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## Forest Center Canteen Update!

If the trails are open, the canteen will be open for weekends only.

Ross Winters returns to the Forest Center this winter serving up some of his delicious homemade soups, sandwiches and treats.

Stop in grab a bite to eat, a coffee or just to get warm.

For more information visit  
[www.ganaraskasnow.ca](http://www.ganaraskasnow.ca)

## President's Report

I hope everyone had a great summer and are ready for the snowmobile season.

First the good news! Snowmobile passes remain the same price, \$180.00 before December 1<sup>st</sup> and \$230.00 after December 1<sup>st</sup>. Buy your trail pass by November 1<sup>st</sup> and be eligible for the early bird gas card prizes of up to \$1500.00.

More good news! The OFSC has partnered with Believer Plus Insurance to bring affordable insurance to snowmobilers. This is not a stand alone policy after the first year. You must be an OFSC member to participate in the program which means you must sign the OFSC form attached to the permit application. Signing this form also entitles you to other OFSC and club benefits such as the Ontario Snowmobiler magazine and this newsletter. A number of members didn't sign this form last year which means we were unable to send them their magazine and newsletters this year, due to the freedom of information clause.

Also new this year will be a 3 day permit at a cost of \$90.00. The 7 day permit is still available for \$120.00. At the present time it looks like the 1 day permit will only be available for special events such as Easter Seals and Antique Shows.

There are lots of ways to buy your permit this year. Through one of our vendors listed in the back of this newsletter, by mailing or faxing the enclosed application, by phone at 1-866-983-5099, from our website or at the Toronto or Peterborough snow shows.

We have been doing a lot of trail work to make the trails safer, but remember the speed limit on trails remains 50 km. I know it's nice to go faster but always drive responsibly and know your limits. If you do run into something please take responsibility for your actions. Don't blame it on someone else.

Here's wishing everyone the best for the coming season and hope to see you on the trail.

Bill Stapleton  
Club President



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2006**  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Morrow Building  
Corner Of George & Lansdowne Sts.,  
Peterborough Ontario

## Fall Work Party Nov 5, 2006



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## Trail Report

Despite the less than favorable weather last season our trails held up very well and we were forced to close the trails only a few times mainly due to large amounts of freezing rain. Our team of groomer operators worked extra hard last year to keep the trails in good condition which was no easy task with the wild temperature swings. A carefully thought out schedule and last minute changes to account for temperature variations kept our trails from becoming a sheet of ice or the complete opposite a swamp. Hats off to our groomer operators and trail crews!

Most of the trail system within the forest has been graded as well as some trails outside the forest. We have widened, straightened and knocked off the tops of some blind hills to improve the safety of our trail system. We have also installed a culvert where the trail passes over Walkers Creek to the East of the Forest Center eliminating the need for the narrow bridge on the side of the trail. As always we can use your help to put up fencing, repair bridges and brushing before the snow flies. If you can spare a few hours of your time please give the club a call at 905-983-5099. Don't forget our work party on November 5, 2006.



## Quick Facts

85, 416 full season permits were sold for the 2005 / 2006 season.

6744 volunteer hours were logged by all OFSC clubs for the 2005 / 2006 season of which more than 17% logged over 150 hours.

Approximately 70% of all snowmobilers are married.

Approximately 70% of all snowmobilers trailer their snowmobile to get to trail heads.

## Volunteer Corner

As we turn over to a new season of snowmobiling we are extremely fortunate to welcome a couple new faces to the executive and positions within the club, Greg Williams and Grant Hamilton. Unfortunately we must bid farewell to an important member of our executive team. Stan King has stepped down from his long time position as Volunteer Co-ordinator. Stan has been the man behind the Ganny Points program for as long as I can remember and a familiar face at club events such as our pancake breakfasts. As sad as we are to see a long term member of the executive hang his hat we are equally excited to welcome Grant Hamilton who will be our new Volunteer Co-ordinator. I think I speak for all members of the executive and the club when I say thanks Stan!

For those of you that have attended a landowner and volunteer appreciation dinner & dance you know what a great time it is and, if you're like me, you remember how good the food is. These events are organized by our volunteers and wouldn't happen without them. I'd like to extend a very big thank you to last years organizers Marlene Cunningham and Jill Williams. You did a fantastic job and we can't wait to see what's in store for this year's dinner.

## *Editors Rants and Raves*

It's that time of the year when we switch gears from summer toys to winter toys and boy what a ride it can be. It was just a few short days ago when I saw what I thought was a giant snow flake sailing across my office window. After staring out the window for a few minutes I soon came to realize it was only fall and the leaves were beginning to fall. I guess you could say I have snow on my brain this time of year, but don't we all.

It's that time of year when the clubs layout their event plans and also a great time of year for you to plan you snowmobile getaways. Plan a trip with friends, family or maybe even a romantic getaway with your better half. A couple years ago the OFSC started an initiative to bring the family atmosphere back to snowmobiling and we started to see an encouraging transition last winter. Last year marked the highest family presence at our pancake breakfast I've seen since I joined the club. The family presence continued to increase out on the trails throughout the year as I rode a number of trails across Ontario.

Snowmobiling to me really is a place to escape from it all and relax. We have made every effort to make family snowmobiling more enjoyable with yearly events and a place to get food and warm up on weekends at the Forest Center.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Malley  
Club Tracks Editor

## *2006-2007 Executive*

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## *Equipment Report*

Our new Trail Boss and drag faired well for its first season in the forest, climbing those icy hills like a trooper after we studded the tracks.

It was a relatively trouble free season for our grooming fleet however by the end of the season it was time to take Our 399 groomer in for a complete overhaul. The work has been completed over the summer and we are ready for the snow. We should see several more years of reliable service from this groomer.

**THANKS TO OUR  
LANDOWNERS**

*Land access for snowmobiling is a precious, irreplaceable gift. If we continue to be good stewards, land access will remain one of the cornerstones of organized snowmobiling.*

*A special thank you to all our valued landowners. Without your continued support there would not be a trail system.*



## Permit Vendors

Note: Some distributors sell for more than one club. Please specify you wish to buy your permit from the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Parts	905-983-6315	Orono
BMS Sanitation	905-571-1074	Oshawa
Britt's Bar & Grill	905-797-2771	Bewdley
Bruce Larmer	705-7454032	Peterborough
Automotive		
Camsport (HWY 115)	905-987-5174	Newcastle
Cycle World East	416-291-9858	Toronto
Easton Trailers	905-987-2277	Newcastle
Evergreen John	905-983-9119	Orono
Deer		
Ganaraska	905-983-5099	Kendal
Snowmobile Club		
Garden Hill Store	905-797-2614	Garden Hill
Kawartha Auto	705-749-0555	Peterborough
Imports		
Kendal Post Office		Kendal
King's Wreckers	905-728-0533	Oshawa
License Office	905-885-7400	Port Hope
Matthew's	905-885-4585	Port Hope
Automotive		
Offroad Cycle	905-885-7278	Port Hope
Roka Lumber	705-277-3381	PontyPool
(Hwy 35)		
Spoiled Sports	905-436-6486	Courtice
Todd's Equipment	705-944-3333	Millbrook

## Permit Report & How to Buy

Great news for permit buyers again this year, there will be no permit increase and the early bird draw returns with gas cards worth \$1500, \$1000 and \$500. Permit prices remain at \$230 or \$180 if purchased before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Purchase your permit on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, sign up for the OFSC benefits and you'll be automatically entered for the early bird draw.

We have enclosed a permit application to make it easy to purchase your permit. Don't wait, take a minute, fill in the application and mail it with a cheque preferably. We do accept VISA but when you use VISA it costs the club about \$8.00 a permit. We'd sooner spend that \$8.00 on trail work rather than give it to the banks.

You can also purchase a permit in any one of the following ways:

1. Through one of our vendors listed to the left
2. Fill out the permit application in this newsletter and mail to the club with a cheque made out to Ganaraska Snowmobile Club or with your Visa #. We will immediately send your permit out by mail.
3. You can also get an application on our website at [www.ganaraskasnow.ca](http://www.ganaraskasnow.ca). Fill out the application online or print and fax or mail it to the club.
4. You can also call the club at (905) 983-5099 or 1-866-983-5099 or fax the application to (905) 983-6444

Remember to buy early.

Thanks

## Calendar of Events

International Snowmobile Show	Oct 20-22, 2006	Toronto International Centre
Fall General Meeting	Oct 29, 2006	7 p.m. at the Campbellcroft Hall
Early Bird Deadline	Nov 1, 2006	Buy your permit before November 1 <sup>st</sup> and be entered into the early bird draw
Fall Work Party	Nov 5, 2006	9 a.m. at the Campbellcroft Hall Call the club at 905-983-5099 for more information
Peterborough Snow Show	Nov 19, 2006	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Morrow Building
Ganaraska Driver Training	Nov 26, 2006	Call Marlene Cunningham for more information 905-797-2011
Pancake Breakfast	Jan 21, 2007	9 a.m. Ganaraska Forest Center
Poker Run	Feb 03, 2007	Registration 9am-11am at the Ganaraska Forest Center
Snowarama	Feb 10, 2006	Long Sault Club House
Annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner	Apr 14, 2005	Doors open at 6:00 Bewdley Arena
Spring General Meeting	Apr 15, 2005	7 p.m. at Campbellcroft Hall