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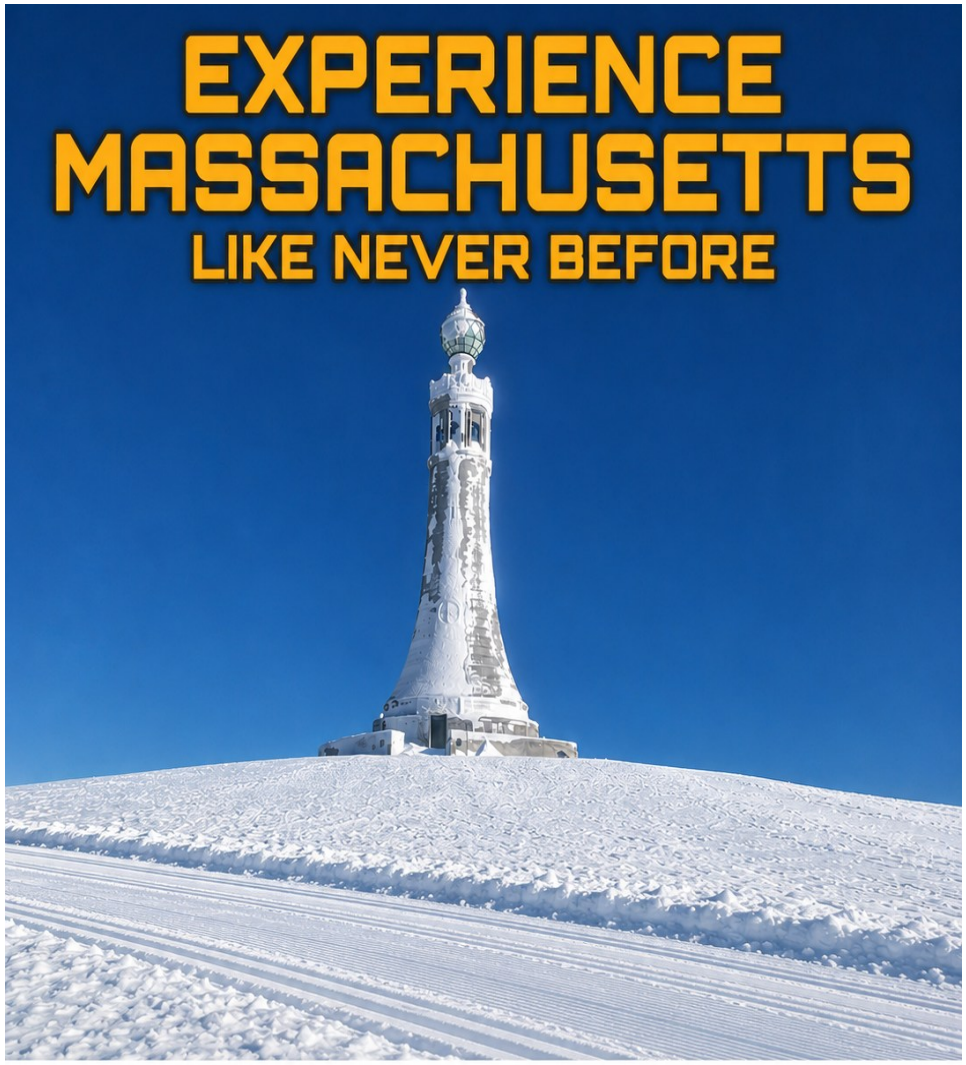
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# A Letter from the President

Greetings Easy Riders!

In starting, I would like to acknowledge that the club is entering our 56th year in January. The one thing I can say that I've observed every year since I've been with the club is the excitement at our October meeting, and this year was no different.

On the business side. we have a new cash raffle this season with $1,000.00 going to the winner. We will hold the drawing at our March club meeting. This is our major fundraiser for this year and our goal is to sell 300 tickets. So please grab some tickets at one of our meetings if you have not already done so.

Next I would like to thank Chris Arena for the time he served as the club secretary. Chris has decided to take a break from snowmobiling and we hope to see him back some day. I would also like to thank Nick Tomasetti for taking over the secretary position. With Nick moving over to secretary we now have two board member positions open. Please let us know if you have any interest in becoming a board member.

Last thing, we need volunteers for our booth at the SledMass Expo in Springfield on November 21st and 22nd. This is a great opportunity to promote the club and sell raffle tickets. So please let us know if you can help.

I hope to see you at our November Open House meeting, pizza, raffles and more!

Mike Nicoli
President




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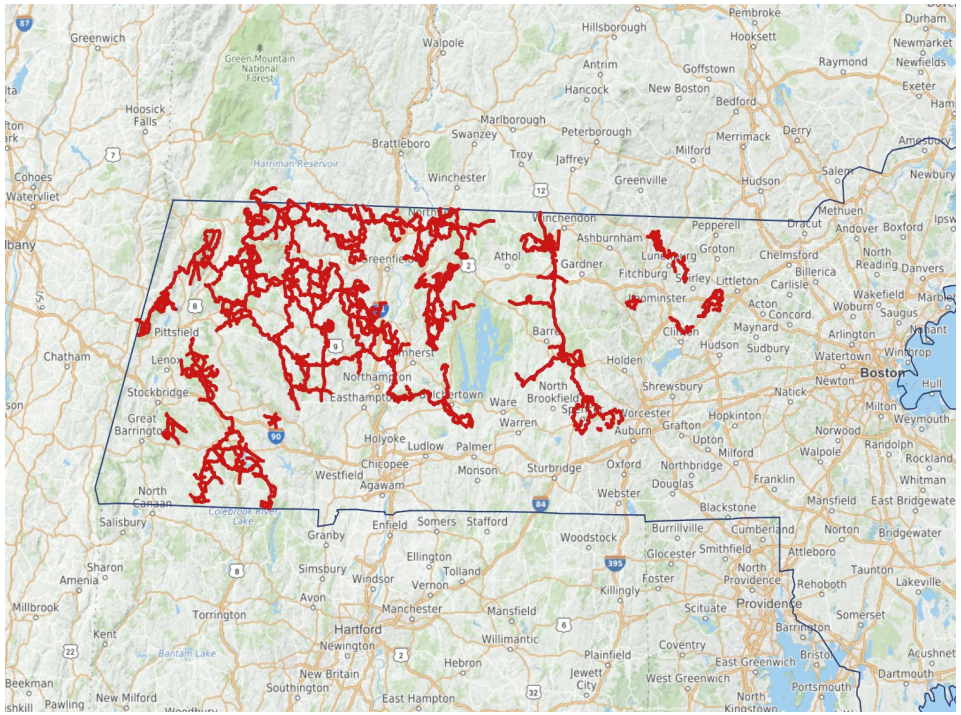
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# MASSACHUSETTS TRAIL SYSTEM




## *LEGAL RIDING AREAS*

Legal riding areas in Massachusetts include marked trails on Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) lands, private properties where permission has been granted, and the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS) when displaying a valid SAM Trail Pass.

This 2,100-mile network—comprising 1,200 miles of primary corridors and 900 miles of secondary trails—is built, mapped, and maintained entirely through the dedication of local club volunteers. Clubs invest heavily in this system, operating a fleet of more than 100 specialized groomers ranging from heavy-duty industrial units to agile utility sleds.

Every mile of trail relies on a vital partnership between SAM, private landowners, local municipalities, DCR, and MassWildlife. We ask all riders to respect these landowner relationships and stay on marked trails so this remarkable network remains open and safe for everyone.

# Club members attending the New Hampshire Snowmobile show.




**Photo to the left are John, with his grandsons, plus Wayne and Pat.**

**Below are Larry, Paul, Tom and Jon visiting the SAM booth in the tent.**






# WHAT IT TAKES TO RIDE IN MA

## REGISTRATION AND TRAIL PERMITS

### STATE REGISTRATION

Your snowmobile must be registered in Massachusetts and have current registration stickers affixed to it in the proper locations on each side of the hood. You must also carry the registration paperwork with you when out riding. Out-of-state snowmobile registrations are not valid in Massachusetts.

.To register your snowmobile you must completed a Registration and Titling Application. You will also need a bill of sale, proof of having paid sales tax, the snowmobile VIN and, if new, a copy of the manufacturer's Certificate of Origin . The state resident registration is currently $44.00 for two years. Non-resident registrations are $33.00 per year. Payment are accepted only by check or card . The state's website has full details at https://www.mass.gov/how-to/first-time-atv-and-snowmobile-registration

### SALES TAX PAYMENT

If not already paid, sales tax is due on the 20th day of the following month of date of purchase. Massachusetts sales tax is 6.25% of the total purchase price. If you pay your sales tax late, you will be subject to interest and penalties. Sales tax is to be paid online prior to registering.

### TRAIL PERMIT

To ride the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS), you must display a valid SAM Trail Permit on your sled and carry the accompanying paperwork.

Purchasing a permit—currently $90 ($75 before December 15)—includes membership in SAM and your local club. Best of all, your SAM Trail Pass serves as your official landowner permission. As long as you stay on the marked trails, it grants you seamless, legal access across private properties state-wide without the hassle of seeking individual consents.

To get your Trail Permit, contact your local club with your snowmobile's registration and serial numbers. Find a club near you at the SAM website at www.sledmass.com

# CLUB AND SAM RAFFLES FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON.

**The Easy Riders raffle is a cash raffle this season. Donation is $10.00 per ticket with a maximum of 500 tickets being sold.**




**The SAM Raffle this season is again 2 trailers. Donation here is also $10.00 per ticket.**






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## UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRIPS & EVENTS*

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| Nov. 10, 2026 | Open House Meeting |
| Nov. 21 - 22, 2026 | SAM Expo @ the Big E |
| Nov. 24, 2026 | Board Meeting |
| Dec. 8, 2026 | Club Meeting |
| Dec. 22, 2026 | Board Meeting (tentative date) |
| Jan. 12, 2027 | Club Meeting |
| Jan.14 - 18, 2027 | Bob's annual Fort Kent Trip |
| Jan. 26, 2027 | Board Meeting |
| Jan. 27 - Feb 3, 2027 | NB/Que loop trip (tentative) |
| Feb. 9, 2027 | Club Meeting (nominations) |
| Feb. 23, 2027 | Board Meeting |
| Mar. 9, 2027 | Club Meeting (elections/raffle drawing) |
| Mar. 23, 2027 | Board Meeting |
| Apr. 17, 2027 | EOS Banquet (tentative date) |
| Apr. 27, 2027 | Board Meeting |
| May 25, 2027 | Board Meeting |

* all dates subject to change





# IT'S ALWAYS OPEN HOUSE at the EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

67 Fitchburg Street. Marlborough

If you think you might like to join, or if you are curious, you are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings as our guest. We hold our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month October through March, at 7:00 PM. at the Marlborough Moose Family Center - Post 1129.

## — DIRECTIONS —

**FROM ROUTE 20 East of Marlborough**. Proceed West on Route 20 through Marlborough center and onto Interstate 495 north. Then follow the Interstate 495 directions below.

**FROM ROUTE 9 East or West.** Best route is to take Interstate 495 North then follow Interstate 495 directions below.

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## EASY RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** **NEW or RENEWAL** (circle one)

The Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. is an informal organization of persons interested in the sport of snowmobiling. Our purpose is to promote the sport of family snowmobiling by offering the opportunity for like minded individuals to share information and experiences. Through bi-monthly newsletters and meetings during the season, members can share information about equipment, trail access, snow conditions, safety techniques and group riding opportunities. The Club encourages participation in non-competitive group snowmobiling activities but the Club does not sponsor formal organized trips.

The initiators of Club activities act as focal points to bring together the ideas, energies and resources of the group, but are not formal leaders. They are not paid, do not represent the Club, and can take no responsibility for the safety or well-being of participants. A membership roster is available to members on request; listing names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers for the purpose of member-to-member direct communication, but for no other distribution or commercial purposes.

**TO JOIN (or renew your membership)**: Please read and sign the "Assumption of Responsibility and Release of Liability" waiver, fill in the information requested, and mail a check for $40.00 payable to the *Easy Riders Snowmobile Club* to: Easy Riders Snowmobile Club, 29 Parkers St., Rochdale, MA 01542-1008. A discounted fee of $30.00 is available if received by the Treasurer on or before December 15th. An alternate discounted fee of $25.00 is available when purchasing club and SAM memberships in a single transaction on or before December 15th. Membership applies to an individual, his or her spouse or significant other, and all dependent children under the age of 18 years. SAM. Trail permit fees, $50.00 per sled (plus service fee if applicable), are in addition to the membership fee and are not a condition for membership in the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club.

### ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY & RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER:

I knowingly, voluntarily and willingly, on behalf of myself, my heirs and executors, take full responsibility for my personal safety and well being while participating in any snowmobiling activities with the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. and any of its members or officers, and waive any claims against the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. and any of its members or officers for any injury; including death, or damage to my equipment, resulting from such participation.

I understand that snowmobiling is a potentially dangerous activity and assume sole responsibility for deciding if my experience, skills, condition and equipment are sufficient for my safe participation. I am also aware that weather, trail and road conditions are unpredictable and may pose hazards to me while snowmobiling as well as when traveling to or from a snowmobiling activity by car, truck, or any other form of transportation.

As a member of a club that promotes family participation, I take full responsibility for the safety of any minor family members of mine who participate in Club activities. Adult family members of mine (18 years or older) who wish to participate in Club activities as members of the Easy Riders Snowmobile Club of Marlborough, Inc. have agreed to sign this form as well. Note: there is no additional fee for the participation of additional family members, but only one newsletter will be distributed to each family membership.

I have thoroughly read the above three paragraphs, and I fully understand their content.

**MEMBER**

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Age (if under 18) _____

Address _____ e-mail: _____

City, State & Zip _____ Telephone(____) _____ home

Telephone(____) _____ cell

NOTE: If you wish to purchase a SAM Trail Permit for one or more snowmobiles, the cost is $50.00 per sled. Please have your sled make, model, and serial number and MA registration number for inclusion on the SAM application for membership/trail pass.

**ADDITIONAL ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, OR THE RESPONSIBLE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE ABOVE APPLICANT IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD** (Additional forms may be used for additional family members who snowmobile.)

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____ e-mail: _____

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