



Member in Good Standing

Fall 2018

BEAUTIFUL EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

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Permit Prices

- **Seasonal Permit:**
\$190 on or before Nov 1st
\$220 on or before Dec 1st
\$270 after Dec 1st
- **Classic Snowmobile (>15 yrs old):**
\$150 on or before Dec 1st
\$190 after Dec 1st
- **Other Permits/Fees:**
\$35 - multi-day (per day)
\$15 - replacement
\$7.50 - admin fee
\$35 - special event



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President's Message – Darin McRae

The 2018-2019 season is already upon us with snow in some parts of the county and in Northern Ontario ... but in our area it is 25 C (on 10 Oct 18). That is ok as there is a lot of trail work to complete before the season can start. I, like many of you, are getting more excited about the arrival of snow but need to put away your summer toys (boats, campers, etc) and shift gears into snowmobile season.

I'm glad to report that the BEAST snowmobile club is healthy and a very active but don't get too comfortable as we need more volunteers to fill key gap areas. I am constantly amazed by the work put in by volunteers to make this great network of trails happen, but sadly, the average snowmobiler has no clue of the behind-the-scenes work required to develop and maintain a trail. If you have a skill and some time we will find a place for you. This may include trail work, installing signage, communications, website development, etc

The list is nearly endless. Volunteer work is not limited to 'old guys' as we welcome (and need) all sorts of people, families, teens, kids to sustain the club for the future. Some of our key volunteers have been at this for over 20 years! New volunteers are always welcome and needed!

We held our AGM back in September and elected a full slate of officers. On behalf of the club, I would like to extend a BIG thank-you to Daryl Rauhala (aka Large) for his 15+ years as North East Trail Director (and former President of SDHSA before that) and welcome Blaine Johnson into the position. Large will not be going too far and will continue to coordinate the grooming for NE and SE Sectors.

A special thank-you goes out to BJ for his work as Communications Coordinator as we welcome back Gord Servant to the post. After 20+ years of great service, Jim Lackey will step down as the OFSC Response Coordinator and I would like to welcome Rob Illingworth into the position. To each of you, and our other seasoned Coordinators, I look forward to supporting your important efforts.

To our elected board of directors, thank-you for bringing your passion, insight, and



experience to the table. For every BEAST volunteer, thank-you for your efforts; 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.

If you are a seasoned or new woman snowmobiler it is time get in loved with the Beauties of the BEAST. This is a super passionate group of ladies dedicated to the promotion and organization of club rides for women. They are keen to share their love of the sport with other like-minded individuals in a fun and positive way while also making a contribution to the community in which they ride. The 'Beauties' aim to alleviate the pressures of larger group rides allowing participants to travel at a more leisurely pace, feel more comfortable on the trails, as well as provide many hands-on learning opportunities. The 'Beauties' have been able to share knowledge regarding equipment and emergency situations, maintenance and operation of snowmobiles, what to do if a belt fails, how to properly tow or boost, and even trailer-ing. For their efforts, they were recently acknowledged ... continued on page 11

BEAST Corporate Ride 2019 - Debbie and Jim Lackey

A long standing tradition, is the BEAST Corporate Ride, started just after the first year of operation of the BEAST, in the Winter of 1999/2000. The intent was to help solidify team building and comradery of the 4 original clubs that formed the BEAST Association; Ashton, Richmond, Rideau, and Stittsville. The first ride to Pembroke saw close to 32 different sleds participating and we witnessed first-hand that this way of socializing our love for the sport was a great idea and we have been doing it every year since.

The Corporate Ride name came about from a suggestion from Richard Hiley. Richard is known throughout this area as a die-hard snowmobiler that has ridden all over the Province of Ontario with many of the OFSC level Executives, Snow Trax and other snowmobile celebrities. We were also aware that the Kemptville Snowmobile Klub did something similar on an annual basis where they would ride in an area outside their own trail system, so we decided to run our own ride and the Corporate Ride kind of stuck.

The Corporate Ride is a traditional 3 day event that ran from Friday to Sunday for many years. The introduction of Family Day weekend has only been around for a few short years and does offer an extra day to ride. Snowmobilers have a choice of hanging around for that extra day if they so choose but we also have participants that left children behind with grandparents or relatives while they go have fun. The holiday Monday provides Moms and Dads a free day with the kids to make amends for them being away for the 3 day ride. After all, it is called Family Day Weekend. The free Monday can also help us with some longer travel logistics as we venture further away from our riding area and has allowed us to explore trails we would not normally travel to on a shorter weekend.

Each year we pick a different destination on Ontario to travel to an experience some sledding in a different region. This event typically is held on the Family Day weekend in February.

Just because it is called the Corporate Ride, it does not mean that it is reserved for the people that operate and manage the BEAST. This ride since day one has been open to all riders and over the years we have met many great new friends and new people to ride long after their first Corporate Ride. We have new comers every year and we look forward to meeting people who enjoy the sport like we do. The ride is usually split up into groups based on desired riding skills so people do not feel uncomfortable with a faster or slower riding group. It is all about getting out there and having fun. The group as a whole gets together at the end of each day to exchange stories on their day's adventure and trust us in that there have been many, many great stories told.

For 2019, the BEAST Corporate Ride will be held in Gravenhurst at the Residence Inn Marriott. Friday, February 15th to Sunday, February 17th, 2019. There are two room options. A studio suite, non-lake view, with kitchenette will be \$165/night. A two bedroom suite with full refrigerator/stove will be \$199/night. If you share with another couple, you would split this amount. There is a two night minimum for these prices. There is a hot breakfast buffet included in the prices as well. The Marriott also has a pool and hot tub. Although there are no restaurants on site, there are many to choose from within walking distance. Please reserve your room by December 7th, 2018. Make sure you are clear on the number of nights/dates you require as a few of us will be travelling up Thursday the 14th. You will need to tell them you are with the BEAST block of rooms. Cancellations are required a full 7 days prior to arrival date. Call 1-705-687-6600 to book your room.

There are several options for sledding:

- ◆ #1 Head up via truck and trailer on Thursday evening, to sled on Friday and Saturday, trailer home Sunday
- ◆ #2 Head up via truck and trailer early on Friday, to sled Friday afternoon and Saturday, trailer home Sunday
- ◆ #3 Head up via truck and trailer Friday, to sled on Saturday, trailer home Sunday
- ◆ #4 For any option, extend your trip into the holiday Monday if desired

Contact Debbie Lackey at 613-253-5486 or jlackey@storm.ca if you have any questions and let her know your plans.



BEAST Club Rides - Rob Illingworth

Great news, the BEAST will be once again organizing more group rides this season. They will be of all different skill levels to accommodate everyone even younger kids, families, couples and two-up riders. This will be a great opportunity to get out and meet some new people and ride some trails you may have never ridden. A valid trail pass will be required to participate in these rides. Most of the rides will revolve around stopping for food inside an establishment rather than trail lunches, as we want to keep everyone warm.

More details will come as the season progresses, but to perk your interest we are working on:

- A family friendly ride on New Year's Eve (and with fireworks).

- A regular weekly night ride for moderate skill riders with a different destination each week.
- A longer distance ride, on the weekend, to a local pancake emporium.
- An advanced skill level ride, due to a longer distance, less stops, and a later return time.
- A weekend get away to Gravenhurst on our annual BEAST Corporate / Club Ride. Full details on Page 2.

Keep watching the BEAST Website and Facebook for an announcement of these rides and the skill level required. If you would like to be included on a mailing list to be notified in advance email ClubRides@thebeast.ca We will also need volunteers to organize and lead these rides.

Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) - BEAST 311 Extension to Almonte - Darin McRae

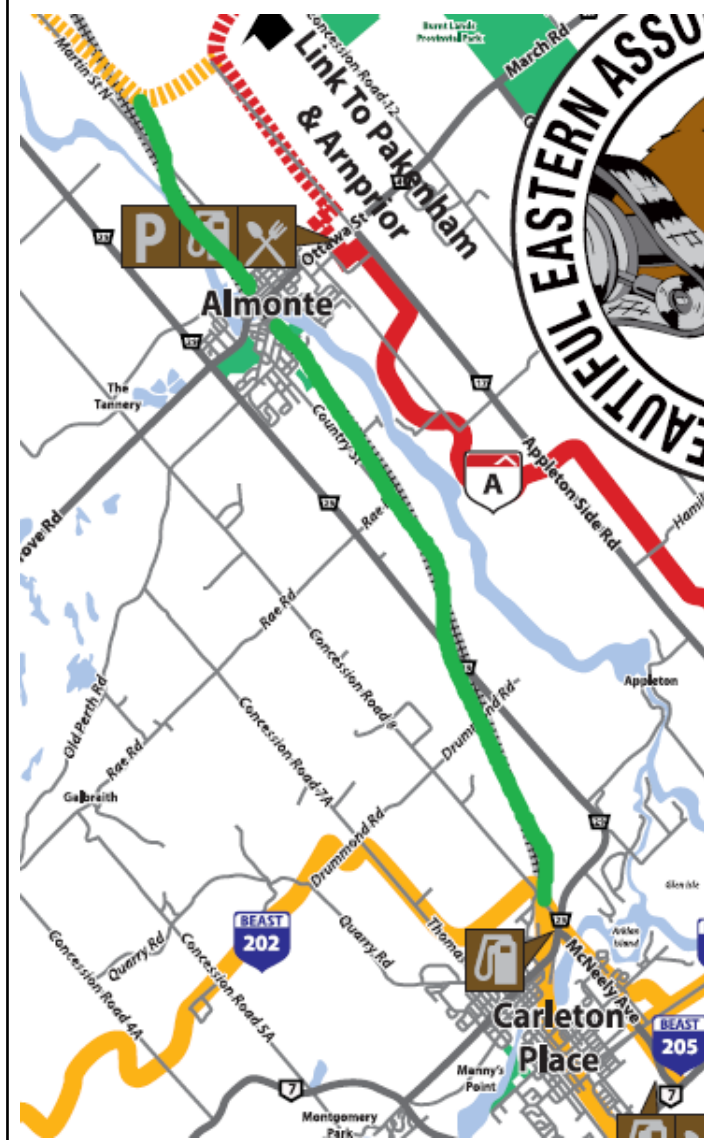
For the 2019 season, we are confident that the BEAST 311 (which runs along the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT)) will be extended from the junction of the BEAST 311 / BEAST 202, in Carleton Place, North to, and through Almonte, to connect to West Carleton Snowmobile Trail Association's (WCSTA's) W311 (see the green trail). We are simply waiting for the bridge work to be complete in Almonte.

The use of the OVRT continues to be a priority trail for the BEAST as it provides a safe high and dry trail. The two most problematic places for snowmobiles to travel are along roadways and over ice. This new trail helps eliminate both problems which makes the money, time and effort invested a great investment. Full use of the OVRT will allow us to extend our season in the area by a couple weeks.

To ensure the trail is safe for all users, we plan to have our volunteer Trail Patrol members increase their patrols in the area and when possible work with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Snowmobile ATV Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Team to ensure snowmobilers are operating safely on the OVRT.

Snowmobilers are reminded that speed limits within the Town of Carleton Place and Almonte will be 20 km/hr (normal for residential areas) and there will be time of day limitations of 7am to 11pm for in these residential zones. Riders must heed the reduced speed limit, time of day limitations, and exercise caution at all road crossings.

As a club, we are pleased to support this worthwhile project since this multi-use trail will enhance the economic activity, especially in the winter, through Carleton Place and Almonte, when other sources of tourism dollars are not as plentiful. This new trail section will create many other tourism opportunities, continue to establish a multi-use recreational trail loop within the County, and provide safe public water crossings for summer and winter recreational enthusiasts.



Beauties of BEAST Win 2018 OFSC District 1 Award - Darin McRae

This **OFSC District 1 Outstanding Snowmobile Promotion Award** is in recognition of outstanding and innovative achievement in the development and implementation of a program, initiative or event focusing on one or more of the following areas: *Participation Development, Rider Experience, Volunteer Development and/or Partnership Development.*

The Beauties of the BEAST Ride started in 2013 as a way to promote snowmobiling for women by women, started by a core group of strong female BEAST riders who wanted to share their love of the sport while also making a contribution to the community in which they ride. This idea turned into an annual 2-day event that now attracts female riders from all over the district while also raising money for a good cause.

Each year, despite challenges with weather, interest and ridership has increased. From 8 riders in year one, participation has grown to 35 riders on their most successful ride. The inaugural 2013-2014 the ride raised \$7524.00 for Carleton Place District and Memorial Hospital. Over the past five years, rides have raised \$12,804.00 for the Lanark County Interval House. Brianne Luckasavitch with Interval House sent a letter of thanks to the Beauties expressing their gratitude for the efforts of this group of female riders. She explained that "We are grateful for the leadership that Beauties of the BEAST have shown over the past few years in our community through their Snowmobile Club ride for a cause events. We truly appreciate being the recipients of their kindness as their fundraised efforts go directly to support important, underfunded programs including the public education program."

Another of the ride mandates is to support the small business community, and act as friendly ambassadors for the sport. Each season the ride route includes an overnight stay, in order to foster relationships with snowmobile friendly hotel/motel and businesses, and to reinforce that our sport appreciates their support. The Beauties have traveled from the BEAST area to

Petawawa, Pembroke, Barry's Bay and Golden Lake, attracting unique attention when they arrive allowing them to showcase the positives of organized riding such as teamwork, comradery, responsible riding, and positive attitudes.

Local businesses like A-J Repair Services, Mementos, and Modern O.T. have also been kind enough to lend their support to this group and have generously sponsored their ride providing a thank you gift to participants as a memento of the amazing journey they share each year while raising money for their community and allows the ride to continue to be advertised in the offseason for this wonderful event and attract new riders who may not otherwise have the opportunity to get out and enjoy the sport we all love.

At a BEAST meeting President Darin McRae presented the award to Beauties of the BEAST organizer Julie-Anne, and other Beauties that were present.



L-R Sue Chayer, Roberta Barker, Julie-Anne Bedard, Shannon Phifer, Chrystal Bass, Darin McRae

South East Trail Sector - James McCurdy

As [hopefully] everyone knows, the southeast (SE) sector is the wettest section within the BEAST network with many swamps and creeks. With the full support of the club, we are actively looking at all options to move trails onto dry land. This is a personal priority for me! We are currently looking for safe ways to re-route and potentially some culvert and/or bridge work. To make this happen I need your help!

We have almost finalized the issues with the BEAST 203 to re-establish the trail north of Richmond. We still have not been able to open the BEAST 203 into Barrhaven due to landowner issues but we are pursuing this.

Last year BEAST started sharing 3 groomers, as the SG1200 had been sold as part of the transition to MoTS, which was actually a good thing as the SG1200 had never performed as we had expected. To pick-up the grooming formerly done by the SG1200, a three groomer plan was developed, where the NE groomer would pick up the majority of the work and the SW groomer would pick up the BEAST 309. Under MoTS we have not yet been awarded a new groomer, so we will continue with a similar plan to last season.

I am also looking into options to build some feeder trails to services in and around the Richmond the area. Hopefully there will be some positive news in the near future. Volunteers are critical to great trails and we need more volunteers in the SE section. Please e-mail serbeast@gmail.com if you can help out with brushing, picketing, or have land that we may be able to re-route trails onto.

We are looking to host a family friendly volunteer/rider appreciation on trail snack/lunch for BEAST members in the SE sector. Stay tuned for details and we hope to see you.



Carleton Place Santa Claus Parade Float - Rob and Val Illingworth

Last season fun was had by all who participated in the Carleton Place Christmas Parade Float. Last year this was organized by Val and Rob Illingworth, a family affair, fitting as this is a family all ages event. Val and Rob have agreed to organize the BEAST float again this year. The parade is on November 24. Contact Val at valillingworth@hotmail.com if you and your family would like to participate. Or come out and cheer us on!



North East Trail Sector - Blaine Johnson

The BEAST North East (NE) consists of trails from Stittsville on the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) /also labeled BEAST 200, portions of the A Top Trail from BEAST 200 southeast to the Jock River, BEAST 303 east to Copeland Rd, and E104A (Ashton Station Rd to the TCT trail), and the BEAST 206 (Ashton swamp).

In general, the NE 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 one 2001 BR180 and a shared groomer with the South East (SE) sector. On top of that, the A Top trail is the NE's grooming responsibility end to end within the BEAST. Swamps and creeks largely define the boundaries, especially in the early season.

The NE sector trails tend to be the first ones to open and the last ones to close. Great for those sledders that are itching to get out after the first winter storms and for those diehards that want to get out as late in the season as possible.

We have a seasoned groomer crew, with the bulk of the grooming operations occurring between 8PM and 6AM. This allows time for the trail to setup and ultimately last longer. The NE has an operator scheduled to groom every night of the season. The common factors that prevent a grooming shift are lack of snow, breakdowns, warm weather and rare cases of cold spells.

There are a few updates for 2019. BEAST 201 is unfortunately still closed this season. This is an access trail from Hazeldean Rd in Stittsville to the TCT /BEAST 200. A key landowner is actively working this land and it will not be suitable for snowmobile usage this season. Many options were considered, but for now we do not see any other workable solutions. Hopefully this will re-open in future years. Additionally, the E104A now runs from Ashton out to the A trail (TCT), and the Ashton swamp trail is now the BEAST 206. This trail name swap will give riders a better status on if the swamp trail is open or not, and the full length of E104A will be able to open sooner. Check the BEAST website trail status www.thebeast.ca, or OFSC website www.ofsc.on.ca to see if the swamp trail is open or not.

One key area of constant concern is the TCT / BEAST 200 leading out of Stittsville. This trail is unique as it is a multi-use (shared) trail 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. The BEAST is in the middle of a five year land use agreement with the city and pays a fee for the right to maintain an OFSC trail within the city limits. The city has been a great partner with the BEAST and this arrangement will continue on the condition that 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 snowmobilers. Slow down to a crawl when passing other TCT users. We must police ourselves here, or we all lose access, plain and simple.

I would like to thank Daryl Rauhala who has been the NE sector coordinator for the past 15 years and continues to assist both myself and the BEAST club in the many volunteer activities in the NE sector. Volunteers are the lifeblood of all of the snowmobile organizations across the province. If you cherish any of the trails mentioned above and want to see them exist in the future, please contact the BEAST volunteer coordinator, e-mail volunteers@thebeast.ca and consider taking on a role working on some of the volunteer tasks required to keep them open. We have a need for various volunteers that maintain sections of trail, communications experts, landowner engagement, etc. Whatever your skillsets, we probably have a need.

Step up to keep local Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails alive!!

Sponsorship - Chrystal Bass

On behalf of the BEAST, we would like to extend many thanks to our generous current and past sponsors. We encourage every snowmobiler to support the businesses that support us in making great trails. Check the BEAST Trail Map for Sponsor map ads.

A-J Repairs Services
Ashton Brewing Company
Beckwith Convenience
Black's Corners Motorsports, Polaris
Canadian Golf and Country Club
Carleton Place Marine, Yamaha
Central Plumbing Services
Crawford Landscaping
Danby's Bar and Grill
Generations Inn
Harvey Property Maint. Roofing, Masonry
I.D.A. Carleton Place

Jestek Electric
Kanata Opticians
Keystone Traditional Masonry
Kodiak Custom Sheds
LaRocque Machining
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Momac Grain Elevators
Murray Refrigeration, AC & Heating
Next Gen Signs
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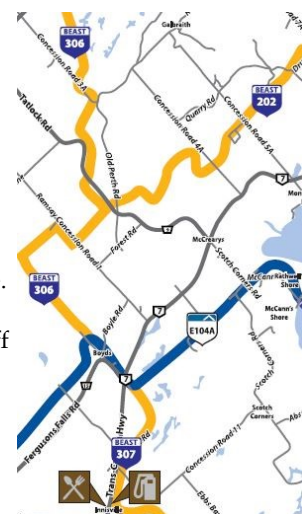
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Sani-Sol Pools and Spas
Stittsville Trailers
Total Recreation
Universal Supply Group (NAPA)
Unique Entities
White Lake General Store

OFSC Interactive Trail Map—Points of Interest (POI's) are still available. The OFSC on-line trail map, at www.ofsc.on.ca, offers Points of Interest (POI's) listings all year. This feature lists your businesses GPS coordinates and makes your business more visible to sledders, displaying location on the map, including address, phone number, logo, photo and business hours. Contact the Sponsorship Coordinator at beastsponsor@gmail.com for more information.

North West Trail Sector - Audy Bedard

The Northwest sector has a selection of great trails! The key trail is E104A from Mississippi Lake to the village of Lanark that connects to District 6. If you take the BEAST 306 from the E104A to connect to West Carleton Snowmobile Trails Association (WCSTA), you will run through the village of Clayton where you will find friendly service, fuel, and snacks at the Clayton General Store. The BEAST 307 runs from the E104A at Boyd's Settlement to Innisville, where you can fuel up your trusty sled at Ultramar. There is also Law & Orders Burger Restaurant, where you can get warm and have a hot meal. Last, but not least, there is my favorite trail, the BEAST 308 which runs from Clayton to 3 mile Bay on White Lake. The BEAST 308 has limited grooming capabilities as there are a few water crossings. This is more of a remote trail which is 21 kms long through some very picturesque forest – make sure you stop at the bluff with a great view.

Great news is that the BEAST 202 will connect to the new BEAST 311 which runs on the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail (OVRT) through Carleton Place and southward. The BEAST 311 on the OVRT will be opened from the BEAST 202 at the Ramsay 8th concession to Almonte and beyond to WCSTA this year. Check BEAST website www.thebeast.ca for updates.



South West Trail Sector - Ian Edwards

Greetings from the Southwest.

This coming winter we will see the full use of the OVRT. This rail trail runs from Sturgess Road near Smith's Falls all the way to Pembroke and points north. The BEAST section starts at Sturgess and ends at McPhail Road just north of Almonte. From McPhail Road to Arnprior the West Carleton Snowmobile Club takes over until it meets up with District 6. The trail has been widened and brushed. It also has been graded, packed and stonedust applied. This means no large rocks on the trail and will be available much sooner than in the past years.

Other than that there will be a couple of minor reroutes due to landowner development. We are very fortunate that our landown-

ers are so giving. Please, give them the respect they deserve by staying on the trail. There will be trail workdays coming up, so if you have some time your help would be appreciated.

Southwest Rocks!



BEAST Poker Rally - Dave Poaps

The BEAST Poker Rally is a long standing event that has been running since the 1990's, originally the Richmond Poker Rally, started by the former Richmond Club, and this event has been run by Dave Poaps since 1996. Thanks to Dave for his dedication!

For many years, and again this year, the BEAST Poker Rally will run from Danbys Bar and Grill in Munster, on Saturday February 9, 2019, at 2858 Munster Road, on the BEAST 203 trail, close to the A Trail.

BEAST would like to thank Debbie Mallette and all the staff at Danbys for the past and continued support of the BEAST Poker Rally. Also, don't forget to visit Danbys second location, Danbys Roadhouse in Richmond. Contact Dave Poaps at 613-913-5400 for any questions.



BEAST Poker Rally

Danbys
BAR AND GRILL
2858 MUNSTER RD. Munster

Sat February 9, 2019

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
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 - 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 2017/18 season, BEAST Trail Patrol Members logged fewer hours the normal 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, providing assistance, information and generally making sledders feel welcome on the trails. Our goal is to ensure the trails are safe and to promote the positive image of snowmobiling.

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

Beauties of the BEAST - Julie-Anne Bedard

The sixth annual Beauties of the BEAST women only snowmobile ride was held 3-4 February 2018. We had 30 women sign up, unfortunately with the snow in our area we ended up with 14 Sledding and 4 driving. The sledders trailered and met in the Ren-frew area and headed to Spectacle Lake Lodge, in Barry's Bay where we met up with everyone. We had a great evening enjoying everyone's company. The trails were mostly good with the amount of snow we had. We raised \$3062.00 for Lanark County Interval House. **Last season we were awarded the 2018 OFSC District 1 Outstanding Snowmobile Promotion Award.**

This seventh season the Beauties will be leaving on 2 February 2019 from Almonte and returning on 3 February 2019, again this year riding to Spectacle Lake Lodge. The proceeds from this season will again be donated to Lanark County Interval House.

This ride is a great way to meet women and get to know the sport that we love. We always have a great time and raise money for a great cause. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or a seasoned rider this is a ride for all women.

Registration (\$25) for the 7th annual Beauties of the BEAST Ride is open! If you are interested in joining or sponsoring us, contact Julie-Anne Bedard at 613-256-2973 or jabadard@storm.ca. For more info check out www.thebeast.ca, and follow the Beauties on Facebook "beautiesofthebeast".



BEAST Workdays - Jim Lackey

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: James McCurdy, J&M Harveys, 6044 Perth Street, Richmond, E-mail: serbeast@gmail.com
- North East: Blaine Johnson, 613-868-2164, E-mail: NEDirector@thebeast.ca

BEAST Workday Dates:
Saturdays Nov 24th, Dec 1st, & Dec 8th.

BEAST Potluck Dec 8th

Following the December 8th workday, we have an old-fashioned family friendly 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 - 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.

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.

The course costs \$40 with an extra fee for lunch (optional).

Course #1:

- Saturday 24 Nov 2018, from 8am-4pm. Beckwith Recreation Complex, 1319, 9th Line Beckwith.
- Registration Tuesday 20 Nov 2018, 7-8 pm at the Lackey's, 1405 7th Line, Beckwith.

Course #2:

- Saturday 12 Jan 2019, 8am-4pm
- Beckwith Recreation Complex, 1319, 9th Line Beckwith
- Registration Tuesday 8 Jan 2019, 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.

Please email Deb Lackey, BEAST Driver Training Coordinator, at jlackey@storm.ca



Volunteers in Action (VIA) - Wanda Bowes

Volunteers in Action (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. Every season we need volunteers for trail work (spring and fall), social activities (planning and organization), fundraising, communications (newsletter), Trail Patrol.

Specific positions we are looking to fill are:

- Sponsorship—coordinate sponsorship activities (Chrystal would like to pass on)
- Driver Trainer—become a course instructor (we wish to add one more person)
- Health and Safety—maintain policies
- Signage—ensure signage is up to OFSC standards

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 (Now Upper Canada Snowmobile Region) 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 2017/18 season winners will be announced at 8 December 2018 BEAST Potluck.

Congratulations to our previous 2016/17 season winners:

- Volunteer of the Year — Darin McRae
- Sector Volunteers of the Year:
 - South West — Mark Stanzel
 - North West — Todd Russell
 - North East — Drew Ledger
 - South East — Jill MacLaurin
- Family of the Year — Jim and Deb Lackey
- Rookie of the Year — Bobby Mowat

Contact Wanda Bowes at 613-914-0192 or email volunteers@thebeast.ca.



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 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.



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Groomers, Groomers, Groomers - Jim Lackey

Grooming in the BEAST will not see much change for this year. We have our first year of MOTS (More on the Snow) program under our belts, with the reduced grooming fleet of 3 units. BEAST was able to maintain trail operations with the smaller fleet by working closely with each other when units were down for repair. We were fortunate last season to not lose any significant grooming time due to equipment failure, and this is mainly attributed to the maintenance program we perform on these units on a regular basis. Our fleet is old, very old by Provincial standards, at well over 15 years of age with ~ 3500 grooming hours plus on them. BEAST did apply to the OFSC Groomer Renewal Program last year, and we are now on the short list for groomer replacement, but there are many clubs in our area with similar vintage groomers so fingers crossed! While we wait, we will continue to work with the District to ensure we maintain our grooming fleet to the best of our ability.

With the recent opening of the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail (OVRT), along with our existing trails that use sections of the Trans-Canada and Beckwith trails, we now have a larger percentage of our trails as multi-use, which typically can be groomed earlier in the season, so early season grooming looks promising for a larger percentage of our trail system. Note that we will not be out at the first spec of snow but it won't take as much snow to get these trails opened. All we need to make sure of is that riders respect the rules for the population areas in Carleton Place, Stittsville, Almonte and beyond.

Soon the groomers will be brought out of storage and serviced so they will be ready for first snow. There are no major repairs needed for this season so we are lucky in that regard and things are looking good for us to be ready for any early snow. New this year will be a trail packer. BEAST has worked on this for the past year or so to build a system that operates off the back of the groomer to pack down weeds, cat tails etc. to drive frost into the ground and help freeze up the swamp areas more quickly. The packer operates on a hydraulic system and arena type hockey board material that will help manage the job for us. Our trail brushing tractor will also be

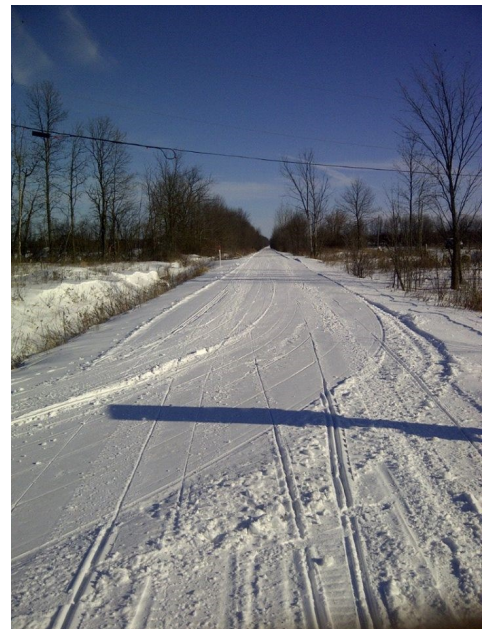


out there to trim back the smaller brush that volunteers have manually removed for years. This unit makes lighter work for our trail workers who prepare the trails prior to grooming season.

There is also lot of trail work involved from club volunteers long before the first track turns on the groomer. This work needs to be done to ensure trails are safe and clearly marked before we start to groom so our membership has an enjoyable snowmobile experience. Note that it is usually the same groomer operators that help coordinate/perform this trail work with many other trail workers so time in the bush keeps us away from working on getting the groomers ready. We are always looking for help so let us know if you have some time to help your club so we can get those groomers out and rolling.

Our current groomer operators will be taking their own personal time over the next couple of weeks to complete chainsaw safety and groomer operator training courses. There is a lot more to this than just hopping into the seat and running down the trail. BEAST groomer operators are committed to providing the best possible product by taking the time to complete

these activities so we can keep our operators safe and the groomers rolling. Be sure to give these guys a wave when you see them out there!



Permits - Jim Lackey

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.

All permit sales are on-line, 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, or in case you don't receive your permit in the expected time. Thanks to all BEAST supporters who select BEAST when buying permits!

BEAST sells on average, 1,200 permits per season over the past several years. We are the 2nd highest permit selling entity from the Quebec/Ontario border, west to Kingston and north to Arnprior (Upper Canada Snowmobile Region boundary). East-

ern Snowmobile Club is number 1 in the UCSR with an average of 1,500 permits sold. All permit revenue is now managed by the UCSR and BEAST is allotted funds based on a base percentage from all permits sold, number of kilometres of trails and number of hours we groom. It is a complex formula with a goal to ensure money is available to clubs that are grooming with snow.



Permit Placement



Important Dates - by Gord Servant

These are important dates to mark onto your calendar.

- Nov 20, 2018, Driver Training Registration
- Nov 24, 2018, Driver Training
- Nov 24, 2018, BEAST Workday #1
- Dec 1, 2018, Last day to buy your season pass at \$220.
- Dec 1, 2018, BEAST Workday #2
- Dec 6, 2018, General Meeting – Jim's Garage
- Dec 8, 2018, BEAST Workday #3
- Dec 8, 2018, BEAST Volunteer Potluck Dinner
- Dec 8, 2018, BEAST Volunteer Awards
- Jan 8, 2018, Driver Training Registration
- Jan 10, 2019, General Meeting – Generations Inn
- Jan 12, 2019, Driver Training
- Jan 19-20, 2019, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #1
- Jan 26-27, 2019, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #2
- Feb 1, 2018, General Meeting – Danbys, Munster
- Feb 2-3, 2019, Beauties of the BEAST Ride
- Feb 2-3, 2019, OFSC Try Our Trails Weekend
- Feb 2-3, 2019, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #3
- Feb 7, 2019, General Meeting – Danbys Munster
- Feb 9, 2019, BEAST Richmond Poker Rally
- Feb 15-17, 2019, BEAST Corporate Ride
- Mar 7, 2019, General Meeting – location TBD
- Apr 4, 2019, General Meeting – Jim's Garage
- Apr 5, 2019, BEAST Landowner Appreciation Dinner
- May 2, 2019, General Meeting – Jim's Garage
- Sep 5, 2019, BEAST BBQ and AGM – Jim's Garage

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We continue to implement More on the Snow (MoTS) provincially, within the District and locally. MoTS is the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) strategic plan to address the significant financial issues we face provincially. We continue to transition as part of District 1 standing up as the Upper Canada Snowmobile Region www.ucsr.ca. As the district works through their transition and process this will have an impact on local clubs. We will continue to influence and shape the implementation of this plan.

We will be continuing to build community connections with our focus being to maintain our core volunteer base and to recruit new volunteers while offering more organized club rides and enhancing the relationships with our local communities.

We see the light at the end of the tunnel (or train track) for the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT). As you know, last year we secured \$120,000 grant for bridge improvements in Carleton Place which allowed Lanark County to reallocate money to other portions of the project. With final upgrades to the bridges in Almonte, we will hopefully see the BEAST 311 (trail on the OVRT) stretch from Smiths Falls to north of Almonte to connect to the WCSTA portion of the OVRT. Snowmobilers must be diligent with speed in those urban 20 kms/hr sections. We will be increasing our Trail Patrol efforts on these portions of the trail and working close with poice to assist with managing use on this trail.

I would ask every snowmobiler to buy a permit to support our local club and organized snowmobiling in Ontario and 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. My excitement continues to be hire about this opportunity to work with such a great group of people to keep organized on-trail snowmobiling alive!

Darin McRae

BEAST Club President

PS. Ski-doo is 100% the #1 sled to ride ;-)



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