

Season's Greetings, Everyone!

If you're one of the Snowbirds who has been unable to make it to the last couple of meetings, the first thing I want to do in this newsletter is update you folks on a prime topic of discussion those evenings: our annual club trip. Knowing that we were exploring the possibility of staying someplace other than our usual haunts this year, Stan Nay shared with us a brochure he had picked up at the Maine Snowmobile Show. With a lodge that would accommodate all of us under one roof and a commercial kitchen in which to prepare our meals, we were in total agreement that this looked like the perfect destination. Being the "Doubting Thomas" that I am, however, I was reluctant to make any reservations without some firsthand knowledge of what the accommodations would truly be like – so off I headed to Tomhegan in Rockport. Believe me, the brochure was "spot on", as is their website, www.tomhegan.com. What an awesome place!! In addition to the kitchen (renovated two years ago), the first floor features a spacious "guest" room with fireplace, huge dining table, sofas, and chairs. Upstairs, there are four large bedrooms, each with its own bathroom (relatively new showers, flushes, and sinks in all of them); two of the bedrooms have two queen-sized beds along with a set of bunks in each, and the other two have one queen-sized bed with two sets of bunks. It goes without saying that I booked the lodge (they also have several neat cabins on the grounds) right then and there – for February 2-5. The cost will be in the vicinity of \$30 per person per night based on 15 people going, but that figure drops to \$25 each if there are 20 of us. I'm hoping that after reading this some of you will consider joining us regulars on the trip; there's obviously plenty of room, and these excursions always prove to be such a fun time!!

Before I bring this to a close (there's little else for news this month), I'm going to drift into "Old Mother Hen" mode for just a moment by checking to see if you're prepared for the upcoming snowmobile season. **Do you have your machines all tuned up and ready to hit the trails? Are they registered?? Are your stickers in place?** It's never too early to get these things taken care of, ya know. With Christmas only a heartbeat away (**by the way, did you remember to put plugs, oil, extra belt, etc. on your wish list?**), git 'er done and out of the way so you have less to fret about and more time to enjoy "the reason for the season".

In the event that we don't cross paths again until the onset of 2012, here's wishing each and every one of you the very happiest of holidays!! And **THINK SNOW!!!!**

Yours in snowmobiling,

Bev Wallace