

Volunteers are always welcome to help with trail work, breakfasts and other special events. Bring the family! These are our future snowmobilers in the making, and they are always eager to help. Check out our website for our list of events or visit our Facebook page.



Thank you to our landowners for the use of their land! Without you and our volunteers we wouldn't have our beautiful trails.

YEARS

1976-2016

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## **History of Our Club**

In 1976 a group of local snowmobilers established the Snow Road Snowmobile Club to organize a network of trails which would link to the neighboring communities of Ompah, Silver Lake, Sharbot Lake and Robertson Lake. This involved engaging landowners for permission to route trails through their properties or to use concession roads which were unmaintained during the winter season as well as snow banks along plowed roads.

Members met at the home of Ken and Margaret Millar for several years and then purchased vacant property from Dale Gemmill. With many hours of donated labour and generous donations from members of the community, a clubhouse was built in 1978. It was a small building heated with a woodstove and had no indoor plumbing. It quickly became a hub of activity with fundraising dinners, birthday and anniversary parties and regular potluck dinners. Over the years, with the help of grants and private contributions and fundraising efforts, the club was able to build an access for disabled persons, install indoor plumbing, replace the woodstove with propane heat for safety and connect telephone service.

In 1998 the Club acquired a large propane stove just in time for its grand initiation as a shelter during the Ice Storm. With the donations of a huge generator to provide power, and large amounts of food, etc. from the Canadian Forces as well as businesses and private individuals, the clubhouse became the community center where friends and neighbors could meet to enjoy a hot meal and share updates. For over two weeks Club and community volunteers made this a welcoming shelter for residents of Lanark Highlands and North Frontenac.

The clubhouse is still a designated emergency shelter.

In April 2011 the Club obtained a \$60,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to supplement club funds of \$23,700 in order to upgrade and expand our building. It is now 2100 square feet. This essentially became a complete overhaul involving total gutting of the structure as the original floor joists were unsafe. Again local businesses and community members and snowmobilers generously donated skills, labour and materials. Some of these volunteers had helped to build the original clubhouse. A complete new floor with radiant heat was installed, the kitchen area was expanded, washroom facilities were revamped and the open space was enlarged. Costs escalated as unforeseen expenses such as installation of a new range hood to meet current safety guidelines were required along with an upgrade to the septic system to meet increased capacity.

The clubhouse reopened for the 2011/2012 season and holds regular events to fund maintenance and enhancements to the facility.

The Club hosts three annual fundraising breakfasts for local charities as well as an annual "Ride for Dad" as part of their commitment to give back to the community.

The clubhouse continues to be very much an activity center enjoyed by snowmobilers and non-snowmobilers alike all year round. Sledders enjoy access 24/7 during the winter season. The clubhouse is available to rent for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Christmas parties, family reunions or as a training facility.





2017 Annual Charity Breakfast Fundraiser for Wheels of Hope



Snow Road Snowmobile Club Winter 2017

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