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Fall 2016

BEAUTIFUL EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

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### Permit Prices

- **Online ONLY this year**
- **Seasonal Permit**  
\$180 on or before Nov 1st  
\$210 on or before Dec 1st  
\$260 after Dec 1st
- **Classic Snowmobile (>15 yrs old)**  
\$140 on or before Dec 1st  
\$170 after Dec 1st
- **Short Term**  
\$140 - 7 Day Permit  
\$75 - 3 Day Permit



# The BEAST



## President's Message – By Darin McRae

Welcome to the 2016-2017 season! I am predicting this season will be a record setter and every snowmobiler will be very pleased with the quality of trails and quantity of kilometers put on your sleds!

As your new BEAST President, and with great pride, I am excited about this opportunity to work with such a great group of people. I am sure that you are as passionate about snowmobiling as I am and I know we are here for a common purpose: keep trails open and organized on-trail snowmobiling alive!

On behalf of the club, I would like to extend a big thank-you to Brian Moreau for his leadership over the past three seasons as President and to Rob Thicke as the former South-East Trail Director. Both members are not going too far and will be seen out on the trails. I also have a great appreciation for the work of the various Coordinators who organize volunteers, signage, communications, trail patrol, social activities, sponsorship, trail guide, and landowner – these folks keep the club running.

To my fellow board members, thank you for bringing your passion, insight, and experience to the table. You are needed, and your skills and knowledge will be leveraged to move the club forward in this time of change.

Let me also thank every BEAST volunteer for your effort; without you we would not have snowmobiling like we do now. Equally important, we would be amiss if we did acknowledge the tremendous support Landowners provide by allowing the use of their land. I look forward to your continued volunteer efforts and the foundational support of Landowners during this upcoming year!

In late August, the BEAST Board met to discuss the plan for the club moving forward. From that lengthy discussion, we developed a consensus on four main priorities for the upcoming season (in order of importance):

1. **Ontario Trails Act.** The passing of this act has come with mixed feelings and has forced some trail closures by landowners. We share each landowner's concerns but will continue to work with landowners to hopefully mitigate their concerns through

further discussions, increased communications and education sessions.

2. **More on the Snow (MOTS).** MOTS is the newly approved Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) 5-year strategic plan to address the significant financial issues we face provincially. We will work with our connecting clubs and with District 1 to influence and implement the plan.

3. **Volunteers.** Maintaining our core volunteer base and recruiting new active volunteers is important to sustain the club in the future so simple strategies will be developed to develop our volunteer base.

4. **CP Rail Trail.** We will actively pursue the use of this trail for snowmobiling and will work with the Lanark County Municipal Trail Corporation (LCMTC) to that end.

I would ask every snowmobiler to buy a permit to support our local club and organized snowmobiling in Ontario. Buying a full season permit provides you with unlimited access to as much as 30,000 km of managed trails throughout the province, all season long. Hopefully, everyone appreciates that maintaining snowmobile trails is an expensive business to the provincial tune of \$20 million per year.

We have a huge task ahead of us to set-up the BEAST trail network for this season. As a volunteer-run organization, I would ask you to take some time and come out on a work day and/or get involved in other ways. Get more involved in the BEAST family! Contact our VIA coordinator or the Trail Director in your area as they always have a to-do list ready for a volunteer.

Darin McRae  
BEAST Club President  
P.S. Ski-Doo is the #1 sled to ride ;-)



## More On the Snow - (MOTS) - By Darin McRae

Our sport, the OFSC, OFSC District One, and BEAST are all under serious financial pressure to maintain trail operations while trying to life cycle the aging provincial groomer fleet. To address these issues, and others, the OFSC has developed *More on the Snow* (MOTS) – a 5 year strategic initiative. MOTS was voted in at the OFSC AGM this fall on Sept 17, 2016.

In summary, the objectives of the MOTS plan are:

1. Increased Participation. By increasing overall participation (through attraction and retention of riders) by 6% to 100,000 permits.
2. Improved Organization Effectiveness. By developing a new organizational structure, reducing the number of organizational layers from three (OFSC, District, Club) to two (OFSC and District) with local clubs becoming chapters of the District.
3. Developing a groomer fleet asset management program and a groomer fleet operational management program.
4. Become Valued Stewards and Partners. By continuing to pursue long term government support programs.

Key points of the plan to highlight::

- The current groomer fleet is too large to financially sustain.
- 70% of the fleet is over 10 years old with more than 5000 hours.
- Groomer Asset Management would allow the OFSC to take a provincial approach to life cycle management (vs the current approach of clubs managing this).
- Grooming Operational Management would be shifted more so to the District to manage (vs the current approach of clubs managing this).
- Reduce number of back-up groomers.
- Remove artificial grooming boundaries between clubs.
- OFSC bought 16 new groomers to kick start the program at a cost of \$4M.
- Estimated average cost of a purpose built groomer is now ~\$300K when you include the drag.
- Concerning high workload on a small group of volunteers.
- Impending new not-for-profit legislation is concerning.
- Local and provincial grants and other funding oppor-



tunities are not being utilized.

- Reducing administration costs through Framework for Change was not realized.
- Standardize the size and operations between districts.
- Current organizational structure causes barriers.
- Need to reduce groomer fleet from 360 to 246 by purchasing 101 new groomers and removing 215. Need \$4M to \$6M annually to achieve plan.
- Hiring of 6 regional positions to support clubs and Districts
- Reduce the number of Districts from 16 to 12. This change will allow all districts to have on average 2700 Km's of trail with 15+ clubs participating.
- Districts manage all funds. Clubs only coordinate payment of minor expenses.
- New District structure would see District 1 reorganized to Ottawa Region with 17 clubs (including BEAST) with a total of 3062 kms of trails (down from ~4000 kms)
- Standardized District bylaws and operating procedures.
- District 1 is targeted to go from 50 groomers to 29.

Volunteers are getting older and fewer. For years the same volunteers have been doing all the heavy lifting to support their club. MOTS addresses this directly with significant organizational changes to remove the administrative burden away from them. The details to all of these proposed changes are further explained in documents that can be made available to you. If you wish an expanded explanation of all the changes, please send your request to [info@thebeast.ca](mailto:info@thebeast.ca) and the files will be sent to you.

As a most recent update, as of Nov 2016, District 1 will be receiving 3 new OEM groomers this year along with one tractor groomer, going to 4 different clubs in the District, so we will see some shiny new groomers out this season in District 1. The BEAST will continue with our current groomers for this season, but will be required to remove one of our groomers in the future. Other new groomers are being deployed across the province, depending on the district.

## The Ontario Trails Act - ( formally Bill 100) - By Darin McRae

On June 1, 2016, The Government of Ontario passed new legislation to improve and sustain thousands of kilometres of Ontario's urban, suburban, rural and remote land and water trails while encouraging its expansion. The intent of the *Ontario's Trails Act* is to help with the development, operation and promotion of trails. Beside the stand-alone act, *several* amendments were also made to the *Public Lands Act*, the *Trespass to Property Act*, the *Occupiers' Liability Act*, the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*, and the *Off-Road Vehicles Act*

We understand that landowners are concerned with this new act and the impact on their private property. We share in that concern and would do nothing to jeopardize a positive relationship we, the BEAST, have had with our landowners for many years. We acknowledge that landowners would not be forced to grant easements for trail related purposes as recent changes to the Ontario Trails Act, 2016, clearly identify that easements would be voluntary.

In addition, and of special interest, is the *Trespass to Property Act* has been amended to raise the maximum fine for trespassing from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and the limit on the amount of damages that could be recovered in a prosecution has been removed.

Also, the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* (MSVA) was amended to clarify that all risks are willingly assumed by the

trail user, even when the not-for-profit trail organization is the recipient of a benefit or payment from the government i.e. snowmobile trail permit. This means that to launch legal action, the trail user must demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that there was negligence on behalf of the landowner or club providing further protection for landowners.

The new Memorandum of Understanding Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission form has had some recent changes to further protect landowners including a start date, end date, and a statement that the agreement is not requesting nor granting permission for a registered easement.

Fall is here and BEAST volunteers are starting to get trails set up and ready for the coming snowmobile season. The generosity of the landowners is needed to make these trails happen and a good agreement that takes away landowner's concerns is a big benefit.

For more information regarding each act, please follow the appropriate link:

[Ontario Trails Act, 2016](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16o08) [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16o08](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16o08)

[Occupiers' Liability Act](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o02) [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o02](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o02)

[Public Lands Act](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p43) [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p43](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p43)

[Trespass to Property Act](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90t21) [www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90t21](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90t21)

## BEAST Corporate Ride 2017 - By Debbie Lackey

It's that time once again Ladies and Gents! I am getting the BEAST Corporate Ride for 2017 organized. This year, we have decided to go to Mattawa where we are pretty much positive there will be snow. Fingers crossed! The Valois Motel and Restaurant is happy to welcome us the weekend of the 17th, February, 2017 with some very reasonable room rates. Contact number is 1-705-744-5583.

The Valois has a block of rooms reserved for our group. Just make sure you reserve your room before December 9th, 2016 and tell them you are with the BEAST. A shoreline room with a kitchenette is \$79/night and an upper level room is \$59 a night, but has no kitchenette. You may view the rooms at [www.valois motel.com](http://www.valois motel.com).

We will trailer up Friday morning early so we can sled in the afternoon and Saturday. Some will be returning for home on Sunday and others may wish to stay up till Monday. Please make sure you are clear with the Valois on whether you will need two nights or three nights when you reserve your room.

For those interested, Jim and I will be at Antrim Truck Stop 8AM on Friday the 17th for breakfast and then on to Mattawa. So get your sitters organized, if needed, and clear your calendar for Friday, February the 17th to Sunday, February the 19th, 2017!

Contact Debbie Lackey at 613-253-5486 or [jlackey@storm.ca](mailto:jlackey@storm.ca) if you have any questions.

## BEAST Extended Corporate Ride 2017 - By Gord Servant

Some of us have decided to extend the regular Corporate Ride on Feb. 17th to 19th to include 2 additional days. We will be leaving Carleton Place Thursday morning and returning Monday afternoon. The first extra night, Thursday the 16th, is at the Deep River Motel (613-584-2743). The second extra night, Sunday the 19th, is in Barry's Bay at the Ash Grove Inn (888 or 613-756-7672). These extra nights have not been reserved, so it is first come first serve. It is up to you to make your own reservation. If you would like to join us, please e-mail [iedwards62@yahoo.ca](mailto:iedwards62@yahoo.ca) or call Ian Edwards 613-257-1359 if you have any questions. Please note, these extra days are 300+ kilometer riding days which will be 7 to 9 hours.



**Big Joe Mufferaw paddled into Mattawa, all the way from Ottawa in just one day! Hey-Hey! BRAAP!**



## BEAST Poker Rally 2017 - By Dave Poaps

The BEAST Poker Rally will be running from Danby's Bar and Grill in Munster, on Saturday February 11, 2017, at 2858 Munster Road. On the BEAST 203 trail, close to the A Trail. Note that the 203 from A Trail will route closer to Bleeks Road this season, so check the on-line map at [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca) and watch for signs.



**Danby's**  
BAR AND GRILL  
2858 MUNSTER RD. Munster

**Sat February 11, 2017**

Registration from 9:00am to 11:00am

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Breakfast available

-returning to Danby's by 5:00pm

-6:00pm winners will be announced

-Entertainment to follow late afternoon

Please bring proof OFSC trail permit.

For any further information please contact:

Dave Poaps @ 613-913-5400

**Up to  
\$1000 in  
cash prizes**

## BEAST Trail Patrol - By George Laight

The OFSC Trail Patrol Program commenced in 1983 at the inception of the user-pay system. Trail Patrol members volunteer their time and the use of their personal equipment to be snowmobile ambassadors. These volunteers are clearly identifiable by their Trail Patrol vest, and each member also carries their Trail Patrol ID issued by the OFSC.

The BEAST Trail Patrol is currently comprised of about 30 members who patrol as their individual time permits during the week, weekends and evenings. Patrols generally consist of two Trail Patrol members but occasionally include four to eight members. During the 2015/16 season, BEAST Trail Patrol Members logged fewer hours, due to the local trail conditions, but we were still out there when possible. We have members stationed all over the BEAST Trail system including Stittsville, Richmond, Almonte, Barrhaven, Carleton Place, and Munster Hamlet.

The primary function of Trail Patrol is public awareness and safety. Trail Patrol members' duties are centered around activity on OFSC Prescribed Trails and may be summarized into four broad categories:

- **On-Trail Support:** Trail Patrol members provide on-trail support in the form of maps, safety equipment, directions, help and updated information on trail conditions.
- **Safety Promotion:** Members promote safe riding by reminding snowmobilers of safe riding practices.
- **Risk Management:** Trail Patrol members actively identify and report unsafe or unusual conditions, remove branches and report safety issues to the club.



- **Landowner Agent:** As the agent for the landowner, a Trail Patrol has the authority to lay a notice of Trespass to Property charge.

Members of the Trail Patrol will be out again this season checking for permits and helping snowmobilers. Our goal is to ensure the trails are safe and everyone is compliant with and aware of the various laws.

You can help too! If you can commit to 10 to 15 hours of riding over the winter season, we are always looking for new volunteers. Getting started involves an introduction session to the four categories shown above and some on the snow excursions to familiarize you with day-to-day activities on the trail. Contact [george\\_laight@sympatico.ca](mailto:george_laight@sympatico.ca)

## Beauties of the BEAST - By Julie-Anne Bedard

The fourth annual Beauties of the BEAST women only snowmobile ride was held February 27, 28, 2016. Seven women left the Almonte area and snowmobiled to Pembroke, where we stayed at the Best Western Hotel. The trails were mostly excellent on both days there and back. We raised \$1,405 for Lanark County Interval House.

This season the Beauties will be sledding to Golden Lake

and back on February 4 and 5, staying at The Sands on Golden Lake. The proceeds from this season's Beauties ride will again be donated to Lanark County Interval House.

If you are interested in joining or sponsoring us, please contact Julie-Anne Bedard, 613-256-2973 or email [jabedard@storm.ca](mailto:jabedard@storm.ca) for more info.



## BEAST Workdays - By Jim Lackey

Once again, BEAST has organized workdays that provide an opportunity to pitch in and help us get trails ready for the season. Often, we hear from people that they *want* to help but family commitments or their work prevent them from participating. We are offering three different choices again this season, but don't let your unavailability on those specific dates stop you from volunteering to help. We do have some volunteers that work on the trails during the regular work week, which may be better suited for shift workers or people who have more time during the week than on the weekend.

Many hands make light work, so why not give our team a hand? We all seem to be able to make time in our plans to snowmobile on the weekends after the trail work is done and ready to ride. We would appreciate it if similar planning could be considered to pitch in and help rather than leave it all to the few die-hard volunteers. I can assure you that you will learn a lot about the sport that you may not have known and you will have a lot of laughs with a great bunch of people.

Having assets like a chainsaw, an ATV or power tools are all great things but not absolutely necessary to have. All that is needed is to show up, and we will figure out a task for you.

Workdays usually start around 9 am with people meeting at a designated location a few minutes early so we can organize work groups. There are the usual meeting places to choose from, so pick the one closest to you and come on out!

- South West: Jim Lackey, 1405 7th Line Beckwith, Carleton Place: 613-253-5486
- North West: Audy Bedard, 1465 Wolfe Grove Rd, Almonte: 613-256-2973
- South East: Rob Campbell, 613-880-3250
- North East: Daryl Rauhala, [sdhsa\\_general@yahoo.ca](mailto:sdhsa_general@yahoo.ca)

Work dates this season are **Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10.**

**BEAST Potluck:** Following the Dec. 3 workday, we have an old-fashioned potluck dinner at Jim and Debbie Lackey's house at 1405 7th Line Beckwith. Everyone participating on the workdays or any other day is more than welcome to join us. Just contact Debbie at 613-253-5486 for details.



## Driver Training - By Debbie Lackey

Ontario Law requires any person 16 years and over to hold a valid Ontario Driver's Licence or a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence to operate a snowmobile on OFSC snowmobile trails. Persons 12 to 15 years old require a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence.

If this is you, or someone you know, sign up for an OFSC Snowmobile Driver Training course.

The OFSC Driver Training Course is designed to emphasize the safe operation of motorized snow vehicles. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be legally eligible to drive a snowmobile in Ontario.

Our first course has already taken place on Saturday 19 Nov 2016, at Beckwith Recreation Complex, with resounding success, we trained 24 eager students. Thanks Deb Lackey for organizing this session, and to our trainers Dale Visneskie and Darin McRae.

Course Date#2:

- Saturday 14 Jan 2017, 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Beckwith Recreation Complex, 1319, 9th Line Beckwith
- Registration Tuesday 10 Jan 2017, 7-8 pm at the Lackey's, 1405 7th Line, Beckwith

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no registration on the day of the course.**

Each student must produce her or his birth certificate, or passport upon registration.



**BEAST email updates:**

If you haven't received an email from us lately, you're probably not on our mailing list. When filling out your permit application, make sure to include your email address or better yet visit our website at [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca) to sign up today. We will not sell your information nor will we fill your mailbox with useless emails! You may unsubscribe at any time in the future if desired.

## Volunteers in Action (VIA) - By Julie-Anne Bedard

New this year, get your Volunteer Card!! Receive valuable DISCOUNTS from supporting businesses. Help us out for at least one work day, or 8 hours of any volunteer work, and receive a Volunteer Card. See the link. [district1ofsc.ca/volunteerreward.htm](http://district1ofsc.ca/volunteerreward.htm).

VIA is looking to expand our close-knit group of volunteers to include more men, women and children who love snowmobiling and are looking to contribute. Of particular note, high school students can earn 40 hours of community service by volunteering within the club. As with every season, we need volunteers for the following:

- trail work (spring and fall)
- social activities (planning and organization)
- fundraising (but don't worry; we keep it fun!)
- communications (newsletter)
- Trail Patrol

Even if you can spare a couple of hours, it is a help and is greatly appreciated. Age and gender don't matter — we are all snowmobilers and enjoy the outdoors.

### Volunteer Awards

Throughout the year, OFSC, District 1 and the BEAST have awards for volunteers. Volunteers are nominated by their peers and voted on by the Board of Directors and executives of the BEAST.

The 2015/16 season winners will be announced at the Dec 3, 2016 BEAST Potluck.

Congratulations to our previous 2014/15 season winners:

- Volunteer of the Year — Gord Servant
- Sector Volunteers of the Year:
  - South West — Deb Lackey
  - North West - Steve Roberts
  - North East — Austin Hobbs
  - South East — Dave Poaps
- Family of the Year — Bev Seddon and Everitt Cassidy
- Rookie of the Year — Rob Illingworth

Your VIA contact is Julie-Anne Bedard. She can be reached at 613-256-2973 or email [jabedard@storm.ca](mailto:jabedard@storm.ca).



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**VOLUNTEERS  
IN ACTION**



## Grooming - By Jim Lackey

For the 2016/17 season, BEAST has set a track record at getting groomers ready to roll. Given the poor snow last year, we spent a significant amount of dollars in the off season repairing and maintaining the fleet as it is getting older and we wanted to be sure there is no delay to grooming when the snow flies and it is safe to start. The BEAST has also completed some major trail projects on BEAST 305, BEAST 309 trails and Main E in Smiths Falls that eliminates water/swamp crossings. This is great news as it enables us to start grooming earlier. Another piece of great news will be the opening of the rail line trail from the 10<sup>th</sup> Line of Beckwith in Carleton Place to Smiths Falls. Again, reduction of water hazards, equals earlier start to grooming. We are also excited to see the cooler temps at night which helps build frost and that in turn helps with winter freeze up and with the drought this year, water levels are the lowest in years in the swamps and this too equates to the good possibility of earlier grooming. Just add snow, permits, sleds and go.

During the 2016 OFSC Annual General Meeting, the motion was passed to adopt all aspects of the More on the Snow program. One of the key elements here is a reduced groomer fleet size that is supported by newer grooming units. BEAST is part of this program and we have been targeted to reduce our grooming fleet from 4 units to 3 units over the next couple of seasons. The BEAST Executive is already looking at how we can merge grooming routes and schedules to ensure we maintain the high quality of product riders expect to see delivered. Changes will be transparent to the rider community as we have done a lot of ground work already with the trail projects above that allows us to move the fleet through the system more efficiently.

Another key event in

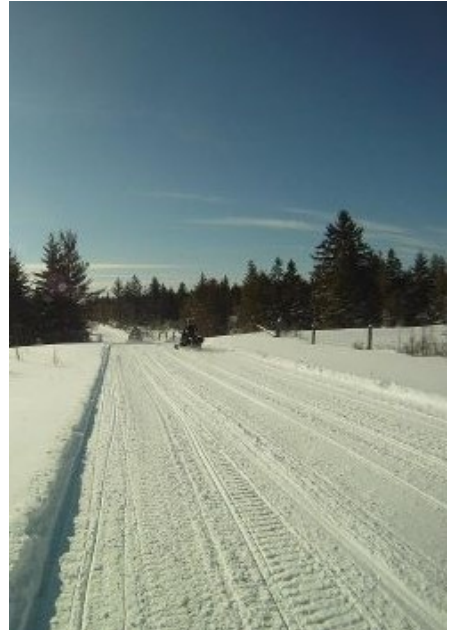
2016 was the passing of Bill 100 which has been received with mixed emotions. BEAST has worked with our local land-owners who are concerned about the effects of this bill down the road and a few have opted to close access to their land. We have changed some grooming routes and please pay attention to the various sector reports to see how you could be affected with your routes. We urge people to respect these decisions and if you see a Trail Closed sign, it means just that. DO NOT trespass as this could result in a lot more work with already maxed out volunteers. We continue to work with many people and have re-routes in most places. All we ask is that you stick to groomed trails and that if you are not involved with the club operations, to please use common sense at the start of the year and not expect to ride everywhere you have for the last several years. Also note that peeved off land-owners talk to their neighbors and creating havoc in one spot can turn into additional sections of closed trail. So the best piece of advice is talk to your club reps and pay real good attention to signs as there will be a number of trail changes

this year. Mostly for the complete benefit of your riding pleasure.

To ensure your best riding experience, always make it a habit to check the BEAST website or the OFSC Interactive Trail Guide for trail conditions.

BEAST website: [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca)

OFSC Guide: [ofsc.mapbase.ca/viewer](http://ofsc.mapbase.ca/viewer)





## Sponsorship - Chrystal Bass

On behalf of the BEAST club, we would like to extend many thanks to our generous sponsors. We encourage every snowmobiler to support the businesses that support us in making great trails.

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 Co-Operators Insurance  
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 Crawford Landscaping  
 Daily Scoop Cafe  
 Danbys Bar and Grill  
 Docteur VTT Marine, Arctic Cat  
 Fultons Pancake House  
 Generations Inn, B&B and Restaurant  
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 The Septic Store Ottawa West  
 Total Recreation  
 Villa Nova Homes

**OFSC Interactive Trail Map – Points of Interest:** The OFSC on-line trail map, [ofsc.mapbase.ca/viewer](http://ofsc.mapbase.ca/viewer) offers Points of Interest (POI's), available for \$75 per season. GPS coordinates make your business more visible to sledders, displaying location on the map, address, phone, logo, photo, business hours. We send your info to the OFSC, initial deadline is Dec 9th.

### Sponsorship Contacts:

Almonte area: Julie-Anne Bedard: 613-256-2973  
 Richmond area: Dave Poaps: [davidpoaps@explornet.com](mailto:davidpoaps@explornet.com)  
 Stittsville area: Dave White: 613-836-6494  
 Sponsorship Coordinator: Chrystal Bass: 613-863-2500  
 or e-mail us at [beastsponsor@gmail.com](mailto:beastsponsor@gmail.com)



## South West Trail Sector - By Ian Edwards

The Southwest Sector has some big changes coming our way this season. We have finally secured a portion of the CP rail bed on a trial basis for 2016/2017. We will be grooming and maintaining the section between the 10th line of Beckwith south to Sturgess Road just north of Smiths Falls. This change alone will get us off 3 swamps and other obstacles. We will also be making some upgrades to a couple trails. The E trail south of Smiths Falls has been brushed and excavated. A culvert has also been installed to get us out of another water hole. We are also improving the E103 in 2 sections. We will be extending a corduroy road near

McLaughlin Road and also re-route a section between Kidd Road and Ferguson Road. The 309 trail that connects the E103 at Brunton Side Road to Rideau Snowmobile Clubs trails in the Marlborough Forest will be opened this year, also with significant improvements. Our website will have the updated map, and the OFSC Interactive Guide will be updated accordingly. Our first volunteer work day is Saturday November 26th. If you have the time, please join in. Many hands make light work.



## North East Trail Sector - By Daryl Rauhala

The BEAST North East (NE) consists of trails from Stittsville southwest on the Trans Canada Trail (TCT), BEAST 202, BEAST 201, portions of the A Trail from BEAST 202 southeast to the Jock River, BEAST 303 east to Copeland Rd, and E104A (Ashton swamp between Dwyer Hill Rd and Ashton Station Rd). In general, this section is high, dry and the easiest BEAST sector to access for trail work and overall maintenance. From a trail grooming standpoint, all these trails are covered by the NE BR180. On top of that, the A trail is the NE's grooming responsibility end to end within the BEAST, as is the BEAST 203 into the north side of Richmond from time to time.

There is some landowner concern in the North East Sector as well with regard to Bill 100.

Direct impacts are:

- The A trail @ Dwyer Hill Road is affected, but thankfully an adjacent landowner has agreed to help us out with a re-route.
- BEAST 203 near Munster is requires a re-route to follow closer to Bleeks Rd

through Munster to connect to the A. Again another landowner has helped us out with the re-route.

- BEAST 201, accessing Hazeldean Rd, did have some landowner concern, due Bill 100, but our new modified Land Use Permission form helped to alleviate that concern

One key area of constant concern is the TCT leading out of Stittsville. This trail is unique as it is a shared section controlled by the City of Ottawa. Its yearly status is controlled by city council based on feedback from the public in the context of all shared trails within the city limits. Each year the BEAST enters into a land use agreement with the city and pays a fee for the right to maintain an OFSC trail within the city limits. This arrangement will continue if snowmobilers are courteous to other users of the TCT. As this is the only access to OFSC trails out of Stittsville, please be extra cautious here and pass along this message to fellow sledders. Slow down to a crawl when passing other TCT users. We must police our-

selves here, or we all lose access, plain and simple.

We would like to acknowledge Andrew Leger who donated upwards of 25 hours this summer to complete a city land mapping project to define the city land that contains BEAST trails. This is to minimize future paperwork/process between the BEAST and the City of Ottawa. City permission would have been revoked if this project was not completed this fall. Thanks Andrew!

On a personal note, I have filled this volunteer trail sector coordinator role since 2004, when I moved to the area. Our NE land coordinator has been involved longer than I, 20+ years. Time for some new blood, as our best before date has expired! If you cherish any of the trails mentioned above and want to see them exist in the future, please consider taking a role in some of the volunteer tasks that it takes to keep them open. We require volunteers to own sections of trail, which simply means installing pickets and signs, cut a few trees, and keep in sync with the landowner(s). Step up to keep local OFSC trails alive!

## South East Trail Sector - By Rob Campbell

Here's what's happening in the SE sector. We have lost a section of BEAST 203 just to the north of the village of Richmond because of Bill 100 concerns. We are currently looking for safe ways to re-route.

We have also lost the far east end of BEAST 203 (Barrhaven end) because of City of Ottawa storm water project. We are also looking at ways to get to Barrhaven without going through the storm water property.

We have several pieces of property that have changed ownership in the last few years and it's been very difficult to find out who now owns the property, mostly all on BEAST 203.

We received a call and email from a City of Ottawa Engineer who has told us that "local" Richmond snowmobilers are going to be denied access to the area surrounding the old Richmond lagoons because of construction work this winter. Although this is not an "official" BEAST trail, lots of people use the area to gain access to the Jock River. See the description below.

The City of Ottawa will be starting the Richmond Forcemain Repairs and Modification construction project in the Village of

Richmond. The project is along the south side of the Jock River from Cockburn Street to Eagleson Road and from Eagleson near the Lagoons to Abbeyhill Drive in Kanata. Construction is expected to start this fall and is anticipated to be complete in fall 2017. It is understood that from there is snowmobiling that occurs along the Jock River between King Street and Eagleson section of the project limits. Note that during construction, the site will be restricted to construction operations only. In addition, the parking lot along Eagleson (near Barnsdale) and lagoon area will be closed during construction.



## Permits - George Laight

Ontario law requires every sled entering an OFSC Prescribed Trail to have and display a valid snowmobile trail permit sticker, and have the trail permit paperwork with you.

A valid snowmobile trail permit must be affixed to your windshield to ride on OFSC trails.

All permit sales are on-line this year, so keep the confirmation e-mail from OFSC until you receive your permit sticker and paperwork in the mail, just in case of a postal code mix-up. You will have the confirmation e-mail for reference, in case you don't receive your permit in the expected time.



## Important Dates - by Gord Servant

These are important dates to mark onto your calendar.

- Nov 1, 2016, Last day to buy your season pass at \$180.
- Nov 3, 2016, General Meeting
- Nov 15, 2016, Driver Training Registration
- Nov 19, 2016, Driver Training
- Nov 26, 2016, BEAST Workday #1
- Dec 1, 2016, Last day to buy your season pass at \$210.
- Dec 1, 2016, General Meeting
- Dec 3, 2016, BEAST Workday #2
- Dec 3, 2016, BEAST Volunteers Potluck Dinner
- Dec 10, 2016, BEAST Workday #3
- Jan 5, 2017, General Meeting
- Jan 10, 2017, Driver Training Registration
- Jan 14, 2017, Driver Training
- Jan 21-22, 2017, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #1

- Jan 28-29, 2017, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #2
- Feb 2, 2017, General Meeting
- Feb 4-5, 2017, Beauties of the BEAST Ride
- Feb 4-5, 2017, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #3
- Feb 11, 2017, BEAST Poker Rally
- Feb 17-19, 2017, BEAST Corporate Ride
- Feb 18-20, 2017, OFSC Try our Trails Free Weekend
- Mar 2, 2017, General Meeting
- Apr 6, 2017, General Meeting
- April 8, 2017, BEAST Landowner Appreciation
- May 4, 2017, General Meeting
- Aug 3, 2017, BEAST BBQ and AGM

Please check [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca) for full details and locations.

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## NO ATVs ON OFSC TRAILS!

- Please Don't Trespass -  
ATVs are not allowed on OFSC trails on private land in any season without landowner permission.

ATVs must stay off all OFSC trails during the winter grooming season.

