

A Chilly Hello to You All!

It appears we've definitely passed "the frost is on the pumpkin" stage. December and its colder temps are now here, and the holidays are just around the corner. Have you all been "making a list and checking it twice"? We Snowbirds have (figuratively, at least), although it's not a list typical of Christmas:

Brush cut and limbs trimmed? [v] Trails bushhogged where possible? [v] Bridges repaired and/or new ones installed? [v] Signage and field stakes in place? [----] As far as the readiness factor is concerned, it looks like we're nearly there; another Sunday morning of work (sans rain) and we should be sitting pretty. Then, all we'll need is an honest-to-goodness snowfall for the fun to begin!

Mind you, this desire for snow comes from an old broad who, until 2001, absolutely abhorred the onset of the winter months. Cold and snow? Not my cup of tea, thank you very much; I'd rather hibernate! Then, at the urging of a bunch of die-hard snowmobiling friends, I climbed on a machine and hit the trails with them. That's all it took to make the winter not only bearable for me, but down-right enjoyable as well. You others who'd rather be couch potatoes from December through March ought to think about doing the same; take a cue from Mikey of those old cereal commercials: "Try it; you'll like it."

On a more serious note – and on behalf of our entire club, I'd like to express sincere gratitude to the many local businesses who so willingly forked over money for a 2009-2010 membership with the Bowdoinham Snowbirds/Maine Snowmobile Association. With the economy such as it is these days, we realize it's not always easy to justify such an expense - yet not one of you hesitated when approached about "re-upping" or joining the club for the first time. Thanks, too, to those of you who also purchased MSA Super Raffle tickets; I'd love to be able to report in next month's newsletter that one of you came away a big winner.

We hope all you business members know that just because you're not a "riding" member of the club doesn't mean you're not welcome at our monthly potlucks and meetings (every third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. – business session at 7:00 – at the Bowdoinham Fire Station). Why not join us for a nice meal and, at the same time, get to know those you are so generously supporting? We promise you won't regret it! Pressed for time and can't stay for the meeting? No problem; we'd understand.

As I sign off for the month, I'd like to wish you and yours the very happiest of holidays – and Santa, if you happen to read this, my Christmas wish is for a winter wonderland of white to make the season doubly special. And, yes, I have been a good girl all year, no matter what anyone else says.

Yours in snowmobiling,

Bev Wallace