



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

LIONEL CYR

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Lionel (far right) snowmobiling in Maine

Day Job:

Lionel has made his career as an electrician and has been in business for himself for the last 20 years.

How long has Lionel been helping the club:

26 years! Lionel joined Sno-Bees Club in 1997 when he bought his first sled.

Lionel grew up working with his parents on snowmobile trails. His father served as President of the Barre Town Thunder Chickens club and his mother served as Secretary, so Lionel had great exposure and experience as to all the work that goes on in a club.

Volunteer position:

Lionel spent years working on the trails and still does today. Many years ago, he worked on maintaining the trails with Ron Plante. Ron asked him if he would be Trail Master so Ron could focus on being a Trail Coordinator, which served a broader area than just Sno-Bees trails. Lionel stepped up and took on the challenge of Sno-Bees Trail Master. He did this for at 14+ years. This was no small job.

Lionel also served as Treasurer for 4 years.

Most enjoyable activity for the club:

Gathering other volunteers and working on the trail projects in the summer is truly enjoyable for Lionel. When he was the Trail Master, he always had projects going on, repairing, and building bridges, improving trails, and so much more. Lionel and his group of volunteers would tackle the projects with what spare time they had, and he would usually bring food out and have a cookout as a thank you to all who showed up.

Most memorable experience:

Club sponsored Poker Runs were some fun times for Lionel. Riders would sign-up and pay to participate in the event. They would start at the club house; everyone would get a card and take off. There were three more stops, at different locations around the trail system. A card would be drawn at each location. A stop could be at a member's camp or at an intersection. At the end of the ride, everyone would gather back at the club, have dinner, and see who had the best poker hand. The best hand won half of the purse.

"Our trail systems are groomed and maintained so well now, it's like riding on the road. It used to take all day to go from Barre to Washington; now we do that in an hour." Lionel Cyr

Thank you, Lionel, for serving the Sno-Bees Club all these years and helping to keep our trail system the best!

Submitted by Francine Perkins, Membership Volunteer