what is possible and how we might get under I89, worked
with the Berlin Select Board and have had 3 public hearings
to field questions/concerns. At the time of this writing
we have not gotten official word, but feel we will gain
permission to get us beyond the interstate, and continue
to work on trail access, working with Town Residents,
landowners and seeing what might be possible. Also
in the mix has been support of VASA, looking at this as
an opportunity to share resources and cost to establish
a year round trail. Obviously year round usage creates
more questions and concerns, but we hope to start with
snowmobile access and move from there. We appreciate
all the cooperation from the Town of Berlin and residents as
we explore the thought of re-establishing some trails that
once was overseen by the Berlin Wolverines snowmobile
club.

Membership meetings are underway, monthly, usually the
second Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at the
Steak House Restaurant, 6:30, food and drink are available
during the meeting. We run off an agenda and
meetings usually run 1½ - 2 hours depending on topics.

Next meetings are: January 8th, February 12th, March 12th
& April 9th.
What’s coming up during the season?

Saturday Dec 1st, 2018 - Snowmobile Safety Course Co-hosted by Thunder Chickens and Montpelier Recreation Dept.

Saturday December 1, 2018
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Barre Town School – 70 Websterville Road, Barre, VT 05641

The class is free of charge, but space is limited to the first 40 students.

Lunch will be provided by The Barre Town Thunder Chickens.

Please pre-register for the class by calling the Montpelier Recreation Dept. at 802-225-8699.

Anyone born after July 1, 1983 must complete and pass a six-hour safety course. Adults are welcome to attend.

New law change in 2018 allows us to certify students age 8, 9, 10, & 11 that attend the class and pass the certification test. Prior law stated students must be 12 years old or turning 12 in the riding season to obtain certification.

Snowmobilers can also ride in direct to the event – look for event sign from Cor. 14B between Jct WN7-WN116, temp spur through Northern Power to access the school. Listing of Silent Auction items will be posted on our event page.

This year’s Quilt, again made by Lulah Lavery aka Grams, will be one of the highlights of our fundraising efforts. Gram makes a quilt each year in memory of her grandson Travis and enjoys being involved in the park events.

More details about the event and picture of the quilt can be found on our website: www.BarreTownThunderChickens.com

If you can’t make the event and would like to purchase raffle tickets, contact us at BTThunderChickens@Gmail.com and we can coordinate. 1 ticket for $1 or 6 tickets for $5.

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Saturday Feb 2nd, 2019 - The Barre Town Thunder Chickens invade the Cole’s Pond Sledders Cook Shack for the second time – if you haven’t been to this trailside eatery at Cole’s Pond (Junctions CA60 and CA64) North of West Danville, you need to add it to your bucket list! Great hospitality by George & Colleen Peake and volunteers from CP sledders. Due to loyalty from our club members, they offered us a chance to “work” the cook shack as a fundraising benefit for our club last year and we’ve been invited back this season. We have volunteers lined up to man the shack, but we encourage you to ride in and support both clubs on this day. Cook Shack is open on weekends only 9-4:00. Our neighbors, the Sno-Bees of Barre will be hosting on Feb 9th, so another great opportunity to support local clubs.

Saturday Feb 16th, 2019 – 19th Annual Travis Mercy Skate Park Fundraiser – Hosted by the Barre Town Thunder Chickens and the Mercy Family. Meal Location – Barre Town School

Format will be a Snowmobile Poker Run arriving around 12-12:30 for the meal, silent auction & quilt raffle. Pulled pork and BBQ Chicken meal prepared by Randy Henry and the Racing Chefs. Skate park supporters are welcome to drive directly to the event, purchase a poker hand there $5, or just partake in the meal/ auction. Meal is $10 per plate, $5 kids, under 5 free. Snowmobile Poker Run registration 8:15-9:00 at Vermont Travelers Center (next to Applebee’s), Run leaves around 9:00 a.m.

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