

Happy Fall, Everyone!!

By the time you read this, the ever-faithful members of the Bowdoinham Snowbirds "Trail Gang" will have spent (weather permitting, of course) the first of many Sunday mornings readying our trails for the upcoming snowmobile season. There's always kind of a "downtime" from the conclusion of meetings in April until fall trailwork actually begins, but this lull in the action is actually quite short-lived for the Snowbirds - with major undertakings in both August and September.

Most recently, the Snowbirds were pleased to be able to memorialize the 10th anniversary of 9-11 with the construction of a float for the September 10th "Celebrate Bowdoinham" parade. Featuring nearly 11-foot replicas of the Twin Towers and an array of posters depicting events of that infamous day - all surrounded by a myriad of red, white, and blue, the float drew many "oohs", "aahs", and applause as it made its way along the route. We are also proud to report that, at the conclusion of the parade, it was moved to the waterfront for display during the rest of the day's activities. Although this was definitely a joint effort, it was the "creative juices" of club president Dave Gouger and his better half, Valerie Chiang, that made this display of patriotism what it was. Special thanks to them as well as to Kevin O'Farrell for the use of his truck and trailer to transport the finished project.

For the umpteenth year (we've lost count of exactly how many it's been), the club devoted the first Saturday of August to honoring the landowners who so willingly allow us the use of their property during the winter months. This annual Landowners Appreciation Day barbecue affords us the opportunity to provide our special guests with a scrumptious meal and a variety of door prizes as a very small token of our thanks for all they do for the Snowbirds organization. Once again, David and Barbara Acker stepped up to the plate in hosting this event; what the club would do without these two, we haven't a clue - nor do we wish to find out!

Earlier in this article, I mentioned our club president this year is Dave Gouger. For a complete listing of the Bowdoinham Snowbirds officers for the current season, see below:

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Please feel free to contact any one of us at any time with questions/concerns you might have.

Be sure to mark your calendars for meeting night - the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Bowdoinham Fire Station, with potluck suppers scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and the business sessions beginning at 7:00. The next one is slated for October 19th. See you there??

Yours in snowmobiling,

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