

Hollis Nor'Easters

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Well folks our prayers have been answered with the first big snowstorm of the season on December 15. We got 9" of snow in Hollis on top of a solid 2" base so the season is off to a good start. We were breaking trail in the town forest a few hours after it stopped snowing and I counted 14 trailers at Silver Lake State Park by noon. The trails have all been cleaned up and are in great shape. Again this year there is a portable toilet at the Silver Lake State Park parking area provided by the Nor'Easters. A special thanks to Amos White, Trail Administrator, Dave Jennings, Trail Master, and all the volunteers who helped with trail work during the fall.

Our annual snowmobile safety course in November was a sellout as usual with more than 80 students signed up. Needless to say it was a full house, and everyone learned a lot, including the instructors since it was a brand new course this year. Thanks to all the instructors and NH Fish and Game for all their help, and to the Lone Pine Hunters Club for the use of their nice clubhouse for this annual class. Also, thanks to RJ's Motorsports in Nashua, Souhegan Valley Motorsports in Milford, and DGN Motorsports in Milford for offering discounts to all the students who completed the safety class.

Again this winter we are planning to have a multi-club BBQ with our friends in the Wilton Lyndeborough Winter Wanderers, Merrimack Sno-Buds and Brookline Icebreakers. We also hope to have several group rides, both long and short, and for all ability and experience levels. Check out our web site and Facebook for details on upcoming events and dates, as well as the scrolling pictures and videos. Thanks to Jon Lavoie for all the work he has done keeping our web site up to date.

Last year the Pink Ride was a huge success with more than 65 riders and 125 people attending the BBQ cookout afterward at Silver Lake State Park. The Wilton Lyndeborough Winter Wanderers, Brookline Icebreakers and Merrimack Sno-Buds all joined us in contributing to this fun event. Sue Keough, who has done a truly outstanding job as our club secretary, organized this snowmobile ride as a fundraiser for breast cancer. This winter's Pink Ride will be on February 8 starting at Silver Lake State Park in Hollis. Riders will depart at 10:00 AM and ride through the beautiful scenic Hollis trails for about an hour before returning to Silver Lake for the free BBQ. This year the Nor'Easters would like to invite all of our sister clubs in Hillsborough County to join us, as well as anyone else who is interested. All funds raised at this event (nearly \$11,000 last year) will be donated to the St. Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center in Nashua.

The Nor'Easters Snowmobile Club also supports several other charities and local organizations including the Hollis Fire Department, Hollis Police Department, Easter Seals, and the Hollis Shepherds Fund, which helps needy families, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Lastly, coming up on February 15 after the Easter Seals Ride-In and Pink Ride, is the Lone Pine Hunters Club annual Winter Carnival, which is open to the public. The Nor'Easters Snowmobile Club will again be providing snowmobile sleigh rides around

the trails near the Nashua River on Lone Pine and Hollis Conservation land for this popular event. There will also be a tubing hill, bonfire and games for the kids. Hope you all are having a great winter and good riding.