

INDUSTRY UPDATE



BRUSHING MADE EASY



Ebert Welding Ltd. of New Liskeard recently introduced the "Brush Bar" trail brush trimming tool. This economical labour saving device is designed to trim trailside branches while the trail is being groomed. This reduces volunteer brushing requirements. The Brush Bar is mounted on the grooming drag and has no moving parts. Branches up to 2.5 inches in diameter leaning into the Brush Bar's path are simply "snagged" by the sharp blades and cleanly cut off as the groomer moves forward. The 8-foot Brush Bar is reinforced with a heavy-duty bracing system and can be folded-in when not in use. Mounting brackets are available for most major drag brands, and one Brush Bar assembly can easily be interchanged between several drags. Ebert Welding Ltd. also manufactures Sur-Trac snowmobile trail groomers and drags. For more information visit their website at www.ebertwelding.com or call them toll free at 1-866-476-6899.

AN ELITE TOW



If you're in the market for an open-bed sled trailer, check out this aluminum trailer. The new Triton Elite14-84 is an open-deck trailer with the ability to rear-load two staggered snowmobiles. The 7-foot wide deck offers a considerably narrower trailer deck for improved aerodynamics. This deck will allow you to see around the trailer better when towing, will tow with smaller vehicles easier and it'll improve overall fuel economy on every trip. Ramp latches and pins are used to secure the ramp while towing and to easily release the hinged sections. High density plastic strips provide you with a non-stick surface for your skis when off-loading. Other useful Triton accessories are available for the Elite 14-84 trailer that will help hauling and securing other general utility loads. See your dealer for details on this and more from Triton Aluminum Trailers!



POLARIS INDUCTS AN ICON INTO THEIR HALL OF FAME

At their National Sales Meeting in Orlando, Florida last August, Polaris recognized some key contributors to the company's long-term success by inducting them into the Polaris Hall of Fame. The new inductees into the Hall of Fame created during the company's 50th anniversary in 2004 include an employee that has always been a friend to us here at OSM and to snowmobiling in Ontario. Ed Skomoroh, a company officer from 1982 through his retirement in 2000, was instrumental in his role as Vice President of Sales & Marketing. He introduced numerous innovative programs and practices, including the company's "Snow Check" snowmobile retailing program. Ed is photographed here with his wife Jean, who is really the brains behind it all! Congratulations Ed, this is a well deserved honour.

WHEN YOU'RE GOOD...YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!



When the group from the Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club, (the 2005 OFSC Club of the Year and the 2006 Canadian Club of the Year), got home after the OFSC's Annual General Meeting, they had another award to squeeze into their trophy case. The KLSC's own Gerry Rintoul was awarded the honour of being named the 2006 Provincial Volunteer of the Year. Congrats Gerry, we'll be sure to see you on the trails this coming winter!

LOOKING TOWARDS '07



2007 will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph-Armand Bombardier and provides the perfect opportunity to update the "In pursuit of a Dream" exhibit, featured in the J. Armand Bombardier Museum since 1990. The revamped exhibit will showcase the inventor's innovative role in creating an industrial empire centred on almost every mode of transport. State-of-the-art technology will be employed to bring to life the unique collection, highlighting the technical information and design features of each vehicle. As well, the revamped exhibit will reveal new aspects of Bombardier's life and work, giving visitors a more in-depth look at this fascinating man. The Museum is now closed and slated to reopen February 6th, 2007 with special activities to mark the anniversary. For more information, please call (450) 532-5300.