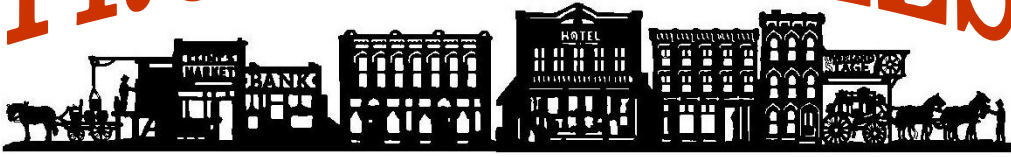


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New Skandic Groomers



2018 Ski-Doo Skandic SWT ACE 900

Frontier Sno Riders have added to the grooming fleet a pair of 2018 Ski-Doo Skandics.

Both are powered by ACE 900 4-stroke, triple cylinder, fuel injected engines. Each comes with a factory mounted winch and tow ball. The rear skid have articulating action for easy reverse in deep snow. Fuel economy is the best in the industry and range will be far thanks to the 12 gallon tank.

The club needed to replace the two older 2002 Skandics and the sales of which helped off set the purchase price.

These machines should be trail ready in early January, snowfall willing. Trails C7E and C7B in the Delanson and Duanesburg area will be groomed by these machines.



The ACE 900 engine.



Snowfall and Trail Conditions

Snow has been falling, temps were sub-zero, how come most of the Frontier trails remain closed? While the ground has indeed frozen, the needed covering of snow has failed to fall.

Two solid weeks of very cold air has set winter in full on mode. Only one storm has hit the Frontier area, and it was a minor storm, 4 to 5 inches.

Those who have ventured out on the trail must realize they are putting the trail system in jeopardy. Between carbide cuts and track spin, the ground will reveal their work come spring.

Trail conditions are easily reported right now, closed. Until more snow falls, please respect the open/closed status of the trails.

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Trail Log



The annual Groomer Show at Salisbury to be held January 13. If interested in attending please contact Pres Chris Bukowski.

A chainsaw operators course is in the planning stages for April 7, 9:30am. \$30 entry fee, pre-registration required. If interested in attending please contact Pres Chris Bukowski.

Winterfest will be held at Lawson Lake on February 18. Snowmobile rides will be given to people who have never been on a snowmobile. This is part of the Take A Friend Snowmobiling program. If you would like to help out and volunteer, please contact Gerry Lenseth at 518-872-9374.

Skip Murrell has completed upgrades to the Bombi groomer. Gerry Lenseth has worked on re-building the transmission as well. A huge thanks goes out to these two!

Schenectady County is interested in hosting an event like Winterfest and would like the club to be involved.

Club meeting to be held at the Township Tavern Wednesday, January 10, 7pm.

Frontier Sno Riders were not selected for the RTP grant. Many clubs applied, only a few were awarded.



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Signs went up right after hunting season ended.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Trails are ready for snow.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - All signed and ready.

Burtonsville - Jeremy Stoliker - Reroute work started on section of C7E. Road crossings all signed.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Signs up, brush hogging done.

Wright - Joel Church - Signs are up, trail ready.

Township - Skip Murrell - Area ready, checking for downed trees after high winds.

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - New supports under bridge put in place, trails are set.

Duanesburg- Aaron Nickloy - Schoharie Tpk to Weaver Rd finished, Scott's Printing to Ash Lane done, and Mt View to Featherstaugh completed.

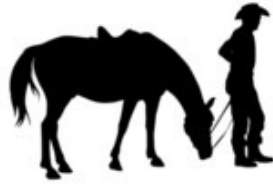


Laudy Hoyenga working on C7E in extreme conditions!



Trail Marshal says...

Please stay off the trails until they officially open. We have snow, just not enough to protect the ground below. Besides the snowmobile can take some real punishment hitting rocks and stumps normally covered by snow pack. The high winds have really hurt the open fields, sweeping away what snow there was. You can prevent trail closings!



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Trail Boss Pics



Laudy Hoyenga at a gate on trail C7E in the Charleston State Forest.



C7B near Knox Cave Rd, signing the trail.



Joel Church at the Sara Lib road crossing of C7E.



Signing trail C7E north of Charleston SF.



Laudy Hoyenga and Andy Fielding work on removing a stump.



C7E Charleston State Forest Update

Due to changes in the route through the State Forest, late work on the trail was required.

After hiking the woods with the State Forester, Jason Drobneck, a new route was flagged. This route will allow the trail to remain well within the State Forest and away from private property.

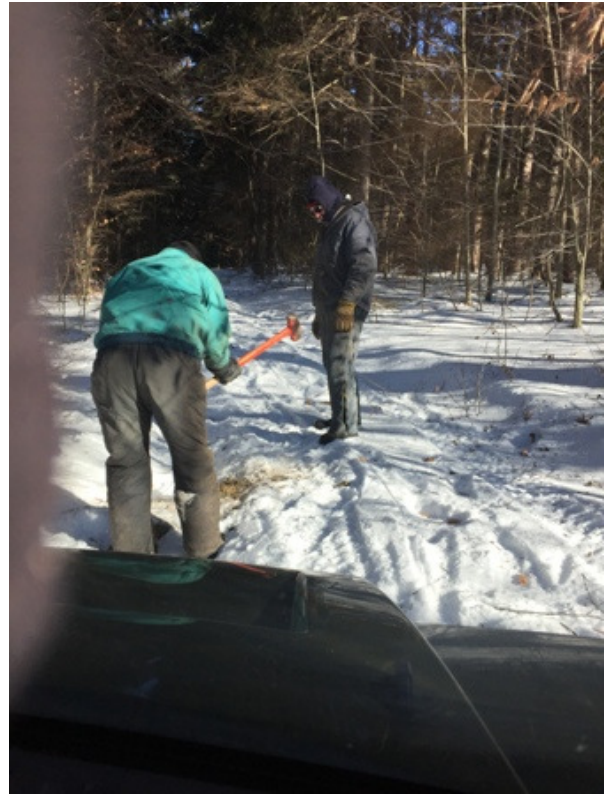
An initial work party was held on New Years Day in very extreme conditions, bitter cold. Great progress was made with 9 volunteers who braved the arctic weather.

The cold temps played havoc not only with the humans, but with equipment as well. Two of the ATV/UTV's had running issues and could not be used.

Many logs and limbs were frozen onto the ground which required breaking them free with sledge hammers.

The trail is not yet complete, another work party is to be scheduled in the near future. Those wishing to help out, please contact Joel Church at 518-895-5451.

Taking part in the work party were Laudy Hoyenga, Tom Rulison, Brian Buchardt, Mary-Ann Nickloy, Joel Vadney, sons Tyler and Ryan, David Martin and Joel Church.



Laudy Hoyenga and Joel Vadney work on freeing a frozen log in the rerouted C7E trail.



Frosty conditions made it a challenge to work in.



Side by sides brought equipment to the work site.



Cutting small brush on the new trail section.



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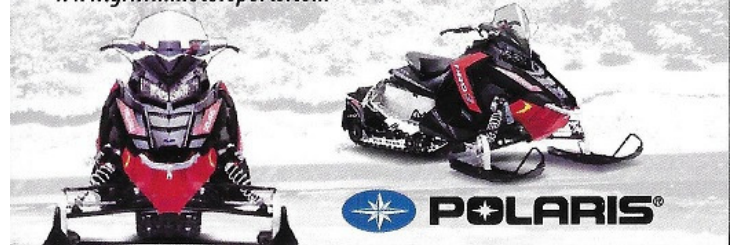
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