



# Sno ~ Drifters Newsletter

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## WHAT WE DO



The McMurray Sno-Drifters is a not-for-profit Society that provides safe and educational winter recreation for individuals and families within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. We provide education about snowmobiling that includes information about existing by-laws, safe sledding practices, maps of the trail systems and trail safety. Through our efforts the public enjoys sledding on well maintained and groomed trails that are signed for safety and are very user friendly. These efforts promote and increase the usage of the trails while also protecting the environment as users stay on the trails and do not ride on undisturbed natural habitats, private property or forested areas. We have also placed and maintained several warm-up areas along the trail where users can take a break, roast some hot dogs and sip on hot chocolate. Washroom facilities are also available at these locations. We are also affiliated with the Alberta Snow Mobile Association and promote and attend snow mobile rallies that are held at different locations all throughout Alberta. These events draw hundreds of participants that definitely benefits Alberta's winter tourism industry and hospitality industries.

## CONNECTOR TRAIL UPDATE

As you are aware, we are working on a trail system to connect the Anzac Trail to the Stoney Mountain Trail. The area has been scouted and the GPS coordinates were plotted. We are in the process of getting a quote from a land agent to get all approvals required for Sustainable Resources and Developments (SRD). We are hoping to have this project completed by the Spring of 2010 that will boast an

unsurpassed trail system of over 200 kilometers which will be one of the longest groomed trails in all of Alberta. This is a very exciting project and we will keep you updated as the work progresses.

# STORAGE SHED UPDATE



Storage shed after upgrades

The storage shed upgrades are now about 95% complete. The interior of the building has been insulated, drywalled and painted. All of the electrical work was installed and is ready for inspection. The shelving units are all installed and cabinets were repainted. A special thank you to Elburne and Freda Bean for all of their hard work as they took on the task of removing all of the contents of the shed, placing them back in and organizing the entire building. The fence was installed by Mywaart Construction. The yard was upgraded with gravel and sloped for proper drainage. **Thank you to the following people and contractors: Triple AAA Construction—Mike Hanrahan, E Construction—Trent, for the donation of gravel, Centre Fire Contracting—Levi Snow, for the donation of the D3 Cat Dozer, Genroc Drywall—Mike Yeoman, for the partial donation of ceiling insulation, Neville Hynes, Greg Brenneis and Barry Bean for operating the dozer to complete the work needed in the yard and on the trail. [A special thank you also to the Community Facility Enhancement Program who provided us with a grant for this undertaking.](#)**

## Avalanche Training/Sled Smart

It has been confirmed that these training and safety courses are proceeding. Please note the dates and times:

[Highlights and information of the courses:](#)

October 20—Sled Smart Course at 2 local schools AM and PM

**October 21, 2008—Avalanche Skills Training Level 1**

9:00am-5:00 pm Cost is \$250.00/person

Location: Public School Board Offices - 231 Hardin Street

**October 21, 2008—Canadian Avalanche Centre—Snowmobile Outreach Program**

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Cost is \$25.00 per family

**October 21, 2008—Beacon Workshop—**

Indoor 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM—231 Hardin Street

Cost: \$ 35.00 per family—indoor hands-on workshop

**October 22, 2008—Sled Smart school visit in the morning**

**October 22, 2008—Rescue Skills Workshop—**outdoor hands-on from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM Cost: \$ 75.00 per person

# POKER RALLY—MARCH 13, 14, 2009

The poker rally will officially be held on March 13 and 14, 2009. Pre-registration will be on March 13, 2009 at the Storage Shed from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. On Saturday March 14, 2009 the Poker Rally will begin with registrations and a free hot breakfast to all participants at 8:00 AM. Registrations MUST be completed BEFORE 11:00 AM. There will be a short run (Anzac Trail) and a long run (Anzac Trail and Stoney Mountain Trail) for this rally. This rally will also feature a dinner, dance and silent auction to be held at Vista Ridge Lodge in Sapræe Creek. Prizes will be awarded after the dinner for the winners. Lots of door prizes will be available so mark your calendars as this will be a must attend event!

**YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A SNOWMOBILE AS A PRIZE FOR THE RALLY!**

Details will follow in the next newsletter. We are looking for silent auction prizes for this event. If you are able to donate something or know of someone who can, PLEASE contact Real Chartrand at 780-743-0088. We will accept almost anything.

## Trail Maps

The trail maps are almost completed. Thank you to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo—Myra Ross—for the sponsorship and funding of our trail maps. They will be completed by the end of September 2008. The maps will be distributed with the purchase of your membership and you will also receive a membership package loaded with information. Memberships will be sold at all the snow mobile dealerships in Fort McMurray. Thank you to David Janes for all of his hard work with this endeavor.

## Banners / New Signs

The banners have been picked up and distributed to our local snow mobile dealerships. Thank you to the dealerships for displaying them and promoting our Association—

**Quadra Truck and Accessories, Four Seasons Motor Sports and  
Raven Truck and Accessories.**

The new signs for the trails have been picked up and more are needed. They are in the process of being printed.

# Calendar of Events

**September 6, 2008—9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Four Seasons Motor Sports Grand Re-Opening**

*We will be on hand to promote the Sno-Drifters*

**September 13, 2008 - Edmonton, Alberta**

**Alberta Snowmobile Association**

**AGM and Awards Banquet**

**September 25, 2008**

**McMurray Sno-Drifters General Meeting**

*General Meeting of Members—Storage Shed (off of hwy 69)*

*8:00 PM*

*Come and see the improvements of our facility*

*Light refreshments served*

**October 20 to 23, 2008**

**Sled Smart and Avalanche Training Courses**

For more information, contact the snowmobile dealerships

**February 13-15, 2009**

**2009 ASA Jamboree and Freestyle show**

More info: Mitch Sharp 780-706-4453

**March 13, 14, 2009**

**Sno-Drifters Poker Rally**

**April 1, 2009**

**Sno-Drifters AGM—Annual General Meeting**

# Presidents Message



## Memberships:

A reminder that your membership ( trail passes) are a must to travel on the groomed trails. Your sticker must be displayed on your snow machine. Your trail pass is usable on ALL ASA affiliated trails in all of Alberta, not just here in Fort McMurray.

## Registration and Insurance:

Make sure that your machines are all registered and insured as By-Law will be patrolling all of the trails this year.

## Common Sense:

Please do not drink and drive while you are on the trails! There are many families that are out riding and drinking and driving is a deadly combination for everyone. Ride Smart! Also, please pick up ALL of your garbage while you are on the trails. What you bring in, you must also bring out!

## Website: [www.sno-drifters.org](http://www.sno-drifters.org)

Sheila is currently working on the website as it is badly outdated and needs a complete restructuring. The newsletters will be posted on the website as well as a calendar of events, photo albums, an interactive forum, sponsorship links, tourism information and much more. We will keep you posted once the construction is complete.

## Reminder:

THE MCMURRAY SNO-DRIFTERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS SAFE  
SLEDDING FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Enjoy the trails and please drive safely.