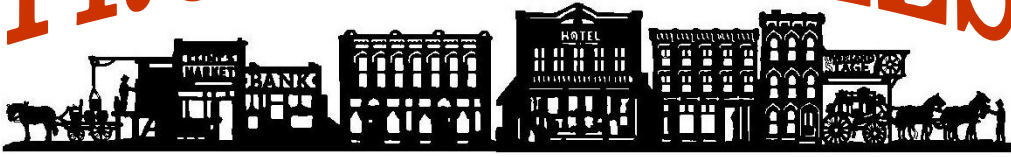


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Frontier Trails Opened!

In a season which has had plenty of cold, it has lacked in snowfall. Finally the area got dumped on by two small scale storms only days apart. While each was limited in number of inches of snow, combined they allowed the trails to go green (open).

Too often this season Frontier land would get a nice base layer started only to have a thaw strike and remove that layer.

Hopefully club members got out and rode in the days that followed, because another thaw came and quickly turned the trails back to condition red (closed).

Grooming took place in limited areas and high levels of snowmobile traffic took their toll on the trail conditions.

Club members got to enjoy the trails if only for a short time. Being able to ride locally is so important. A big thanks goes out to our landowners, their support for the sport is critical.

Perhaps the Frontier trails will get another chance to get used this season? Do your snow dance as the forecast does not look favorable.

Helderberg Mountain Brewing Company

to host club meeting in Tap Room, across from the old Maple Inn location, at 83 Main St, East Berne. Come join us on February 21st, Wednesday evening, 7pm.



Putting up trail signs in the Charleston State Forest. (see story on page 4)

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<p>SATURDAY ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICE FISHING WITH NYSDEC 3 ON 3 HOCKEY, CURLING DEMONSTRATION, HOVERCRAFT DEMO, TRACTOR RIDES RESCUE DEMO 1:00 Albany County Sheriff's Office and Coeymans Hollow Fire Dept. ICE SAFETY With local law enforcement KIDS CRAFTS, 4H ACTIVITY Albany County Youth Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension 	<p>SUNDAY ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAKE A FRIEND SNOWMOBILING with NYS Snowmobile Association Please join us both days in Waldman Lodge for HOT CHOCOLATE and SNACKS Thank you to Dominie Kawczak for providing refreshments
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All activities are subject to change. For more information call (518) 768-2560

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Take A Friend Snowmobiling Event Cancelled

The Lawson Lake Winter Carnival events scheduled for Saturday went forward.

However, the Sunday (18th) Take a Friend Snowmobiling event was canceled due to the lack of snow.

A brief snowfall Saturday night added about 3 inches, but with no base, was not enough.

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The club offer for purchase of a PB100 groomer located in the Catskills was not accepted.

Several landowner changes have been made throughout the system, individual owners will need to be contacted and new landowner forms signed.

New club clothing is in and available as well as super raffle tickets. Come to a meeting to purchase.

The club is expecting the 70% trail grant checks by end of the month.

The club is looking into hosting a Take A Friend Snowmobiling event in Schenectady County within the next few years.

A new drag will need to be built for one of the new Skandics including the purchase of a new actuator.

The Town of Knox would like to work with the club to prepare for the need of emergency extractions.

B&B Powersports is willing to work with us on a trailer fundraiser auction.

Possible fuel tank for groomers to be stationed at Tom's.

Tasting Room in East Berne indicated that we can use their business to hold monthly meetings.

A number of trails on Conservation Easement lands in the Adirondacks have been closed or rerouted to avoid logging operations. Check DEC's Adirondack Backcountry Information [website](#) and area snowmobile club websites for information on trail closures and reroutes.

Reports From the Web

There is a lot of trail confusion in and around the fields of Gage and Middle Roads. Could be due to some people avoiding poor conditions in the plowed farm fields, yes the plowed fields were near impassable.

Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - no report.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Groomed a week ago Sat. Trails were decent for a week.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Trails were groomed as best as we could. Issue with lake access, One rider used the property at end of the lake by purple camp to access or exit the lake and caused some damage. Do not use this property for lake entry or exit .

Burtonsville - - People are using the new C7E trail. They are crossing Irish Creek. Some have broken thru ice and there is water is running. Some are still using old trail thru Korona farm yard. Still signs on old trail. The trail no longer goes into the Lost Valley State Forest.

Knox - Ron Shultes - The PB 100 groomed C7B from Knox to the end of Maple Inn trail, S73, turned around at the Mobile gas station in East Berne on S72 and groomed back to Knox. The bigger groomers will not be going back out until we get more snow.

Wright - Joel Church - Riders were going off trail near cattle farm, new chain gate should prevent trespassing.

Township - Skip Murrell - no report.

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - One land owner issue to be addressed

Duanesburg- Aaron Nickloy - no report.



One of the most fearful things a snowmobiler will encounter, a frozen plowed field!

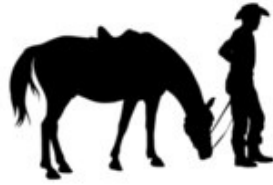


Trail Marshal says...

Stay on the marked trail. Within hours of the trails going green (open), the calls about people riding where they shouldn't be started coming in.

If you are going to break trail, please know where it runs. If you make bad tracks, others will follow.

Poor signage is one area we are working on improving. We could use help.



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a 15 percent increase from last year. The trail grants support 10,400 miles of designated trails across the state for snowmobilers to safely enjoy.

(continued from page 1 - Take A Friend Snowmobiling)

Thanks to those of you that were going to help and support the event. We will attempt it again next year.

Gerry Lenseth

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$5 MILLION FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND GROOMING ACROSS NEW YORK STATE

"New York is home to some of the best snowmobiling in the country and provides visitors from around the world with endless opportunities to enjoy winter in Upstate New York," **Governor Cuomo said.**

"With this funding, we ensure that these trails are kept in good condition for future generations of outdoor enthusiasts."

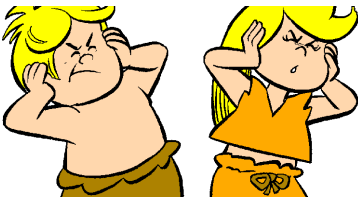
The Governor announced \$4 million for snowmobile trail maintenance to local communities in New York,

The local grants program is funded by snowmobile registration fees collected by the State Department of Motor Vehicles and deposited into the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund. County and municipal governments distribute the grants to about 230 snowmobile clubs across the state, which in turn groom and maintain the trails.

In addition, State Parks has authorized more than \$1.1 million in federal Recreation Trail Program grants to help seven snowmobile clubs purchase essential equipment to maintain regional snowmobile trails. Funding comes from the Recreation Trails Program, which is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and administered by State Parks.

Local snowmobile clubs are a critical partner in keeping the state snowmobile trail system groomed for safe travel.

Frontier Sno Riders applied for the RTP grant but was not selected.



Remember

Low pipes close trails!

No Braap



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Charleston C7E Trail Open and Ready For Snow

After many months of work the trail reroute is complete.

There will be on-going projects to improve the trail over the next few years. Bridges to be built, stumps ground down, tight spots removed, and general widening of the trail are all on the list.

A big thanks goes out to Laudy Hoyenga for being willing to step up and help out whenever there was a work party. His tenacity for getting the job done is an inspiration. Plus having his UTV to haul us and equipment many miles into the deep woods is invaluable. This project would not have been completed as quickly as it was if not for Laudy's dedication.

Many other club members have traveled out into the wilds to work on this trail:

Tom Rulison, Gerry Lenseth, Andy Fielding, Jason Drobnack (State Forester), Brian Buchardt, David Martin, Joel Vadney, Tyler Vadney, Ryan Vadney, MaryAnn Nickloy, and Christian Church.

Many of these folks came out to help work on a trail not in their "home" area. They answered the call and sometimes endured extremely cold conditions to complete the task.

Besides the actual trail building, many hours and much driving was needed to GPS the route and get landowner permission. The latter being some of the hardest part of trail building!

I personally enjoy working on building trails and in many spots this was brand new trail going in. Other areas we were using cross-country ski trails, some which had fallen into disrepair.

Hopefully more snowmobilers will get to use the trail this season, myself included! Joel Church



Cutting open a very old logging road on the C7E reroute.



Nice wide section of C7E in the woods.



An icy part of the C7E trail just north of Hughes Rd.



Signs being put up along C7E.



January 13 Christian Church, Laudy Hoyenga, and MaryAnn Nickloy break for lunch while on a work party.



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Trail Boss Pics



Grooming in Knox after the snowfall in February. Photo from FaceBook page.



New bridge supports put in place on the Cole Rd bridge in Delanson. Photo by Tom Rulison



Steering bands from the Bombi groomer. One band end was found to be broken, a replacement band is being ordered. Photo by Gerry Lenseth

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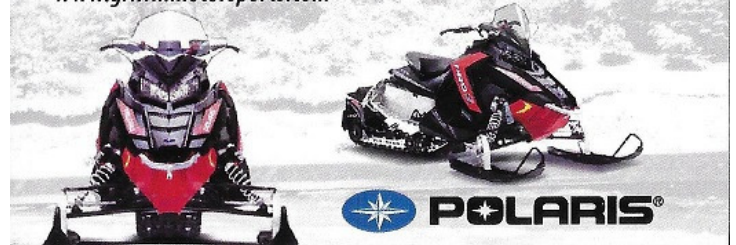
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