

D.R.A.G. of Speculator

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Recap of the 2005-2006 Season

The 2005 - 2006 season was a challenge for D.R.A.G. as well as the area businesses that depend on snow-fall. Warm weather and rain hampered what little snow fell and conditions were marginal at best. During a marginal winter, grooming becomes even more important. Melody Lodge donated to D.R.A.G. an older Skandic to pull snow back onto the trails. Equipped with three groomers, D.R.A.G. helped keep the area trails in rideable condition. As it turned out, the Speculator Region had better riding conditions

than just about anywhere on the East Coast. Many people who normally ride in other areas gave Speculator and

Creek. In addition, D.R.A.G. is working with the Pleasant Riders Snowmobile Club and have formed a joint grooming committee to address all trail issues in the area. We hope for better conditions in 2006 - 2007 but are ready



Bombi BR100 w/Sponsor Board

Lake Pleasant a try. D.R.A.G. has geared up for the upcoming winter by adding two more "new to us" Skandic's to our fleet. We will dedicate one groomer to the Lewy Lake trail and will keep an extra groomer in the Village for maintaining Page Street and the trails to Fly

for what ever comes our way. Please continue to support D.R.A.G. as well as the businesses that support our sport.

See 'ya on the trails,
Rick Swift
Bob Carr
D.R.A.G.
Co-founders

★ Capital Sponsors ★

- Charles John Store
- Melody Lodge
- Lemon Tree
- Mountain Market
- Village Rentals

New Name.

More Groomers.

Same great organization!

2006-2007 Officers

- Rick Swift-President
- John Buckley-VP
- Bob Carr-Trail Boss
- Lisa Swift-Treasurer
- Nancy Carr-Secretary
- Cara Buckley-Membership

List of 2005 Sponsors

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- Charles John Store
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Platinum Level \$300+

- Common Grounds Café
- Kingsboro Lumber
- The Lenas Family
- Patriot Consulting
- True North Marine

Gold Level \$150+

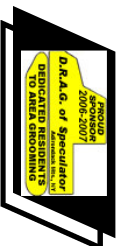
- Fred Miller Jr., Sue & Charlie Albertson, Peter & Gail Bullock, www.iisnow.com, John Occhino, Speculator Department Store, Speculator Self Storage

- Speculator Auto/NAPA
- TKC Custom Graphics
- Swift's Downtown Grill
- Adirondack Mountain Grill
- Speculator Chamber
- Pleasant Riders Snowmobile Club

Silver Level \$75+

- Echo Lake Rustics, The Buckley Family, Cedarhurst Motor Lodge, Shamrock Hill Cottages, Rich & Lore Frisk

And ... all the **'Friends'** sponsors, too many to list, who donated \$10 or more.



DEDICATED RESIDENTS TO AREA GROOMING

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Thank You!

"You guys are putting a tremendous amount of time into D.R.A.G. and I am very thankful"

Vogel Construction along with Melody Lodge and The Lemon Tree turned over ownership of the 1998 Skandic SWT and drag to us. The groomer will continue to service the Village trails.

D.R.A.G. is a proud member of the Adirondacks Speculator Region Chamber of Commerce.

Join a Club and Save \$\$\$!



Every snowmobiler should belong to a snowmobile club and, even better, a club where they ride. Why? Because your membership money does three things: 1) supports the local club trail maintenance activities, 2) supports the statewide trail system through contributions to NYSSA, and 3) gets all the sleds you own registered for less than half the standard registration fee. Standard NYS snowmobile registration was increased to \$100 per sled as part of the passing of the Snowmobile Rights and Responsibili-

ties Act (SRRA), which was passed to help protect land-owners on who's property we ride as well as put more money into the state trail system. A single \$25 club membership fee saves you \$55 per sled! D.R.A.G. is supported, in part, by the Pleasant Riders Snowmobile Club. If you have not joined a club already, visit www.pleasantriders.klink.net and click on the membership button to print an application or visit Village Rentals in Speculator to pick one up.

? Most Frequently Asked Question

It's probably the most frequently asked question by a snowmobiler—"what are the trails like?" D.R.A.G. provides the Speculator Chamber of

Commerce with timely grooming reports and over-all trail conditions. These reports are available to the public and can be found on the Chamber's website.

www.speculatorchamber.com/snowmobiling

D.R.A.G. STICKER

Donations of \$10 or more receive a "Proud Sponsor of D.R.A.G. of Speculator" sticker. Proudly display your D.R.A.G. sticker in your establishment's window. Snowmobilers are very loyal to businesses who support the sport!

STOP BY VILLAGE RENTALS TO GET YOUR STICKER TODAY!



TRAIL WORK



D.R.A.G. is not just about grooming trails! Recently we worked with local business members to improve access to the Village via trail LP4. Historically, this trail has been problematic with poor snow coverage and tight turns.



D.R.A.G. Float in 4th of July Parade

In addition, sleds needed to cross the driveway in front of the carwash which caused a safety concern.

D.R.A.G. cut a new trail from Mt. Market to trail LP4 behind

the school. The new trail is wider, holds more snow, allows sleds to safely enter and exit the parking lot and gives improved access to local businesses. Thank you to all the volunteers and businesses that donated time and equipment to this trail improvement project.

D.R.A.G. has a website!
dragofspeculator.com

We are adding news, pictures and notices all the time, so please check back often!

YOU CAN NOW DONATE TO D.R.A.G. VIA PAYPAL TOO!

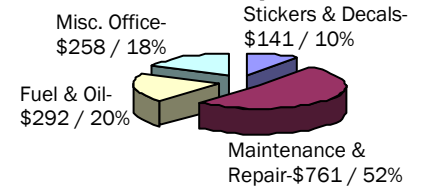
Volunteers

D.R.A.G. is an all volunteer trail maintenance and grooming organization. Our volunteers play a vital role in achieving our goal by contributing their time, energy and ideas. If you are interested in grooming, please contact Rick Swift at 518-548-7368 or Bob Carr at 518-548-5470. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked with us in 2005-2006.



Where'd the money go?

2005 - 2006 Expenses



As expected, Maintenance & Repairs and Fuel & Oil costs accounted for over 70% of D.R.A.G.'s expenses in the 2005-2006 season. We are proud of our equipment ownership so we are determined to keep our fleet well maintained and in safe running condition. Printing and postage costs contributed to the majority of our Misc. Office expense line. D.R.A.G. conducted a direct mail campaign consisting of the 2005 newsletter and sponsorship form. The two used Skandics acquired earlier this year are not shown in the 2005-06 expenses. They were purchased with a loan and the first payment isn't due until 2007.

"I think anybody who rides the Speculator/Lake Pleasant area recognizes the efforts of D.R.A.G.!"