

## SUMPTER VALLEY BLUE MOUNTAIN SNOWMOBILE CLUB DECEMBER, 2009 NEWSLETTER

THIS IS A SNOWMOBILE. IT HAS REMAINED FAITHFULLY COVERED AND WAITING FOR THE PAST 8 MONTHS OR SO. IT IS NOW TIME TO PREPARE THIS CREATURE FOR USE, UNCOVER IT, PET IT, CHANGE ITS PLUGS, OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU MUST DO TO MAKE IT READY TO CARRY YOU OVER MOUNTAINS AND TRAILS. TREAT IT WELL AND IT WILL TREAT YOU WELL, FOR IT EXISTS FOR ONLY TWO REASONS: TO GIVE YOU MILES OF FUN OR TONS OF FRUSTRATION.

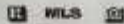


THE SNOW HAS STARTED TO COME TO SUMPTER WITH A LITTLE STILL ON THE GROUND IN TOWN. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TO RIDE OUT OF TOWN YET, BUT IT IS STARTING TO ACCUMULATE HIGHER UP. SOME PEOPLE ARE TRAILERING UP AND TRYING OUT THE SNOW, BUT IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER COUPLE OF GOOD SNOWFALLS TO START US OUT RIGHT. IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR SO IT CAN HAPPEN ANYTIME.



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THE LAST MEETING WAS OUR THANKSGIVING FEAST AND, AS USUAL, THE FOOD WAS GREAT. AFTER THE POTLUCK, THE MEETING WAS HELD AND THE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE BROUGHT UP TO DATE ON THE CLUB'S BUSINESS. AFTER THE MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE READ, PRES. BORK ASKED THE GROOMER CHAIRMAN, JIM SELLER, TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO SPEED..

JIM REPORTED THAT ALL OF THE POLES MARKING THE TRAILS WERE UP, BUT THAT HE STILL NEEDED TO PUT OUT SOME MAPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. OTHER THAN THAT, THE TRAILS WERE AS READY FOR THE GROOMER AS THEY WERE GOING TO GET. NEAL REPORTED THAT THE CHANGE IN THE RUBY CREEK TRAIL WOULD PROBABLY NOW HAVE TO WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR, DUE TO THE TIME OF YEAR.

JIM ALSO SAID THAT ANYONE INTERESTED IN TRAINING AS A GROOMER OR RIDING ALONG SHOULD CONTACT HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30. IT WILL BE THE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE HAM. A SHORT MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE MEAL AND THEN THE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE. (MORE LATER)

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BEFORE THE MEETING ADJOURNED THE DRAWING WAS HELD FOR THE CASH PRIZES. 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE WENT TO WADE CHRISTENSEN FOR \$10. 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE (\$20) WENT TO AL CLARKE. 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WENT TO JACK BARNES FOR \$30. AND 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WENT TO LILA YOUNG FOR \$40. THERE WERE ABOUT A DOZEN DESSERTS RAFFLED OFF AFTER THE DRAWING SO VERY FEW MEMBERS WENT HOME EMPTY HANDED.

AFTER THE MEETING ADJOURNED, SOME OF THE MEMBERS STAYED TO PLAY "WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO". THIS EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY MYRNA CLARKE AND VICKI CHRISTENSEN. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE HAD TRIED THIS AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. ANYONE WHO WANTED TO PLAY BROUGHT A "WHITE ELEPHANT" GIFT WHICH WAS NUMBERED. THE WINNER OF THE GAME DREW A NUMBER AND THAT WAS THE GIFT THEY GOT. ONE MEMBER WAS ESPECIALLY HAPPY WITH THE GIFT HE WON- SO HAPPY THAT HE MENTIONED THAT HE MIGHT BRING IT FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE. I WON'T EVER SAY WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING, BUT WATCH OUT FOR A VERY LARGE BOX AT THE CHRISTMAS MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO VICKI AND MYRNA FOR ORGANIZING THE GAMES AND WE ALL HOPE WE DO IT AGAIN.

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SPEAKING OF THE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE, TO PARTICIPATE, BRING A GIFT VALUED AT AROUND \$10. AS YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL HOUSE AND PLACE YOUR GIFT ON THE TABLE YOU WILL DRAW A NUMBER WHICH DETERMINES THE ORDER IN WHICH EVERYONE GETS TO PICK. THERE ARE RULES TO FOLLOW, BUT IF YOU SAW SOMETHING THAT YOU REALLY WANT, AND SOMEONE

ELSE HAS IT, YOU CAN GO GET IT. IT MAKES FOR A HILARIOUS NIGHT OF GIFT STEALING. SO COME TO THE POTLUCK AND STAY FOR THE FUN.

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ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> THE CITY OF SUMPTER WILL ALSO HOLD ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE. THE PARADE WILL START BETWEEN 4:30 AND 5 (WHENEVER IT GETS DARK ENOUGH). AT THE END OF THE PARADE THE CITY CHRISTMAS TREE (THANKS TO MEMBER ROD ISAACSON FOR PUTTING IT UP) WILL BE LIT. FOR THOSE WANTING TO COME UP TO SEE THE PARADE ON THE TRAIN, A SPECIAL TRAIN WILL LEAVE MCEWEN IN TIME FOR THE RIDERS TO SEE THE

PARADE, AND THEN TAKE ITS RIDERS BACK TO MCEWEN AFTER THE TREE LIGHTING. THERE WILL BE WARMING BARRELS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AND SANTA WILL BE THE SPECIAL PASSENGER ON THE TRAIN.

SPEAKING OF THE TRAIN, THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN WILL BE RUNNING ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>. IT WILL LEAVE MCEWEN AT 10 AM AND 1:15 PM AND RETURN AT 12 PM AND 3:15 PM ON ALL FOUR DAYS. THE HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH WILL ALSO BE IN TOWN ON THOSE DAYS, GIVING RIDES TO ALL COMERS.

SO CHRISTMAS IN SUMPTER WILL BE BUSY THIS YEAR. PLAN TO COME UP FOR THE PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING, AND THEN STAY FOR THE CLUB POTLUCK AND GIFT EXCHANGE.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE END OF IT. AFTER CHRISTMAS, ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> TO BE EXACT, THE CLUB WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL CHILI FEED AT THE SUMPTER FAIRGROUNDS. THE CHILI SHOULD BE HOT BY 5:30 OR SO AND THE HOT DOGS WILL BE OUT FOR COOKING. SO BUNDLE UP AND COME UP TO THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR SOME GOOD CONVERSATION AND EXCELLENT CHILI. AND IT'S ALL FREE TO ANYONE WHO COMES.

THE MCEWEN CHURCH WILL ALSO BE HOSTING A GAME NIGHT ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> AT THE SUMPTER COMMUNITY CENTER (THE SCHOOL HOUSE). THEY WILL HAVE LOTS OF GAMES SET UP, BUT IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE BRING IT ALONG JUST IN CASE. THEY WILL OPEN UP AROUND 6 AND GO UNTIL EVERYONE IS GAMED OUT. SO GO UP TO THE FAIRGROUNDS AND ENJOY SOME CHILI AND HOT DOGS, AND THEN HEAD FOR THE SCHOOL HOUSE FOR YOUR FAVORITE ROUND OF GAMES.

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TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE ADVERTISERS SURROUNDING THIS PARAGRAPH. WHAT THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON IS A PLACE TO STAY HERE IN SUMPTER. YES, YOU MAY WANT TO STAY IN TOWN FOR THE CHRISTMAS MEETING, OR MAYBE NEW YEAR'S EVE SO YOU CAN ENJOY THE CHILI FEED. BUT IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE EVENT HELD ON PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND. THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S THE POKER RUN AND THE DATE IS FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY, YOU HAD BETTER START MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS. ROOMS AND CABINS WILL FILL UP FAST, SO IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START.



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JUST A COUPLE OF REMINDERS TO FINISH OFF THE NEWSLETTER. BRING US THOSE VOLUNTEER HOURS. IF YOU NEED A BLANK SHEET, LET ME KNOW. OR JUST WRITE YOUR HOURS AND WHO YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND I WILL TRANSFER THEM OVER TO THE PROPER FORM. THESE HOURS HELP OUR CLUB AND O.S.S.A. SO THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW OF YOU THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIPS. IF I HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DUES YET THERE WILL BE A RENEWAL FORM IN YOUR ENVELOPE WITH THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE PAID AND I MISSED IT, WRITE "PAID" ON THE FORM, SEND IT BACK, AND I WILL DOUBLE CHECK MY MEMBER LIST.



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