CLUB NEWSLETTER: *Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers*

Cabin Hoppers gearing up for a big season on the Kenai

It is that time of the year again, all of the leaves have fallen from the trees and we have had our first snowfall! The Cabin Hoppers are gearing up for another great season on the Kenai Peninsula.

As many of you know, the Caribou Hills was engulfed in a 55,000-plus acre fire this past summer. Hundreds of cabins and outbuildings were destroyed in the fire with equally as many being spared by the raging fire. Tales of the fire burning up to and even under the cabins were very common. Months after the fire, the fireweed and grass were in full bloom as if nothing had ever happened. It is amazing how much the fire changed the look of the hills; tree riding (if you can find some) should be great this year.

CARIBOU HILLS CABIN HOPPERS EVENTS:
Annual Kick-Off Party: Oct 20, 2007
Safe Kids: Nov 17, 2007
Tustumena T-200: Jan 26-27th, 2008
NAPA Fun Run: Feb 23, 2008
WOW Ride: March 1, 2008
Family Fun Day: March 15, 2008

Our annual Kick-Off party was another success this year. We had a new venue this year at the Soldotna Elks lodge. We also added a big screen projector allowing us to watch snowmachine movies while everybody visited and enjoyed some of the delicious food that everybody brought. This year's winners for the raffle were, Delora Garcia for our CHCH jacket, Mike Moneghan won our snowmachine sled and our grand prizewinner was Steve Fanning. Back by popular demand, the winner received his brand of choice and Steve picked a Polaris 550 Trail RMK from A-1 Enterprises in Soldotna. Congratulations to all of our winners. I would like to personally thank everybody that helped make this kick-off another success!

Nolan Compton helps out Josh with the drawing at the annual Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers Kick-Off party last month. Josh drew the winning tickets from the barrel during the banquet. Prizewinners included Delora Garcia, who won a CHCH jacket; Mike Moneghan won a snowmachine sled and Steve Fanning, the grand prizewinner of his brand of choice brand of a snowmachine. Fanning chose a Polaris 550 Trail RMK from A-1 Enterprises in Soldotna.

The Club parking lot located at the gravel pit trail off Oil Well Road received a much-needed improvement this fall — an outhouse! A special thanks to Dave Bunts, Harold Carter, Doug Blossom, Howard Davis, Bean Lacey, Frank Ferguson and Craig Taylor Rental for their donations, time and effort in getting this project completed before winter hit.

Upcoming projects for this year, we will finish putting up signs for the Homer Soil and Water Conservation group. We will also be working on getting the bridges installed over Deep Creek just down over the hill from four-corners heading toward the Jeep Trail. Trail maintenance and grooming will again continue as conditions and snow levels permit.

As you are reading this article, I'm sure it has come to your attention that we are now publishing our newsletter inside the Alaska SnowRider magazine. This is an exciting development for our club to get our information out to other areas of the state.

We hope to see you all on this trails this year. If you have never been to the Hills, now is a perfect time to start planning your trip for this riding season. Don't forget to check our webpage, www.akchch.org for club information, maps, weather conditions and trail reports.

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