



Orrington Trail Riders

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About Orrington Trail Riders

- Orrington Trail Riders is a Maine Snowmobile Association Club made up of families and businesses who are dedicated to the sport of snowmobiling.
- Our trail system consists of approximately 35 miles of trails. There are over 10,000 miles of trails across the State. We can brag that our trails are some of the best! Annually, our members dedicate more than 500 hours of time to club activities including landowner relations, trail grooming, and off-season trail maintenance.
- Trail grooming is accomplished with one Yamaha VK540 and one Yamaha Professional, both equipped with Mogul Master drags operating 5 nights per week during peak season. We have a brand new VK540 on order!
- Our winter activities include group day rides, a charity or benefit ride, club trips, open kitchen on weekends and a Vintage Snowmobile Ride-In.

In the beginning!



Names club, wins prize

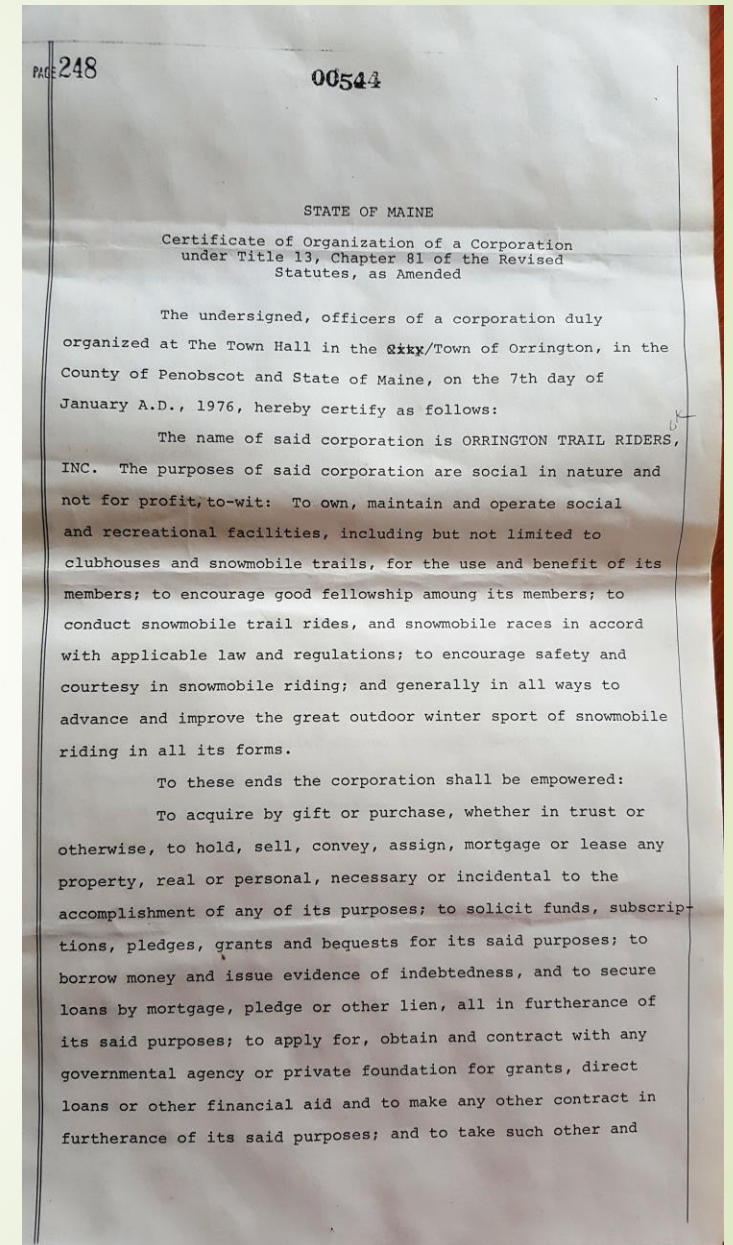
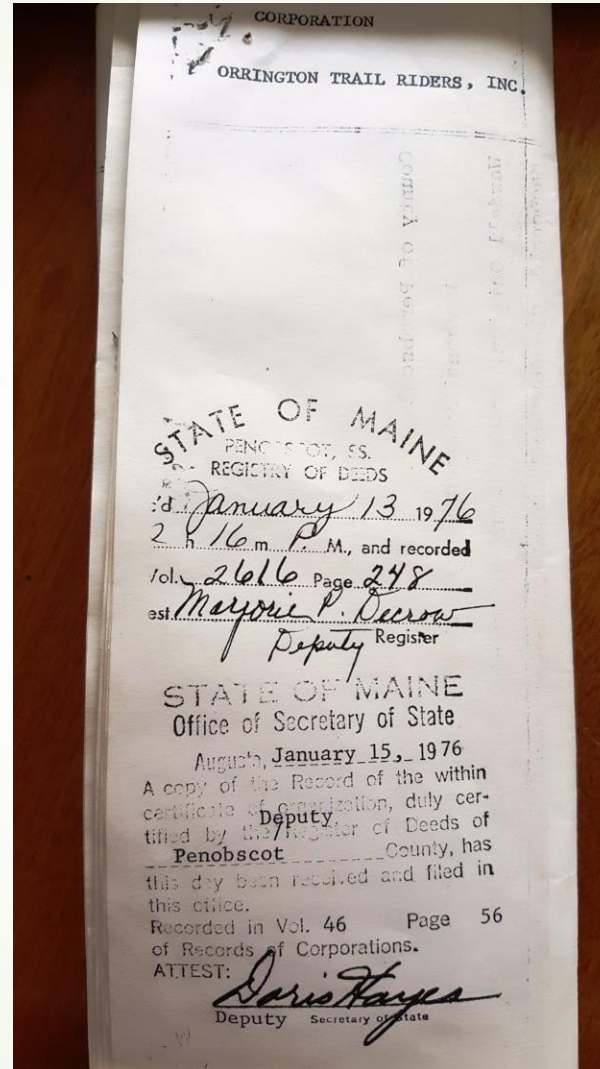
James Brown, 14, an eighth-grade student at the Center Drive School in Orrington, came up with the winning name for the Orrington snowmobile club. His entry, Orrington Trailriders, won him a snowmobile suit complete with the Trailriders badge. Everett DeGrasse makes the presentation. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Betts Road. (NEWS Photo)



Everett DeGrasse presented club garb to the winner of the contest to name our club, James Brown. Everett enjoyed snowmobiling with his family and friends.

It's Official!

On January 13th, 1976, Orrington Trail Riders became an official not for profit organization. It was during this time that our club also became an endorsed Maine Snowmobile Association Club. The MSA was established in 1968. Today there are over 280 Clubs across the State. A few have come and a few have gone while OTR remains strong.



Maine Snowmobile Association Connection



Since the early days, The MSA has been publishing the Maine Snowmobiler Newspaper. This publication is the glue between the MSA, Clubs, Hospitality, Dealers, and other entities. Each Club contributes monthly articles to update their members and other Clubs on news and other happenings. There are lots of interesting things to see and read in the paper that is monthly September to April.

Our Presidents, past and present



Everett DeGrasse served one term as our first President from 1974-1975. He was followed by Carroll Adams 1975-1976, Coy Doody 1976-1977, Nancy Shumaker 1977-1978, Dick Patten 1978-1979, Don Wiswell 1979-1981, Fred Bowden, Jr. 1981-1983, Leroy McCormack 1983-1989, Mike Carter 1989-1994, Howard Grover 1994-1999, Walter Hincks 1999-2003, Kevin Hanscom 2003-2011, and Laurie LaViolette 2011-present.

Reggie's Trail

Dedication October 8, 2017



**Welcome to the
Reggie Faulkingham
Memorial Trail**

Reggie was one of our most generous landowners through the years. He was also a avid snowmobiler and supporter of our club. Let's hear your memories of him!

Founding Members

- Don Wiswell became our first Lifetime Member in 2015. Harry Hanscom was awarded in 2016 (no image available). Both of these fine men have been active members since the onset. There are others...
- Reggie Faulkingham who is being honored posthumously.
- There are many others who are still in the community but no longer actively involved in the sport.



Community Connection

We like to win... more than once!



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But moreover, we like to be connected to folks who live in this great town. It's always been that way.



Out with the old, in with the new!

Snowmobile Club Of The Year 2012



The old clubhouse was actually two structures put together. It was acquired in the early 90s



New clubhouse acquired in 2011

Evolution of Grooming Operations



YAMAHA

We currently have a 2002 VK540 and a 2018 VK540V!

Vintage Ride In ~ an annual tradition



Snowmobile enthusiasts near and far gather to keep the tradition of early snowmobiling alive. Events like this one take place throughout the winter across the state.

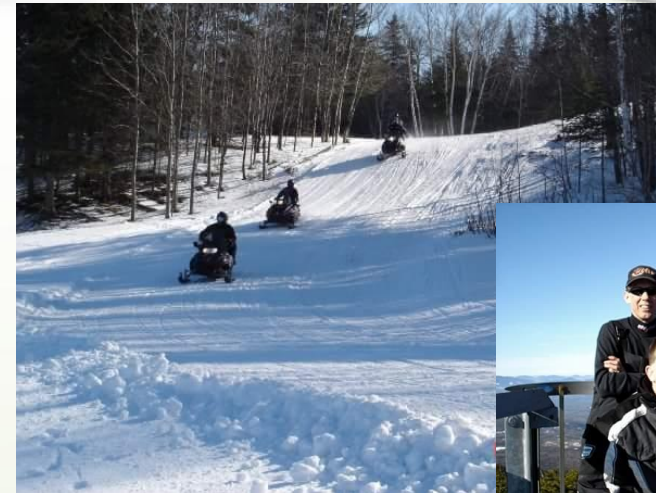
Our Trails And Landowner Relations

Our team is out year round inspecting and repairing the trail system and its structures to ensure safe and enjoyable riding



In the beginning, there were no trails. We just rode. Our relationship with landowners grew and flourished, enabling us to have the trails we have today.

Club Trips offer memories for a lifetime



Safety Is A Priority



The Rescue Boggin that is housed at the Orrington Fire Department was acquired in 1994. Since then, annual emergency drills are conducted on the trail for first responders, emergency response and our trail crew to practice their rescue skills. Thankfully our community has had little use for it. Trail safety and safer operation of the machines is a priority. In addition to being some of the nicest trails in our region, we also have some of the safest. In the past, we just did our best I guess. I've heard some stories.

Please Respect Landowners!




They have first rights to their own property

The Vision of Future Snowmobiling?



Many people believe that we are designing ourselves out of the sport. Do you remember the scene from Back To The Future II when “Doc” Brown said, “In the future, we don’t need roads” Will there be trails?



Orrington Trail Riders would like to thank all landowners who permit us to use their land during the winter months. We strive to maintain our trail system with the utmost respect for the landowners and their properties. Without the generosity of numerous landowners in Orrington and throughout the State, our sport would not exist. We also thank the entire community for your ongoing support of our club all of these years.

