

Hello, Everyone!

Can you believe September has already arrived?! I don't know about the rest of you, but I've thoroughly enjoyed having an honest-to-goodness summer for a change and hate to see it winding down. Keep your fingers crossed that it's a sign of the times and that the upcoming winter manages to live up to its reputation as well.

For those of you who weren't able to make it to this year's Landowners Appreciation Day picnic on August 7, you definitely missed out on a fabulous, fun-filled afternoon. Between the music provided by our own Bud Bowley (thanks again, Bud!), the delightful laughter of children and adults alike, and the steady stream of conversation among attendees, the only silence to be had appeared to be on the few occasions when people happened to take a bite of food at the exact same moment. Rare, indeed! As is always the case, Dave and Barbara Acker's culinary talents won rave reviews – and we can't possibly thank them enough for everything they do to make this occasion such a success year after year after year. I'd have to say that the only downside to the day was probably the one we encounter repeatedly – the low number of landowners we manage to attract to this special event (less than half of the 98 present this time around). We'd like to be able to personally express our appreciation to each and every one who allows us access to his or her property for the pleasure of snowmobiling, and hosting this special day is our attempt to do so. Unfortunately, convincing the vast majority of landowners to join us has proved challenging. If anyone has any ideas as to how we might encourage more participation, please speak up; we're open to suggestions.

Next on the docket for the club is involvement in the annual "Celebrate Bowdoinham" festivities to be held on Saturday, September 11. A number of us members will make a day of it at the Snowbirds' booth at the waterfront, so why not plan to drop by and hang out for awhile? It's always such a fun time. And be sure to check out our float in the parade! Do you suppose Gow the Gorilla will make an appearance again this year?? Perhaps a relative of his?

Now, let's get down to some really serious business! Are you ready to display your expertise in salesmanship?? I sure hope so, because the Maine Snowmobile Association Super Raffle 2010 tickets are in. Even those who aren't avidly into snowmobiling will no doubt be attracted to the third and fourth place cash prizes of \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively; those on their own were a big draw last year. Me? I'd gladly take possession of the grand prize of a 2011 Polaris 550 IQ Shift snowmobile. The prices are once again \$2.00 apiece or 6 for \$10.00. So, what say, folks – can we surpass last year's sales of 904 and break that 1,000 mark?! If you're interested in selling some prior to "Celebrate Bowdoinham", give me a jingle (737-8218) or email me (ggnpop@gwi.net) and I'll get them from my hot little hand to yours in a flash.

I'm hoping to see many of you on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bowdoinham Fire Station for our first meeting of the 2010-'11 season. And, yes, we're doing potluck suppers prior to each meeting again this year, so be there at 6:00 if you wish to fill your belly with what never fails to be a variety of delectable dishes.

Yours in Snowmobiling,

Bev Wallace