

Fall 2015 Newsletter



Welcome to another season of snowmobiling! Did you know...our club will be celebrating its **25th anniversary** this winter!! We have plans to commemorate our 25 years with a special club decal that will be provided to our club members. Make sure you renew your membership to get the splashy new decal for your sled! In addition, we are planning 25th year celebrations at all of our events this season. Stay tuned for further info on the club's 25th season events.



A little history about the Crossburn name...the Geographic Names Board of Canada recorded "**Crossburn**" as an official community name on Dec 12, 1939, although it has roots in the early 1900s when it was, initially, the headquarters for a railway built by the Davison Lumber Company, started in 1905. Remnants of the railway Roundhouse (picture to left) can still be viewed in Crossburn near the intersection of trail 101 and trail 60. Many Crossburn Snowmobile Club trails use the original rail lines set down the Davison Lumber Company.

Club Meetings - Meetings are held at the Anglican Hall, New Germany, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Next meeting is on **Oct 20th**. Meeting notices will be e-mailed and posted to our Facebook page. Please show your support to the Club by attending meetings to share ideas and information about club direction and activities. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

Club Information - Do we have your e-mail to keep you informed and save the club some postage? Join our e-mail list and we will deliver important club information to your inbox. (Snow conditions, grooming reports, etc.). Send an e-mail to crossburn@hotmail.com with "**add me to the e-mail group**" in the subject line. We also welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

We have a **new club web site** under development that we will be transitioning to soon. In the meantime, you can visit our old website for trail conditions, club news, pictures and other important notices at www.tallships.ca/crossburn/ ...and, remember to follow us on **Facebook!**

Club Membership - Club membership remains at \$20.00 per family. Please note that money collected from your club membership contributes toward bridge construction, trail maintenance, mechanical maintenance of our three groomers, trail signage and general operating costs of the Club. It is an incredible value for pennies per ride! If you enjoy our Club's trails, the most basic **show of support is your Club Membership Card!** (Member application form included).

Crossburn Trail Permits – The simple fact is...permits fuel groomers...buy where you ride! Some stats...Crossburn's 7 year grooming hour average = 418/year. Last season's grooming hours = 672. A permit order form is attached...order your permit any time. A permit vendor list is also included and we will post to Facebook, our web site and notify by e-mail when permits are available at the vendors. Please support the Crossburn Snowmobile Club by **purchasing our permits**. Prices remain unchanged as follows:

Early Bird (before Dec 15)	\$130.00
Regular Permit (after Dec 15)	\$185.00
Third sled registered to same address	\$ 85.00
*Classic Sleds 2002 and older (before Dec 15)	\$ 85.00 (must include copy of registration)

Safety Message #1 – Snowmobilers should not pass a groomer in either direction while the groomer is in motion. The groomer operator will always stop in a safe location to let sleds by. Note that the groomer may not stop while pulling hard up a hill...be patient and wait for the groomer to stop before passing.



Safety Message #2 – DON'T DRINK & RIDE! Snowmobile safety will always be challenged by riders who make the poor decision to drink and ride. The Crossburn Snowmobile Club has taken a clear position that every snowmobiler take the personal responsibility of choosing to ride sober! Save the partying until after the days ride is done!

Land Use - A significant portion of managed snowmobile trails are on private property. Our continued access is dependent on land owners generosity and support of organized snowmobiling. **Please stay on the trail and help us to keep “the privilege to use” the trails.** This is of particular importance in the Christmas tree farms around the Crossburn Snowmobile Club area.

Warming Shelter – On the theme of “*privilege of use*” ...our club has met with some resistance from DNR on the renewal of our license for the warming shelter, due to the (and I quote) “obvious consumption of alcohol and the overall culture that resulted in this warming shelter last season.” DNR has drafted a new license with a strict requirement that “No alcoholic beverages are to be on site.” Furthermore, DNR will NOT grant the license until our club explains how we intend to mitigate the problem. Our club executive will be discussing this issue to determine a way forward (if at all). Obviously, we are asking for all snowmobilers support so the “privilege” can continue to be enjoyed by all. DNR is giving us a second chance....we fully don't expect to get a third! If we move forward at all with the warming shelter this season, this will become a “self-policing” exercise. Ultimately, snowmobilers will determine the outcome...please respect the “privilege”.

Medway Lakes (proposed) Wilderness Protection Area (WPA) – Info about this proposed WPA can be accessed here... <http://novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/plan/progress/mlwa/> If approved, this WPA will restrict access to traditional snowmobiling territory (does not impact Crossburn's groomed trail network). Comments can be directed to protectedareas@gov.ns.ca There is also a petition aimed at protecting access to the Medway Lakes area...go to <https://www.change.org/p/government-of-nova-scotia-keep-the-former-bowater-lands-open-for-public-access> to sign the petition. Over 1100 signatures so far...we encourage you to sign!

Fundraisers – are a matter of club survival to cover the many expenses. (Remember.. permits barely pay for the fuel!) Our club will be having a Chinese Auction and Supper in November...details still being worked out. We are looking for **auction items**...if you can help out, please send us a note at crossburn@hotmail.com or speak to any director.

Poker Rally – Our annual Poker Rally will be held on February 13 2016, (rain date February 20). The rally will start and finish at our parking lot at the end of the Alton Road in Crossburn. Registration time is 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ---- New _____ Renewal _____

NAME _____

SPOUSE / PARTNER _____

FAMILY UNDER 18 yrs _____

ADDRESS (including civic, box, PO) _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - (includes spouse & family under 18) -- \$ **20.00**

PERMIT(S) ----- EARLY BIRD - \$130.00 -- \$ _____

SEASON - \$185.00 -- \$ _____

****CLASSIC** - \$85.00 -- \$ _____

**** (2002 and older, must include copy of registration for classic permit)**

FAMILY - \$85.00 -- \$ _____

(3rd sled registered to same address)

(make cheques payable to Crossburn Snowmobile Club) TOTAL \$ _____

Crossburn Snowmobile Club
Permit Vendors

Convenience In The Woods
(Doug & Jeanne Hudgeon)
1225 East Dalhousie Road
East Dalhousie, NS B0R 1H0
902-547-2741
hudgeon@telus.net

Full Throttle Power Sports
(Dave Richards)
1015 Main Street
Dartmouth, NS B2W 3V4
902-435-0307
accounting@fullthrottlepowersports.net

Needs Fast Fuel
(Sherry Lawson)
9337 Hwy 10
Nictaux, NS B0S 1P0
902-825-2225
needs2@live.ca

Nictaux West Garage Ltd
(Mike Carey)
8062 Hwy 201
Nictaux, NS B0S 1P0
902-825-2045

CARSTAR Bridgewater
(Kevin Emino)
350 Victoria Road
Bridgewater, NS B4V2N2
bridgewater@carstar.ca

Paul d'Entremont Marine Ltd
(Paul d'Entremont)
2616 Hwy 3
West Pubnico, NS B0W 3S0
902-762-3301
paulmarine@ns.sympatico.ca

Perry's Snowmobile Sales
(Kent Perry)
569 Strickland Road
Yarmouth, NS B5A 5L1
902-742-4727
k223@eastlonk.ca

Robar's Gas & Convenience
(New Germany Irving - Shannon Robar)
5254 Hwy 10
New Germany, NS B0R 1E0
902-644-3450
srrobar@gmail.com

Torbrook Mines Garage
(Arthur & Audrey Uhlman)
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Wilmot, NS B0P 1W0
902-765-3595