Belated Greetings, Everyone!

 After repeated not-so-subtle hints from the public, it’s become abundantly clear to me that I need to “get my thumb out” and get back to writing articles for this newspaper. Missing one month’s edition appears to be acceptable, but two or more…NOT!!

 As you no doubt well know, two of the Bowdoinham Snowbirds’ biggest undertakings of the year are the hosting of the annual Landowners Appreciation Day the first Saturday of August and participation in the town’s “Celebrate Bowdoinham” festivities in early September. Those two events are now history, but word has it, both were hugely successful. I wound up unexpectedly hospitalized the day before the landowners picnic (ever heard of a 64-year-old needing his or her appendix removed??) which meant I not only missed out on all the fun, but several club members wound up stuck with my duties for the day. My deepest thanks to each of these people for going above and beyond what would normally be expected of them (I won’t name them lest I miss someone; they know who they are). I’d also like to express the entire club’s appreciation to 1) Dave and Barb Acker for once again allowing us the use of their property for this special occasion and for providing us all with a to-die-for meal; and 2) Dennis and Gay Gallant of Country Fare, Dale Woerter of Will-Dale Press, and all the other supporting business members who contributed door prizes for us to raffle off.

 In trying to keep with the theme for this year’s “Celebrate Bowdoinham”, it being the town’s 250th anniversary, the Snowbirds created a float that took a step or two back in time. Featuring Santa “Junior MacDonald” Claus atop an old-fashioned sleigh loaded with presents, his hands firmly holding the reins tethered to our version of a couple of reindeer (two snowmobiles), and a large sign proclaiming Santa as “Bowdoinham’s 1st Snowmobiler”, it was quite the sight to see and drew many a chuckle as it made its way along the parade route. Of course, we thought we had an absolute winner in the float completion only to wind up taking 3rd place. Check out the picture in this publication and see what you think.

 If you know of someone who may have questions or concerns about our club, its operations, Bowdoinham’s trails, etc. and you don’t have a ready answer, please refer them to a club officer listed below. One of us ought to be able to provide the information for which they are looking.

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For a piece of the action “Snowbirds style**”,** planto join us the third Wednesday of each month at the Bowdoinham Fire Station. These evenings begin with a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. and the business session follows at 7:00. Why not come get a true feelof what our organization is all about?!

 Should you be overcome with ambition on a Sunday morning, the ever-faithful members of our “Trail Gang” would be more than happy to have you lend them a helping hand as they prepare for the upcoming season. Contact Pat McDonough for the specific location of the work to be done, or meet the gang at the waterfront at 8:00 a.m.. Believe me, you’ll get a warm reception.

 Until next month…

Yours in snowmobiling,

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