

Well it's the beginning of May & the 2019 – 2020 season is in the books, there is still some snow in the woods & spring is a bit different than most years in more ways than one.

Northern Maine was blessed with good snow conditions throughout the winter and that brought folks from all around the State & country to visit & explore our trails and communities.

The clubs and their volunteers did a wonderful job keeping up & persevering through increased traffic, breakdowns & weekend snowstorms. It is amazing to me that no matter what gets thrown at the dedicated group of individuals here in the County (and statewide as well) they figure out a way to get the trails ready for the thousands of riders who come. Kudos to you, you should be proud of the work that was accomplished this season.

Another thing that always amazes me is the generosity of snowmobilers. Whether it is a charity ride, poker run to raise money for a club, annual auctions, or a meal to feed the groomer fund, people step up & support the cause. There are many clubs & charity organizations that could not function without the money raised. Thank you to all involved organizing, hosting, or spending money at these events.

It was a good winter for riding, I was fortunate to ride on some trails I had not been on before as well as with some folks I had not ridden with before. We have a HUGE variety of trail types here, truly something for every style of riding.

As we come into the off season, do not forget the folks that made your winters' snowmobile adventure possible, especially the landowners & clubs. Without them we would get pretty bored only riding circles around the house or in the back fields.

Please be respectful of the landowners while riding our trails, they are gracious in offering up their private land for us to enjoy the winter on snowmobile over many thousands of miles of interconnecting trails across the State. Many of them do not expect folks to be leaving the trail, and there are all different kinds of hidden hazards and private property items under that blanket of snow you see. I would say we should all think of the snow & land adjacent to the trail as our own front yard, treat it with respect!

Enjoy your summer, I hope to meet even more of you next season!

If you have a question, problem, concern or idea on snowmobiling in "The County" or Maine, get in touch with me. You can contact me at the phone # or email below.

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