

❄ Westshire ATV Clubs Winter Update February 2009  
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As the snow deepens we are trying to keep our spirits high for the beginning of the the 2009 riding season. May 1<sup>st</sup> seems oh so long away!

It was great having a small group of people at our home this year for a ATV Christmas get together! We enjoyed a great time with a white elephant Yankee swap, and lots of yummy food everyone brought to share ,along with leftover ribs and chicken we had popped in the freezer after our last cookout in the fall they always taste better the second time around!

We enjoyed attending the annual VASA meeting at the Barre Elks club once again this year! Even with the freezing temps there was a pretty good turn out .Bruce had volunteered to be in charge of hanging all the club banners. It looked great having them all on display. Along with the large VASA banner across the stage made a great back drop for all the mighty leaders of Vasa. They had great speakers for the event, that even I could bear listening to. The snacks were wonderful again. It seems all ATV events seem to include food. Thank goodness! Of course the high light of the day was when they announced the winners of the photo contest. I was thrilled to take first place in the category of Ambassador { this

category was to depict good will, model behavior or otherwise promote an exceptionally positive image of the sport.} my four year old grandson {now five} snuggled in his seat safely sleeping with his helmet on seem to take the cake. Ruff sport right? That means that I am now the proud owner of a lifetime membership plus trail pass to Vasa. Lets see that means at the \$35.00 value right now and if I can climb on a machine for another 10 years I won at least \$350.00. Also in the category of Friends and Family I took second place which won me a \$50.00 Sunoco gas card that is almost two fill ups in my vehicle ,wait I'm not done bragging yet I also placed third in two divisions Construction and Nature which means Bruce and I both should be sporting new VASA Polo Shirts soon. Yeah Me!! Ok so I have to admit that if more people had entered I might not have been so lucky! But it was sure nice for this year to take so many nice prizes! THANKS VASA 1!! Hope you offer the same contest next year!

For the first time this year Bruce convinced me I should attend the Yankee Sportsman Classic at the Essex Junction Fairgrounds with him, and help out at the VASA booth. Dani had a great display set up! I was surprised to hear how many people thought VASA and VAST were the same organization! Of course the members were great about explaining the difference and any other questions people had such as how they could get a trail map? Join a

club and Vasa of course was the reply. My final amazement was that I had never seen so many Camo clad people under one roof at the same time! It was very interesting to say the least! You should check it out next year.

We are in the process of starting to plan some events for our groups 2009 riding year. Tophsam Trailriders have asked to share our annual Blessing of the ATVS at the West Fairlee Center Church this summer which will be great since the attendance for that event has dwindled over the last couple of years. They would also like to share a cookout with our group the same day.,which should be fun. If you have ideas that you would like to see happen during next years season please let us know. We would LOVE to see a larger attendance next year at our meetings! Our first meeting of the 2009 riding season will be at our home on April 8<sup>th</sup> [or town center building if warm enough]at 6:30 pm .We hope to start the clubs meetings again at the town center building here in West Fairlee Center in May. We have 2009 memberships for sale at our home anytime with an advance phone call.802-333-9351

Hope to see you on the trail or at a meeting soon!  
Keep smiling spring isn't that far away ! Is it? ☺☺☺