



Trail Notes

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General... We are always looking for more volunteers to help us out in many ways. We sure hope you can find some time to come out and visit with friends, have a cold drink and have some input on club business.

President's Corner...

Is it over already? Labor Day is just around the corner, the kids will be heading back to school and the sports leagues are wrapping up. Summer is a great time of year no question.

As summer winds down the MTR 07-08 season is beginning. **The first meeting of the season is 7:30 September 12, 2007 at the Eis House.** Bold lettering is usually not my style but we really need a good turnout for this meeting. There has been a lot of work done over the summer and we have a few major items that we need your input on.

Some of the stuff we will be discussing:

- The potential purchase of another groomer.
- Ratification of the by-law changes presented at the April meeting.
- Trail preparation and maintenance.
- Fundraising events and schedule.
- Communicating via E-mail

Short message this month... Look forward to seeing everyone.
See you on the 12th!

Barry

P.S.

A big thanks to everyone that helped out with the hare scrambler food tent! The team made cooking for 400 plus people look easy. Your efforts produced in excess of \$1,100.00 for the club. ☺

Public Relations... As always we are looking for ways to increase our presence in the local community. If you have any suggestions please come to the next meeting or Email any of us through our web site.

Groomer... Groomer maintenance continues through the year. If you want to help with maintenance work or you are interested in volunteering to be a groomer operator contact:

- Jim Myers - Groomer Operator Coordinator, James.Meyers @mexicotrailriders.com
- Dave Mannise - Assistant Groomer Operator Coordinator
- Chris Taylor - Groomer Maintenance Coordinator, Chris.Taylor@mexicotrailriders.com

Club Clothing... Lots of new and exciting club clothing to look at and order at our next Membership meeting! We now have women shirts, couple of different styles, hats, turtleneck shirts, Henley's, and denim shirts. Be sure to stop in and see what we have and give ideas as to what you would like to see. We are open to all suggestions and comments. Do not forget we still have tees and sweatshirts available! **Show your pride for the Mexico Trail Riders and wear some new clothing with our logo and name on them!**

Trails... The trails need some maintenance work, why wait for cold weather? If you want to take an active role in improving your local trails call any Board member with your contact information – we will have a job for you!

2007-2008 Schedule of Events!

Mexico Trail Riders 2006-2007 Calendar of Events	Wednesday September 12, 2007 <i>Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House</i>
All members are invited to attend, bring ideas and friends	October 2007 Safety course- New Haven Town Hall TBA
Wednesday October 10, 2007 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House	Wednesday January 10, 2007 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House
Wednesday November 7, 2007 Officer's Meeting 7:30 Hazy's	Wednesday January 9, 2008 Membership Meeting Eis House 7:30 PM
Saturday November 10, 2007 Jeff & Mary's Driveway Inn 2 PM- 7 PM Fundraising Event	Friday January 18, 2008 Annual Dinner Party & Reverse Raffle Eis House 6pm
Wednesday November 14, 2007 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House	Wednesday February 13, 2008 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House

<p>Saturday December 1, 2007 Work weekend (tentative)</p>	<p>Wednesday March 12, 2008 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House</p>
<p>Saturday December 8, 2007 Work Weekend (tentative)</p>	<p>Saturday March 29, 2008 Work Weekend</p>
<p>Wednesday November 22, 2006 Officers Meeting 7:30 Hazy's</p>	<p>Saturday April 5, 2008 Work Weekend</p>
<p>Wednesday December 12, 2007 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House Holiday Mixer</p>	<p>Wednesday April 9, 2008 Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House</p>
<p>Wednesday January 2, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 Driveway Inn</p>	<p>Wednesday May 7, 2008 Board of Director's Meeting 7:30 Hazy's</p>

From the Editor...

Labor day, for most people this is the unofficial end of summer. For snowmobilers we know that this is the unofficial start of the season. The evenings start to have a hint of a chill, the grass is growing so much slower, Sled magazine's start to fill up the mailbox. We start to think about getting the sled out and ready for another season.

Where are we going to ride this year? Will the landowners support our club again this year like the always have? Will our equipment hold up for another year. Will we have snow? Will global warming wipe out the season?

OK, we can't fix global warming this season, but there are positive steps we can take to insure good snowmobiling now and into the future. Isn't that the real purpose of a Snowmobile club? We need your help, your involvement and your effort to continue to foster good relationships with landowners that each year allow us to cross their land. We need well groomed, well marked, safe trails so that our guests from other clubs can find their way through our trail system easily, no hassle. We need reliable equipment that we can take out in any weather without fear of breaking down and having to walk back in.

We have taken a new direction the last few years, added miles of trails, met new landowners and the membership has grown substantially. We need the members of our club to come together and decide the direction of this once small club. Are our trails as good as they

should be? When you bring friends to ride our trails are you proud of their design, sight lines, width, general condition? Are the trails safe for your friends and their kids?

We need our sleds in top condition, we need our trails in top condition too. Come out to the Membership meeting in September 12, let's talk about what our club can be now and into the future. We need you.

Happy trails

John Crane