of snowmobiling and maintain a network of groomed trails. Formed in 1971, the club is in its 38th. year of providing a great riding experience in the Southern Berkshires. The club is an affiliate member of The Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts, an association of 36 clubs, helping to make Massachusetts a destination of choice for snowmobiling individuals and families.

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WEBSITE

Check out the new website by Webmaster Mike at www.knoxtrail.com

SNOW PHONE

The snow phone has returned. Call 413-269-0243 for club info, trail conditions, and important information.

PARKING

Parking is available at L&M Auto, The Knox Trail Inn, Alan Road at Route 8, Tolland State Forest boat ramp, Otis State Forest on Rt. 23, and the Tannery Road club house.

SWAP MEET

The 18th. annual New Boston Crane Service and Sled's swap meet will take place on Sunday, November 2nd from 9am to 3pm. New Boston Crane is located on

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of a go around or the total loss
of a major route. Every effort
is made to mark trails clearly but
a good map is indispensable. But
a slight change in the trail system
can render a map useless. The club
has not had a map revision in quite
some time so a good map overhaul
is in order. A number of good local
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uted to help the Club publish a new
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