

Driftin' Along...

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Windham Drifters
Snowmobile Club

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The President's Corner

From our Outgoing President

Well our elections are over and there is a new man at the helm. My work schedule and family matters have just become too much for me to continue and try to head this club.

As outgoing President I just wanted to give a big thanks to all of you who have given our club so much support during my 3 year tenure. All the landowners, without you there would be no trail system.

Thank you for being so supportive of our cause and patient with us when dealing with those riders that just refuse to understand what responsible riding means. To all the business' and individuals that have donated gifts, money, parts, labor and time, a big thank you.

Finally, to all of our club members who have made this club as great as it is. Without your help I could not have "survived" for these past years.

Your unselfish commitment of your time and energy is unsurpassed! You are a terrific group of individuals and families. People that are a lot of fun to spend time with, whether it's trail work, meetings, selling raffle tickets, or riding our freshly groomed trails. Thank you for your support. If I have forgotten anybody I apologize! I mean no harm.

Our new President is Garnett Johnston. He and his family have been very active members for several years now and are terrific people. We know Garnett will give the club a "fresh" new boost and we support him wholeheartedly. I ask that all of you also give him the support he deserves, it's a tough job, but one that is definitely worth doing with your help.

Again, thank you all very much.

Bob Fletcher

From our New President:

To those of you who don't know me, let me introduce my-

self. My name is Garnett Johnston and I am your president for the 2009-2010 season. I would like to encourage everyone to come to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month until the end of 2010.

This should be an exciting year but we need your participation to make this happen. I have designed our first couple of meetings to be informal. I would like to get to know everyone along with some share of new ideas. My goal is to set a solid direction for this upcoming season.

There is always an array of things that have to be done to maintain our 33 miles of trails but as we all know many hands make light work.

I look forward to meeting with old friends and having a chance to make new ones.

Garnett Johnston

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Upcoming Events:

- October 12th
Club Meeting 7:00 pm
East Windham Fire Station
- October 18th 7:00 pm
Director's Meeting
East Windham Fire Station
- October 25th 8:00 to 12:00pm
Family Trail Day/Cookout
Club Shed
- October 26th
Landowner Dinner 6:30 pm
East Windham Fire Station
- October 26th
Club Meeting 7:00 pm
East Windham Fire Station
- **Drawing for the Patriot's tickets
- November 9th
Club Meeting 7:00 pm
Windham Town Hall

Scholarship Winner Announced

The Scholarship Committee is please to announce the recipient of the Annual Jimmy Andrews Scholarship of \$500 is Angela Landers. The award was presented at Windham High School's awards night by Landowner Relations Chair and neighbor Dana Perkins.

Angela is the daughter of Hal and Teresa Landers of Harding Drive. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire this fall. While a student at the university, she plans to study Dentistry

If you have a student in their senior year of high school who plans to continue their

education, applications for the 2010 scholarship will be available in the upcoming months. Check our website or newsletter for details.

Remember that being a member of the Windham Drifters

Landowner Relations Chair Dana Perkins (right) presents the Jimmy Andrews Scholarship to Angela Landers (left).



also entitles your student to apply for scholarships directly offered by the MSA. To find out more about the MSA scholarships, visit their website at www.mesnow.com.



Membership Dues

If you did not pay your dues at the first meeting, your membership card along with a supply of Super Raffle tickets will be mailed your home in late September.. Also enclosed will be an order form for our other fundraiser this fall, New England Patriot tickets. If you have any questions about the information enclosed, you may contact Barbara Graves, membership chair at 892-6033 or Susan Johnston at 310-1756. Barbara or Susan

would be glad to answer any of your questions.

Upon receipt of your annual dues, you will be an official member of the Maine Snowmobile Association and The Windham Drifters for the 2009-2010 season. Being member has many benefits. You will receive the monthly Maine Snowmobile Association newsletter keeping you up-to-date on many state wide items

including law changes and state-wide events. Also, you will receive a monthly newsletters from our club filled with interesting articles and upcoming events. Additionally, once your membership is paid, you will be able to participate in the club's trail work and grooming activities.

We would love to have you as a member again this year, so make sure to get those membership cards returned as soon as

possible. If we do not have your membership card by October 31st, you will not receive the next issue of MSA or Windham Drifters newsletters. Please return your card as soon as possible to any Drifter's meeting. Make checks payable to: Windham Drifter's S.C or you can make a payment using PayPal on our website.

We look forward to having you as a member again this year.

Tickets Anyone?

We currently have 2 major fundraisers underway and we are asking for every member's help. Our first fundraiser is exclusive to the Windham Drifters. We were very fortunate to be able to purchase (thanks to our Vice President Joe Hansen) two tickets to the November 22nd home game of the New England Patriots versus the New York Jets. The prize package also includes round-trip

bus transportation courtesy of Our Tickets and Tours. This prize is valued at over \$475.00!!!! Tickets are a mere \$10.00 each. The drawing will be held on Monday, October 26th during our annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner.

If you would like to obtain tickets, please complete the order form located on our website or in this newsletter or contact Susan Johnston at

310-1756 to arrange pick up.

Our second fundraiser is the MSA Super Raffle. Ticket prices are still \$2.00 and for every ticket sold our club keeps \$1.00. Grand prize is a Polaris 550. Other prizes include \$3,000 gift card, \$2,000 gift card, Mission trailer, and over 50 gift cards for lodging, dealers and food.

As a member of the Windham Drifters we are asking that each

member sell at least 5 tickets.

All of our ticket revenue from both fundraisers will go towards trail grooming and maintenance, rally and other events designed for club member in mind.



Meeting Highlights

Below are the items discussed and reviewed at our September 14, 2009 and September 28, 2009 meeting held at the Windham Town Hall:
Treasurer's Report as of September 14, 2009:

Scholarship Fund—\$2,346.74

General Fund—\$7,808.48

*There are no current landowner issues that need to be addressed.

*An events committee was formed and met on September 21st.

*Linda Berry is now the Hospitality Chair.

*A donation was made to the Windham Food Pantry in memory of Todd Cartwright.

*We need to find locations to sell Patriot and Super raffle tickets.

*The 1st work weekend is scheduled for October 25th.

Youth Corner by Kamden Berry

Editors Note: I am very excited to announce the formation of the Windham Drifters Junior Snowmobile Club. Members of this organization will be under the direction of Matt Cyr and Linda Berry. They will be based out of the Windham Middle School.

This section of our newsletter will be dedicated to the reporting of their prospective on the sport, issues in the sport, club activities and upcoming events. These kids are very excited about their new organization

and we look forward reading about their contribution to our trails and the community.

It is important for young people to get involved in their local snowmobile club because they are the future of our sport as well as the future of the clubs that support our sport. If we have no young people that aspire to run the clubs when they are adults, then there will be no clubs. We need the snowmobile

clubs to keep our sport alive in Maine.

Getting involved in a snowmobile club will help young riders respect the trails so we don't get a bunch of teenagers riding around on snowmobiles with loud exhaust pipes in a few years. Hopefully it will even encourage teenagers with loud exhausts to remove them before they lose the trails they love to ride on.

For high school kids who think they don't want to join a

snowmobile club, the club is a great way to get your required community service hours. You have to do them somehow eventually, so why not help out your local club while getting your hours and doing something beneficial with your community? Then after you work on the trails, you can go out and enjoy riding on them knowing that with respect and a little work, they will be open for years to come.

Submitted by Kamden Berry, age 14

2009-2010 Calendar of Events

<u>September 2009</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
14	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
28	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
<u>October 2009</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
12	Club Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
18	Director's Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
25	Family Trail Day - Trail Work and Clean Up Cook Out to Follow	Meet at club shed behind Richardson's Route 302	8:00 to 12:00	Susan Johnston 310-1756 Garnett Johnston 310-1692
26	Landowner Dinner	East Windham Fire Station	6:30 PM	Dana Perkins 892-7886
26	Patriot's Raffle Ticket Drawing Club Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 892-0644
<u>November 2009</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
9	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
15	Family Trail Day - Snow Fence Day Cook Out to Follow	Meet at club shed behind Richardson's Route 302	8:00 to 12:00	Susan Johnston 310-1756 Garnett Johnston 310-1692
15	Director's Meeting	Deb Vargo's House	2:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
<u>December 2009</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
5 or 6	Club Holiday Gathering	TBD Yankee Swap Windham Food Pantry Donations will be accepted	TBD	Susan Johnston 310-1756
7	Board of Directors Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
14	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
15	Trails Officially Open			
<u>January 2010</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
11	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
17	Bridge Toll	Pleasant River Bridge	10:00 to 2:00	Dana Perkins 892-7886 Susan Johnston 310-1756
24	Our 1st Junior Club Ride Bonfire, games and Hot Dog roast	Meet at club shed Richardson's Route 302	TBD TBD	Deb Vargo 892-8251 Susan Johnston 310-1756
25	Director's Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
29-31	Bingham Club Ride	Come and join us for the weekend or just the day		Cindy McGovern 878-2877
<u>February 2010</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
7	2nd Annual Trivia Rally Ride	Sign up at Club Shed	10:00 to 2:00	Deb Vargo 892-8251 Susan Johnston 310-1756
8	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
14	Valentine's Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD
28	Bridgton area ride	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>March 2010</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
6	Gray Sno-Wolves Winterfest	Meet at club shed	TBD	Deb Vargo 892-8251 Susan Johnston 310-1756
8	Club Meeting	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
22	Board of Directors Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
<u>April 2010</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
12	Club Meeting-- Nominations	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
26	Board of Directors Meeting	East Windham Fire Station	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-692
<u>May 2010</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
10	Club Meeting-Elections	Windham Town Hall	7:00 PM	Garnett Johnston 310-1692
<u>June 2009</u>				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
19	Windham Summerfest	Windham High School	All Day	TBD

**Windham Drifters
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Membership Contact
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NEXT MEETING:
Monday, October 12th
East Windham Fire Station
7:00 pm

Visit us on the Web!
www.windhamdrifters.com

The Windham Drifters Snowmobile Club is made up of over 100 families and 30 business members who live and/or snowmobile in the Windham area. We share a love of the sport and work together to maintain local trails, promote safe riding and landowner respect and responsibility, raise public awareness of many positive aspects of snowmobiling and enjoy the fellowship of others who share our enthusiasm for the sport of snowmobiling

Meetings are held at the **East Windham Fire Station** (located on the Falmouth Road) on the second and fourth Monday in September, October and November at 7:00 p.m. The club has one meeting a month during December through May, which is always the second Monday, at 7:00

2009-2010 Officers

Officers

President	Garnett Johnston	310-1692
Vice President	Joe Hansen	
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Deb Vargo	892-8251
Trail Masters	Russell Bacon	
	Rick Collins	
Landowner Relations	Dana Perkins	892-7886
Safety Officer	Bob Fletcher	854-9069
Hospitality	Linda Berry	
Club Reporter /Events	Susan Johnston	310-1756