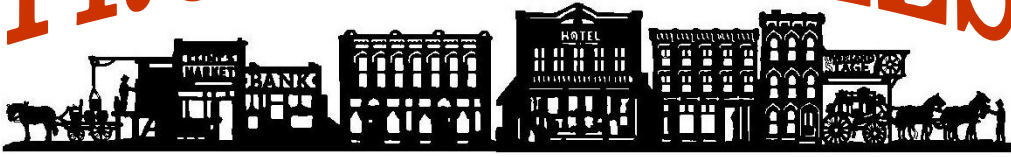


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Snow is in the Forecast



Welcome back Snowmobilers! We are only a few short months from hitting the trails.

With memories of the late season snowstorm fresh in our minds, hopes for an active snowstorm pattern abound.

Forecasts are beginning to appear, painting a picture we can only hope includes epic snows from yesteryear.

The first issue of this season's sled magazines are hitting the newstands, ready to tempt us with stories and pics of the latest and greatest.



Blizzard of 78'...could we see another?
Photo courtesy toledoblade.com

We know the thrill and excitement snowmobiling brings us. We cannot wait to get back out on the trail.

Plan your adventure now, are you going to hit old favorite sections, seek out new destinations or take up the covered bridge challenge?

Make this season a one you will share, take a friend snowmobiling. You know how much fun snowmobiling is, perhaps friends with no prior experience would like to try riding if only given a chance.

Talk about riding now, you will be surprised at the interest, even this time of the year.



Looking for a new or "new" to you snowmobile? Perhaps a mod or accessory for your ride is what you are yearning for? Something new without breaking the bank can fill the time until the snow flies. The BigEast Powersports show is coming to Syracuse, good place to find what you're looking for.

Whatever comes this season, let's be ready!

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What's Cooking?

The East Berne Adopt A Highway clean up took place last spring. 8 members took part in the important task. A couple hours work goes a long way in helping the club. Photos by Gerry Lenseth.



Do you know any of these hard working club members?

Adopt A Highway



The fall Adopt A Highway outings will be announced soon, don't miss out on the fun!

Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Trail work in progress on C7B, Turner Rd.
Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Trail work in progress on C7E, Zarcarco Rd.
Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Trail work in progress on C7B, Rt 30.

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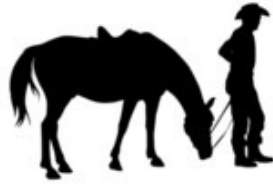


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Trail Marshal says...

Join the Club today. It's one less thing to worry about when the snow is piling up. Plus it helps your club by putting funds to work right away. After completing your renewal, why not go ahead and register your snowmobile as well?



Popular Upstate NY snowmobiling trail closed over apparent windmill farm dispute

A popular snowmobiling route located in one of the prime snowmobiling spots in the state will be closed this winter due to hard feelings between the property owner and local officials.

Local snowmobilers and others feel the action is connected to a huge, proposed windmill project in the towns of Redfield and Worth in Oswego and Jefferson counties, respectively.

Matt Smith, director of operations for the Salmon River Timberlands LLC, a subsidiary of WoodWise Land Company, recently informed Redfield Snowmobile Association President Edward B. Montieth in a letter that his company will not open snowmobile trails to the public on his company's land because the Redfield Town Board and the Tug Hill Commission have allegedly "rejected the idea of working with our company in a reasonable manner."

"All gates will be locked throughout the winter, so in the interest of safety, it is imperative that the club makes every effort to notify the people who have utilized these trails in the past," Smith said. He provided no additional information and did not return several phone calls and emails. The area that will be restricted contains about 20

miles of trails that essentially amount to the southwest gateway to the Tug Hill Region. The Tug Hill is popular with snowmobilers across the state and beyond because it gets more snow than any other part of New York. Sledders use the trail as a main route to ride back and forth between northeastern Oswego County and neighboring Lewis County.

Snowmobile club officials and others told NYUp.com the letter came as a surprise and appears to be connected to town's discussions concerning the proposed, Mad River Wind Farm, 125-turbine project proposed by Avangrid Renewables on some 200 acres of Timberland's 20,000-acre property.

Montieth believes Smith's letter resulted from problems caused by Redfield's efforts to create a zoning ordinance that was prompted by the windmill project. The ordinance at this point has not been approved. "He's trying to get a wind project going and is having some bickering with the town over the project and just wants to take it out on someone else," Montieth said, stressing his club is not taking a position on the project and intends to stay out of the controversy.

"He (Smith) told me snowmobilers don't do nothing for him. All we do is use his land and don't do nothing else," the snowmobile club president said. Town Supervisor Tanya Yerdon did not return several phone calls for comment.

However, Elaine Yerdon, who is also on the town board and related to the town supervisor by marriage, said, "This is just a big power play and we

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Help Wanted: Trails Coordinator

1. Keeps club informed of major trail improvement plans.
2. Coordinates grooming operation needs with the equipment boss and trail bosses.
3. A second point of contact for landowners along with specific trail boss for the area.
4. STEP inspector. Verifies proper signage on the trail system.
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Continued from page 3 have done nothing to provoke it."

An Avandgrid spokesman said the windfarm is expected to cost "hundreds of millions of dollars" and would generate some \$2 million a year in revenues at the local and county levels.

Montieth said his 700-member snowmobile club has members from throughout the state, along with from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and the New England states. He said snowmobile has a huge economic impact on Redfield and the surrounding area, with many sledders having winter camps there along with eating meals and drinks, buying groceries and gas and making other purchases.

He said club members are hard at work looking for, and seeking permission for alternative snowmobiling routes in the area.

Paul Coleman, communications manager for the Portland, Oregon-based, Avandgrid, said his company is working closely with the town and the land owner on the project. He said whatever is Smith's issue, "it is unrelated to the windmill permitting efforts."

"Our windmills in New York and elsewhere have supported snowmobiles and all-season trail use," he noting his company has part ownership in the Maple Ridge project in Lowville, which is also in the Tug Hill region. He added that Mad River project is still very early in the permitting process and that it will take several years, requiring approval at the local, state and federal levels.

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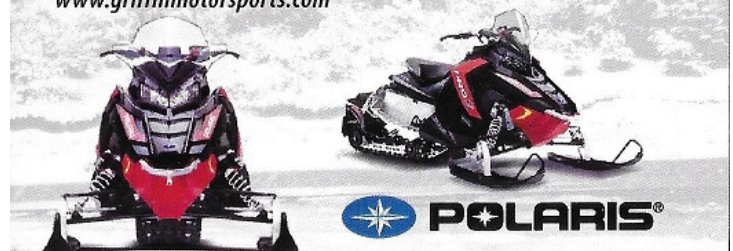
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