



# THE LINK

Your LINK to the Missing Link Snowmobile Club

Winter 2009

## FROM THE EDITOR

### As time goes by

It is time to get on with the job of the "LINK". Life sometimes takes over and some jobs get set aside. Thanks to all of you for your patience as I know I have been promising this for awhile. Soooo this version is designed to catch you all up, at least through 2008. I will leave 2009 events for the next "LINK". This edition is a group of articles from our past and present Leaders. Please read on and find out what "has" happened since the last "LINK". Thank you, for your input Doug and Albert.

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

### TODAY'S -Albert Chartier

**Once again we are very pleased to have our "LINK" going out to you. A lot has happened in our Great Club these past two years. We now have a new executive who are doing a great job. Hats off to our previous executive as they have brought us to the respected snowmobile club we are today.**

**Special thanks to Doug Antler for all his leadership & continuing efforts to keep our club second to none. Every one will have noticed and appreciated the extra efforts in the last 2 snowmobile seasons to have our trails in such fine repair.**

**Thank you to Snow Country Snowmobile Association & the OFSC for recognizing our Commitment & endeavours to have our trails to this level. They have supported us with over \$100,000.00 for these trail improvements which all of our members and visitors will enjoy.**

### "PAST" - Doug Antler

As I write this 2007-08 message, what a different year! I ploughed snow all day and we probably have more snow now

than at any one time last season. And we're ready for it, trails are ready for their first date with the groomer, trail passes are going exceptionally well, and you can feel the enthusiasm for the coming snowmobile season! It's my last update as President, with Albert taking over the position after being elected in the spring of 2008, and I'm looking forward to more trail maintenance and grooming, with less time spent at meetings. What an enjoyable term it has been for me! Often I think The Missing Link Club could have its very own Trivia Pursuit Game... What was the first groomer? A 1968 Ski-Doo with a custom designed Bud Clouthier drag. Where was the forbidden forest? How long, and how many beer did it take to groom a smooth trail from Bissett to Brent Rd. with an Alpine? Who named Tuffy's Skyway? What or who was Tuffy? How many groomers did the club have at one time? What club was the first volunteer club to be thrown out of the OFSC? What Club was first supported by other clubs and organizations to reinstate the Club (and quite possibly the only Club) to the OFSC? Who was the first club of the now famous District 6 Snow Country Assoc.? With Mattawa Snowmobile Club, what was the Eastern Club to join Provincial Snowmobiling East & West? What club hosts Sesame Street? And the list could go on and on... and you know why? We are the Missing Link Snowmobile Club! Every member, every volunteer, every landowner, every person who has made a donation has made this Club famous in the world of snowmobiling! So be proud of what you have all accomplished, there has been a lot in a few short years! Also

passing on their coveted titles are Jim Watters Vice President, Les Sones Treasurer, Richard Yates Sign Co-ordinator... to these guys my "Heart Felt Thanks" for all your effort in making the Missing Link Club such a success... and to our own Club Volunteer of the Year, Gayle Watters who underlines that saying "Behind every good bunch of guys is a gal!" My special Thank You for being the magnet that has drawn all this together! And to Albert... Thank You for accepting the nomination and taking the Position as President... your presentation for our grant monies this season was outstanding... "And they at the top thought they'd seen the best when Jim presented his... outstanding!" And who made me possible as President? Thank Sandra for allowing me the time off to attend so many meetins'! Gotta go, I hear snowflakes tapping merrily on the window... see you all at the events and on the trails!

## THE TRAILS HAVE EYES!

We are trying out a new feature and will be looking for entries throughout the season. Seen any interesting happenings on the trails? Let us know. This is who has been seen out there to date.

Andy Boissonneault was spotted exchanging shifts on 197 near Calladar.

Doug was spotted screwing signs on the posts.

Les and Lynn Sones were seen making out on the Rat Lake Loop with their chainsaw! Jimmy G. was spotted ripping wiper blades off tractors ...hmmmm, was that for publication?

Now who did you spot on out on the trails? Submit your viewing to:

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## Catching Up!

### ALOHA 2007

Wet tee-shirts and grass skirt contest it was for sure! 29 brave islanders showed how we in the North deal with monsoon type weather. You add liquid libation, bright smiles and umbrellas and you get “we wouldn’t have missed this for anything”!

While “sloppy” the cucumber pass was again a hotly contested game, with the “dill-doe” team inching out their nearest rival. The Hula-Hoop is becoming “too professional” and next years rules will be modified to shorten this dizzying event (which is cutting into social hour) and give the male contenders a chance at making it to the prize deck! Plans are now underway to “shore-up” the benches for the balloon contest, give beach party bums a balloon and you want to see competition and the sand fly... stand clear! The true “natives of the islands” stepped forward with their trusty bows and arrows and targets this coming year will be made smaller to give those that throw spears an equal chance. The “best dressed canoe” went to the exploring “Mattawa Jacque” tribe. A huge coconut, sporting handles and wheels floated up on the Beach, selecting a caretaker of the contents was raffled off, with island goddess Tara being selected to do the honour of dividing this prize. The 50-50 take home cash was tossed to Matt from “Island Tribe” of Toronto.

While the weather made record drops... it did cooperate for the traditional Hawaiian party smorgasbord! The feast could not have been better, from Sandy’s baked beans, to delectable burgers and creative salads served fireside... Ummm, Umm, Um! Wet wood left

behind by some visiting natives offered a challenge to the “fire builders of the tribe” but in the end they showed their colors and diplomas and the fire was stoked to burn well into the night before the final survivors said “Good-night”! Smouldering embers mixed smoke and coffee smells to awaken the warriors early next morning and the true social event of the games was underway! Everyone wished island life could last a week... old stories told, friendships renewed, and the social well being of all those not seen for some time make the Hawaiian Beach Party an event of the year!

Thank you to all tribe members who provided prizes to be shared with all the contestants! At press time it was thought that Tara Antler was the cooler winner and Matt won the money but if we have it wrong please let us know.

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## HOOK, LINE OR SINKER Summer Fishing Derby 2007

It was the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Deux Rivieres Summer Fishing Derby! After 20 years how can they keep getting better... but they do! More fisherpersons entered, more fish were caught and more hungry people were treated to the “I can’t eat anymore” Corn Roast/Fish Fry with all the trimming’s! The weather gods of the dunkin’ fry pan gave their blessing to the derby once again with great weather throughout the

weekend, and only provided a few showers to put out the embers of the fish fry fire as the well fed crowd said their good bye’s! The prize tables are getting bigger each year... and the donations by so many are much appreciated! And speaking of prizes... first to the tables this year were Bailey Gled with a plus 9 ounce perch, Laurien Dumont with a 6 lb. 11 oz. Northern Pike, Pam McNaught hauled in a 5 lb. 10 oz. Pickerel (Walleye), and beating all others in the closely contested “Other” category was Ben Winget of Ohio with a 3 lb. 8 oz. Smallmouth Bass.

All proceeds of the derby go to improving the trails of the Missing Link Snowmobile Club. Our derby funds were added to with funds of the live auction with Auctioneer Jack getting the bids up. The Houseboat Vacation saw The Winget Family making off like bandits with this prized item... The Duval Print was bumped up to successful bidder Dave Monckhouse... and lugging home the Texas Mickey was Jerry Tandy after going deep into his pockets! The Pay-What-You-Pull Collector’s Drawing by a local artist was won by Felix Beauchamp... and the “Get outdoors and enjoy the fun pontoon boat” will be sailing away with the Jennings Fishing Crew aboard!

To the so Many Who Donated Prizes... to those that Cleaned All The Fish... all the great chefs who provided Baked Beans, Salads, Desserts... the Derby Entry Girls... and all the Helpers... a very large/large THANK YOU! See you all soon.

## ICE IS NICE Winter Fishing Derby 2007

Hard to call a winner on this event... the weather started with  
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the wind blowing, snow and cold, but then turned mild and “no gloves required”. Fishing teams from Mattawa, Bonfield, Deux Rivieres, Deep River, Stonecliffe, Mackey, came to challenge their skills against the “wiley” fish of the Ottawa River. While Friday’s bite was cold, Saturday’s bite was “hot”, and the trophy’s landed on the ice one after the other. The Mattawa’s team took home top honours, with Stonecliffe /Mackey making a last hour attempt to land the biggest but came up ounces short on the final weight-in. Add hot-toddies and active minds together and you come up with “new ideas”... watch for the all new “team ice fishing derby” this coming March in 2008. Start planning and training now... are there any Snowmobile Clubs out there willing to take on the Missing Link Line Stretchers? The real winners last season... the snowmobile trails that will benefit from the entry money taken in and all the riders who get to ride those great trails this winter!

**Quick catch up!**  
**WHAT HAPPEN IN 2008**

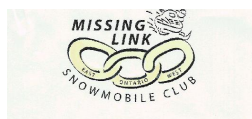
Through the year the Missing Link Snowmobile Club holds several events including; Pig Roast Supper, Appreciation Dinner, Summer & Winter Ice Fishing Derbies, Bow Tie Classic and the Silent Auction. At the Appreciation Dinner Recognition as well as many prizes is awarded to volunteers and guests. Some of our past winners and volunteers are listed below!  
 Ted Barks –Straight- \$250.00 & Senators Tickets.  
 Caroline Lindley – 2 Pairs & Senators tickets &a T Shirt.

Les Sones - Sports bag & T shirt  
 Rusty Lindley T shirt and cap.  
 Jen Dowser - \$106.00  
 Todd Dowser, Chris Dowser, Albert Chartier and Doug Antler all took home assorted T shirts or caps, while Deb Mecke took home the door prize from the Appreciation dinner.

Recognition was given Jim Gibson who received a Coat of Many Colours & Drift Catcher (made with original Groomer Parts) for most hours on the groomer. The Wilson Bothers received a unique View Master for the quiet hours at their checkpoint,  
 Gayle Watters received a beautiful house arrangement (and it is still living). Special mentions to went out to Les & Lynn Sones, Richard & Leanne Yates and Roger & Francine Banville and the many groomer operators; Albert Chartier, Jim Watters, Bill Gibson, Chris Donnelly, Ed Aiston and Lyndon Holmes. The year was wonderfully successful and we hope this will continue for many more years to come.

**ADVERTISING!**

**WE TRY TO ANNOUNCE OUR EVENTS THROUGH SEVERAL VENUES! CHECK THE DEEP RIVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR, OFSC WEB SITE, NORTH RENFREW TIMES, MATTAWA RECORDER, STAR 96.7, CHIP 101.7, A- CHANNEL, AND EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS. WATCH THESE SOURCES FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AND PASS IT ALONG TO FELLOW SLEDDERS!**



**WEBSITE UPDATE!!!!**

**THANKS TO TODD DOWSER WE ARE FINALLY READY.....CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.missinglinksc.ca](http://www.missinglinksc.ca)**

**I especially love the pics – you never know who you will see on there!**

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**REMEMBER TO BUY WHERE YOU RIDE!**

**REMAINING 2009 EVENTS**

**JULY 11- BOAT IN REUNION BEACH PARTY**

**AUGUST 14-15 &16 DEUX RIVIERES SUMMER FISHING DERBY**

**NOVEMBER 21 – MISSING LINK TRAIL DAY**

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