



Member in Good Standing

Fall 2019

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 – Ian Edwards

I think the fall is the best season of all. This October weather has been just amazing, hasn't it? The sunshine and the colours have been spectacular. The weather out west, however, has not been so kind. The winters activity out in Alberta reminds us that it won't be long until we will be lighting up the sleds for our first outing of the year. Until that time there is a lot of work to do.

The BEAST club is a healthy and active club. We typically, have over 1,000 trail pass holders and over 340 km's of trail. To make it all happen we have a core group of volunteers who "get it done". We need more help to spread the workload. Trail workdays are one way to help us. They will be listed later in this letter. If you can help, even for just a few hours, it will make an impact. New volunteers are always welcome. If you don't know who to call or speak to please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Wanda Bowes (volunteers@thebeast.ca). Wanda will get you in touch with the right people.

The BEAST AGM was held back in early September and a full slate of directors were approved which included 3 new directors at large. This addition was a result of many changes to our bylaws voted in at this AGM. On behalf of the club, I would like to extend a BIG thank you to our Past President Darin McRae. Darin is not leaving us. He is just taking on a few other assignments like preparing this newsletter and coordinating our Trail Guide. Our former VP, Chrystal Bass, has

taken a break from the board but will continue to work with the club volunteering with Trail Patrol and trail work. Thanks Chrystal! Our Past Secretary, Dave Poaps, has decided to take a break from that role. Dave has been the Secretary for the past 20 years. Yes, I would say he needs a break. Thanks Dave! James McCurdy, our South East Coordinator, has also taken a break from the board due to an increasingly heavy business schedule but I am sure you will see him in the groomer. Thanks James!

I would like to welcome some new blood to the BEAST Board. Rob Illingworth (VP), Julie-Anne Bedard (Secretary), Shaun Cunningham (South East Coordinator), Ian Myatt (South West Coordinator), Debbie Lackey (Director at Large), Dave Poaps (Director at Large) and George Laight (Director at Large). To our elected board, thank you for committing your time and experience to our club. For all BEAST Volunteers, thank you for your efforts. Without you we would not have snowmobiling like we enjoy now.

In closing, on behalf of the BEAST and other clubs in the OFSC I would like to thank our landowners. Their generosity and commitment to community makes it all work. Without them, we wouldn't have the connectivity the snowmobile community enjoys today.

Ian Edwards
BEAST Club President



BEAST Corporate Ride 2020 - Debbie Lackey



The BEAST crew have been working on a number of destination choices for our 2020 Corporate Ride. There are areas that we considered in the Bancroft, Pembroke, Barry's Bay area plus we also considered a more local ride – weather dependant of course. We looked at the Mattawa area where we held this event a couple years ago as the location is consistent for snow availability, accommodations and the riding options are excellent. The consensus is

that the Valois in Mattawa, Ontario will be the destination of our 2020 Corporate Ride.

Last year's Corporate Ride for 2019 had originally planned to be in Gravenhurst, Ontario but Mother Nature was not on our side. Our location was changed last minute and we landed in North Bay at the Best Western which is also a very snowmobile friendly destination. Debbie Lackey lead the charge (thanks Deb) in finding the Best Western and the participants all responded by making their last minute reservation changes. Debbie puts a lot of time and effort into planning this event annually and she does an excellent job at it.

Close to 30 riders participated and we had some interesting stories at the end of each day on pre-ride emergency repairs, a blown engine, a blown suspension and equipment recoveries. All in all, only 2 machines did not make the full weekend but even still, all the participants had smiling faces at the end of each day. This is how popular this event is and people look for it year after year. We look forward to the same this year.

One other thing we will be looking at this year is breaking the participants into smaller groups based on the distance they

would want to ride, length of time they want to be out and riding pace that is comfortable to them. The main goal is to have fun, enjoy being with other people that love snowmobiling and getting together at the end of the day to exchange stories on their experience.

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 and beyond if desired

Our goal is always to keep hotel costs to a minimal, ensure we have restaurants and services nearby with food preferably on location of the hotel and a cost of around \$150.00 per night or less.

Contact Debbie Lackey at 613-220-9597 or jlackey@storm.ca if you have any questions and let her know your plans.

Groomers, Groomers, Groomers—Jim Lackey

During the off-season, the BEAST Exec worked extremely hard at presenting our case to the OFSC Provincial Groomer Fleet Program that it was time for us to receive one of the new groomers from the program. Our 3 current groomers are aging and we need to start now to upgrade our fleet or perform maintenance so we can keep them on the trails and not in the shop.

As part of this process, an extensive list of repairs needed on each unit was compiled and presented to the committee. It was interesting to see that some of our neighbor clubs have older equipment and what they have endured to keep them running. In our case, items such as

new tracks, engine repairs, window replacements, snow blade repairs, heater controls, and radiators have made the list. We are still crunching the numbers but we estimate close to \$35,000 worth of investment is needed to get our fleet ready for this year.

As part of this process, we also looked at the condition of our drag units and documented close to an additional \$15,000 worth of maintenance repairs needed before winter.

While we did not get approved for a new groomer, we were identified as a priority club for the next round and we did receive \$15,000 funds to refurbish one of our groomers. We have also worked on

a funding submission to cover the drag repairs at the local UCSR District Level.

For the additional repairs not covered by these funding sources, these will be completed from our own operating budgets set aside for repairs. This is why it is critical to purchase a permit as this is where 100% of our funding to manage all of this work comes from.

Work on these units has started already and we are confident that every piece of equipment will be ready to roll when the trails are ready for grooming.

BEAST Club Rides - Rob Illingworth

The BEAST will be once again organizing more group rides this season. They will be for 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 be on. Most of the rides will be loops that start and return to the same spot to accommodate anyone that needs to trailer. Some rides will have a slower pace with more frequent stops. The pace of each ride will be determined by the size of the group and overall length of the ride.

- A regular weekly night ride for moderate skill riders with a different destination each week.
- A Sunday ride, to a local pan-cake emporium.
- A Saturday ride that will cover a lot of the BEAST trails

and some from trails from other clubs in UCSR District.

- A weekend get away to Mattawa on our annual BEAST Corporate / Club Ride.

A valid Trail pass with License and Insurance is required. Keep watching the BEAST Website and Facebook for an announcement of these rides. If you would like to be included on a mailing list to be notified in advance simply email ClubRides@thebeast.ca. As well if you would like to volunteer to lead a group on one of your favourite routes let us know at ClubRides@thebeast.ca.



Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) - Ian Edwards

The OVRT (BEAST Trail 311) had a tremendous first year of full utilization. We can now ride our sleds from Smith's Falls, through Carleton Place, Almonte, Pakenham all the way to Pembroke and points north. It was well received by our members and many visitors to the area - actually more than we had anticipated.

This continued success, however, is contingent on playing by the rules. This corridor is a multiuse area. There is a good chance you will encounter walkers, skiers, snowshoers or fat tire bikes on the trail.

So, for the good of everyone, expect and respect other users. When passing through towns please respect the speed limit posted. Both Carleton Place and Almonte now have large sign boards on the entrances to their towns. 20km/hr is the limit and there is no tolerance for speeding. The OPP SAVE team patrols the trail and will press charges so for our continued use of the Trail please slow down.

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 snow-mobile 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 meet-ing places to choose from, so pick the one closest to you and come on out!

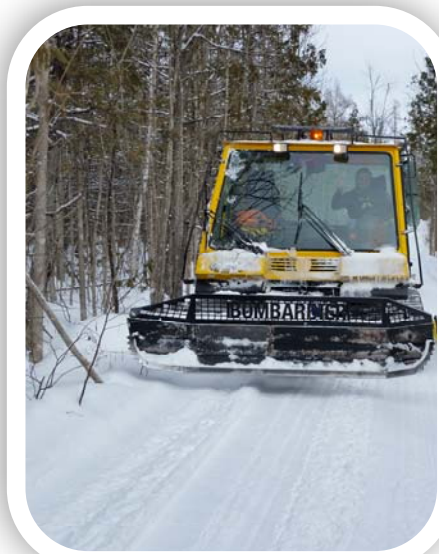
- South West: Ian Myatt, 1405 7th Line Beckwith, Carleton Place: 613-207-0708
- North West: Audy Bedard, 1465 Wolfe Grove Rd, Almonte: 613-256-2973
- South East: Shaun Cunningham, cpl1@bell.net, 613-227-9445
- North East: Blaine Johnson, 613-868-2164 E-mail: NEDirector@thebeast.ca

Workdays: Saturdays Nov 23rd, Nov 30th , & Dec 7th.

North East Trail Sector - Blaine Johnson

The BEAST North East (NE) consists of trails from Stittsville on the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) (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). Basically the trails are from Stittsville to Carleton Place / Ashton and from Munster to Almonte. In general, the NE is high, dry and the easiest BEAST sector to access for trail work and overall maintenance. 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.

From a trail grooming standpoint, all these trails are covered by one 2001 BR180 (which is shared with the South East (SE) sector). 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 2019/2020. The old BEAST 201 trail (an access trail from Hazeldean Rd in Stittsville to the TCT / BEAST 200) is unfortunately still closed this season. A key landowner is actively working this land and it will not be suitable for snowmobile usage this season. Hopefully this will re-open in future years. The E104A now runs from Ashton out to the TCT trail and the Ashton swamp trail is now the BEAST 206. This is basically a name swap that gives riders an easier

way to check the OFSC Interactive Trail Guide (ITG) for trail statuses. This fall, we just finished up a long overdue project to improve the ride and safety for those sledders that like to use the BEAST 206 (Ashton swamp trail). Let us know what you think.

I'd like to remind users of the BEAST 200 out of Stittsville that this is a unique trail as it is one of two multi-use trails we manage and use. This trail is controlled by the City of Ottawa and is a constant concern for us. 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 nearing the end of a five year land use agreement with the city. We pay a nominal 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.

Volunteers continue to be 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, Wanda Bowes, 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 - Darin McRae

On behalf of the BEAST, we would like to extend many thanks to our generous sponsors. We encourage every snowmobiler to support the businesses that sup-

A1 Towing
A-J Repairs Services
Barley Mow (Almonte)
Black's Corners Motorsports (Polaris)
Carleton Place Marine (Yamaha)
Cedar Cove Resort and Lakeside Bar & Grill
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Ryno Motors
Subway, Almonte
Twisted Metal Garage & Pain Shop Inc
Universal Supply Group (NAPA)



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

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 The Burger Hut 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. This is more of a remote trail which is 21 kms long through some very picturesque forest—make sure you stop at the 'Easton-Munro lookout' with a great view.

We have been busy with trail work this Fall with re-decking a bridge on the 308. West of Clayton, on trail 306 has had excavator work to improve trail and remove stumps. The BEAST 202 in Carleton Place just off the Trans Canada Trail has received some fill over the culverts to extend the season.

Keep an eye on the ITG for updates.

South West Trail Sector - Ian Myatt

Hi, I'm Ian Myatt (not to be confused with Ian Edwards—your previous Trail Director) and your new SW Trail Director. I have been snowmobiling for over 30 years and look forward to our Canadian winters. I have been an active member and groomer operator for several different clubs. I joined the BEAST last year having responded to one of the club's rides postings. I recently became the SW Trail Director and look forward to getting to know the other club members and being an active participant in the club.

Let me know your favourite trail and destination in the network!

I wanted to remind riders that the BEAST 311 that runs from Smiths Falls north to Almonte along the OVRT is a multi-use trail.

This means you will see walkers, skiers and horse-back riders on the trail. Slow down and give other users lots of room.

Give me a call if you are interested in helping out on the trails.

Stay safe and enjoy the winter months!



Beauties of the BEAST - Julie-Anne Bedard

Last year's 7th annual Beauties of the BEAST woman's only snowmobile ride was held February 2-3, 2019. We had a total of 21 sleds. With all the snow we were able to start just outside Almonte on Wolf Grove Road on the BEAST 306 trail. We then proceeded to meet up with others on the OVRT trail outside Blakeney. Together we totaled 18 sleds. We headed to Spectacle Lake Lodge outside Barry's Bay, where we met up with our last 3 sleds.

This year, for the 8th season the Beauties will be heading to the Sands on Golden Lake outside Golden Lake, on February 1st and coming home on the 2nd. We will again be raising money for Lanark County Interval House. This ride is a great way to meet other women that enjoy snowmobiling. We always have a good time and raise money for a great cause. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or a seasonal rider this is a ride for all women so please join us. Registration the 2020 8th annual Beauties of the BEAST Ride is open and is only \$25!

If you are interested in joining or sponsoring us, contact Julie-Anne Bedard at 613-256-2973 or jabedard@storm.ca. For more info check out www.thebeast.ca and follow the Beauties on Facebook "beautiesofthebeast".



The 2019 Beauties of the BEAST ride raised \$4086.50 and the BEAST donated another \$500.00 to the Lanark County Interval House.



BEAST Poker Rally - Dave Poaps

When: Saturday, 8 February 2020
 Where: Munster, ON
 Times: Registration from 9am to 11am
 Return to starting point by 5pm
 Winners announced by 6pm
 Who: Open to anyone who has a valid 2019/2020 OFSC permit
 Fee: \$25 with some proceeds going to charity
 Contact: Dave Poaps @ 613-913-5400



Up to \$1000 in prizes

Carleton Place Santa Claus Parade Float - Val Illingworth

Once again the BEAST will be participating in the Santa Claus parade with a float. This is a very fun day with decorating the Float handing out candy on the Parade route. There is also a small potluck after the Parade to warm up and talk about your

favourite Snowmobiling moments. This years Parade is being held on Saturday November 24th at 5pm, with a theme of "An Old Fashion Christmas". Contact Val Illingworth at valillingworth@hotmail.com to help out.

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 snow-mobile 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. 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 a responsibility to report trespasses to the Police.

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 TrailPatrol@theBeast.ca.



OFSC News – Ian Edwards

Try our Trails Weekend

The Try our Trails weekend will not be available in 2020. At the recent OFSC AGM, the OFSC let it be known that there would not be a Try Our Trails weekend. The decision comes from analyzing the conversion rate to full season passes. It helped in the early years of this program but recent years, not so much. So, if you, or someone you know, are sitting on the fence waiting for the free weekend, don't wait. Buy your trail pass online www.ofsc.on.ca and save yourself a lot of money.

OFSC Mobile APP

The mobile app that OFSC reintroduced last season is back with some upgrades. Those include much more detail with the zoom function, clearer resolution in general, updated trail network and the locate your friends function has been reworked so you can specify which friends you are riding with on that particular trip. These upgrades are but a few. There were 20,000 downloads last year and the OFSC is hoping for that many and more with the new updates. The cost for the app is still \$3.99 annually and is available through the APP store and google android.



Provincial Trail Guide

There will be no printed provincial trail guide from the OFSC. They found the cost to print being too expensive and believed the paper version of the trail guide is not utilized like the on line ITG (Interactive Trail Guide). Each district, however, still publishes their own. Upper Canada Snowmobile Region (UCSR) or District 1 will have a printed one available shortly. They can be picked up at local dealerships and known sponsors. The BEAST will also be printing our own guide and will be available at known sponsors and dealers.

Trail Permit Gift Coupons

The OFSC has negotiated with the MTO to introduce this new program. The problem in past is that many people spring order their new sleds for the following winter. So if they can't take delivery of that sled in October their early season pass purchase was not available to them, because the serial number and license numbers were obviously not released yet. So to help those buyers there will be a gift coupon available to purchase when you would typically buy your season pass.

The cost of the coupon coincides with the rate schedule published on our website as well as the OFSC. There are some conditions though. First of all, the coupon is just that, a coupon. It is not a gift card. Coupons can have an expiry date. Gift cards cannot expire. It's Ontario Law. Once it is purchased it belongs to the person who's name is registered on that coupon. It can be redeemed by that person at anytime up to the expiry date. We believe the expired date for this year is March 31, 2020. The coupons can be given as gifts if you like. Just remember there are no refunds. Once the coupon has expired that's it. No credit, refunds or exchanges.

Important Dates - Gord Servant

These are important dates to mark onto your calendar.

- Nov 23, 2019, BEAST Workday #1
- Nov 23, 2019, Carleton Place X-mas parade
- Nov 30, 2019, BEAST Workday #2
- Dec 1, 2019, Last day to buy your season pass at \$220.
- Dec 5, 2019, General Meeting – Jim's Garage
- Dec 7, 2019, BEAST Workday #3
- Dec 7, 2019, BEAST Volunteer Potluck Dinner
- Dec 10, 2019, Driver Training Registration
- Dec 14, 2019, Driver Training
- Jan 9, 2020, General Meeting – location TBC
- Jan 18-19, 2020, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #1
- Jan 25-26, 2020, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #2
- Feb 1-2, 2020, Beauties of the BEAST Ride
- Feb 1-2, 2020, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #3
- Feb 6, 2020, General Meeting – location TBC

- Feb 8, 2020, BEAST Richmond Poker Rally
- Feb 14-16, 2020, BEAST Corporate Ride
- Mar 5, 2020, General Meeting – location TBC
- Apr 2, 2020, BEAST BBQ and AGM – Jim's Garage
- Apr 3, 2020, BEAST Landowner Appreciation Dinner

Please check www.thebeast.ca for full details and locations.



Driver Training - Debbie Lackey

Dale, Darin and Debbie will be back at it again this year!!!

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).

Given we have seen smaller classes over the past couple of years and the availability of an new OFSC online course, we will be holding just one in class training session this sea-

son. Class sizes are normally full at around 20 students so please make sure you register. All spots are filled on a first come/first serve basis on registration night so don't be late as we are seeing some early interest already.

The in class course will be held on Saturday, 14 Dec 2019, from 8am-4pm at the Beckwith Recreation Complex, 1319, 9th Line Beckwith. Registration is Tuesday, 10 Dec 2019, 7-8 pm at the Lackey's, 1405 7th Line, Beckwith. NOTE: There is 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

For details on the new online snowmobile safety course visit: <https://www.snowmobilecourse.com/canada/ontario/>



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.

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:

- Driver Trainer—become a course instructor (we wish to add one more person)
- 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.

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

BEAST Potluck - Deb Lackey

Following the December 7th workday, we have an *old-fashioned family friendly potluck dinner* at Jim and Debbie Lackey's house at 1405 7th Line Beckwith. Contact Debbie at 613-220-9597 for details.



South East Trail Sector - Shaun Cunningham

Part of the BEAST 203 follows the City of Ottawa's Bleeks Road allowance. Part of the trail suffered a major washout in the spring due to the flooding. Working with the Rideau Trail Association, The City of Ottawa, and local landowners two new culverts have been installed, fill installed, and the trail brushed back. We are also working on some trail changes to get a good section of the trail off the road along Brownlee.

We are working with Rideau Snowmobile Club and the Twin Elm Rugby Park in Richmond to get access to their parking lot and services. They will be open on weekends when notified about any events and on a trial basis to see the amount of traffic they will receive. This will also be an official snowmobile parking lot and is a great spot for dropping off to go snowmobiling.



Volunteer Awards - Wanda Bowes

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.

This past spring, we merged our Volunteer Awards Dinner with our annual Landowners Appreciation Dinner

Congratulations to our BEAST 2018/19 season winners:

- Volunteer of the Year – James McCurdy
- Sector Volunteers of the Year:
 - South West – Stephen Stanzel
 - North West – Grant Penstone
 - North East – Blaine Johnston
 - South East – Rob Campbell
- Family of the Year – George and Val Laight tied with Chrystal and Ethan Bass
- Rookie of the Year – Grant Penstone

Congratulations to our BEAST 2017/18 season winners:

- Volunteer of the Year – Dave White
- Sector Volunteers of the Year:
 - South West – Mark Stanzel
 - North West – Chris Saindon

- North East – Rodney Blackburn
- South East – Austin Hobbs
- Family of the Year – Gleason and Deb Burwell
- Rookie of the Year – Ben Guthrie

Outstanding OFSC Volunteer of the Year 18/19 for UCSR is ... Ian Edwards

Ian was surprised in September 2019 when his name was called at the annual OFSC AGM to receive his hard earned award.

Ian is an active member of the BEAST and (now President) and has been a member in 4 different clubs for over 20+ years.

Ian commonly attends meetings working with different levels of municipal governments, and residents to promote the safe use of trails for snowmobiling. The establishment of the OVRT as a multi-use trail was successful due to his efforts.

Ian is always available to help in any area: pickets, repairs, editing documents, going to meetings, advice, assistance, etc. You will find him out on the trails brushing, dealing with trail reroutes, signage, opening of gates, and picking up and delivering of parts for groomers.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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