

Frontier Sno Riders

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## Trails To Be Funded For 08-09'

Due to a loud and united message from snowmobilers across the state, the Governor took steps to ensure that snowmobile trails would be funded this season.

Late in the spring, the Office of Budget directed that \$1,000,000 be taken from the snowmobile fund and deposited directly into the general fund. While this move was legal, it was seen as stealing.

Technically the money was not stolen, yet in the eyes of New York snowmobilers it was. Snowmobilers from all over New York and many from outside the state, called, wrote, emailed, and faxed the Governor asking that the funds be restored.



Many state senators signed on to support the push to restore the funds. Dire consequences faced many clubs as costs have risen. The loss of trail funds would close many trails in the coming winter. This in turn would hurt the local economies that depend on snowmobiling as a winter sport.

While the \$1,000,000 will not be returned from the general fund, other sources will instead be used to make up the loss. Over a period of 3 years the money will be coming in. Additionally more money is being put into New York snowmobiling.

At first this theft of funds looked bad, but it now has turned into a possible victory for snowmobiling in New York State.

## Club Youth Program

In an effort to get our youth more involved with snowmobiling at the club level, the Club is asking if there is an interest to have children of family memberships become Snowmobile Trail Stewards.

Snowmobile Trail Stewards, under adult Club member supervision, would take part in many functions of the Club.

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# September 2008

## Schedule of Events

- Sep 10 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Lodge
- Sep 17 Club Meeting - Berne, 7pm Maple Inn
- Sep 24 Board Meeting, 7pm Maple Inn.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Club Meeting Esperance	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 Club Meeting Maple Inn.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Board Meeting at Maple Inn.	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# October 2008

## Schedule of Events

- Oct 8 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Lodge
- Oct 15 Club Meeting - Berne, 7pm Maple Inn
- Oct 22 Board Meeting, 7pm Maple Inn.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Club Meeting Esperance	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Club Meeting Berne.	16	17	18
19	20 Columbus Day	21	22 Board Meeting at Maple Inn.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

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**Trail Grants** A great debt of gratitude goes to Lisa Karbowski for her outstanding and time consuming efforts to get all our grant applications submitted. With 4 counties to deal with plus other municipalities, our Club has more paper work to fill out than any other club in the state when it comes to grants!

**Groomer Equipment** President Tom Rulison reports that all the equipment is in storage with only minor maintenance required to prepare them for the upcoming season.

**Groomer For Sale** The Club is selling the '95 Scandic Groomer for \$1500. This includes the drag. If you know of an interested party, please contact one of the Trail Bosses.

**Trail Upgrade** Work will be starting on Trail 7B expanding it from Class "B" to Class "A" in Albany county. Class "A" trails receive double the amount of funding per mile that Class "B" trails get. The 10' width will also make the trails smoother and safer.



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**Work Parties** Be sure to come to the next meeting if you are interested in helping with any of the many seasonal projects on the trail system. Trail Bosses are available at meetings to take your name and phone number so you can be notified when work on a project will be.

**Landowners** Letters will be issued to Landowners this Fall to explain the intended trail preparation work for this season and thank them for their cooperation and support. Without them our Club would have no trails. If you know a landowner, please let them know you value their support of the Frontier Sno Riders. If you know a landowner has an issue, please let the Club know right away. We enjoy good relations with our landowners and we want to keep it that way.

**Committees** The following committee chairperson positions are open and need you to fill them: Safety & Education Fund Raising & Awards Nominating & Election. Please volunteer.

**Guest Speakers** The Club will be inviting guest speakers to some club meetings. Be sure to attend!



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(continued from page 1) Participants would join in trail brushing and clearing, putting up signs, and even learning how to groom trails. Other activities may include helping sell raffle tickets, highway cleanup days, and local parades.

Aside from all the work, there would be group rides to enjoy the snowmobile trails!

Getting our younger members more involved could help them by creating an outlet for them to explore and see how the trails they ride come to be. It may even help a few of them become Club leaders in the future. Giving the younger members responsibility will help ensure that the trails are maintained and the land respected.

Requirements for the youths to participate would be to have completed the New York State Snowmobile Safety course or be 14 to 17 years of age and eligible to take the course when given. The youths must also be part of a family membership or hold their own membership in the Club. Owning a snowmobile is not a requirement.

### Membership Survey

1. Is the Snowmobile Trail Stewards program something the Club should pursue?
2. Do you have a child or teen who would be interested in joining the Trail Stewards?
3. Would you be interested in helping the Trail Stewards program?
4. Would you be able to help out at meetings? (driving kids to meetings, etc.)
5. Would you be able to help out at activities? (general pervision to teaching an activity, like grooming)

### Frontier Sno Riders

## Snowmobile Trail Stewards



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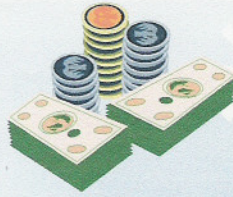
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### Support Your Club — Merchandise Available

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2) Upon closing, Valley View Realty will make a donation to Frontier Sno Riders in the amount of \$450.00



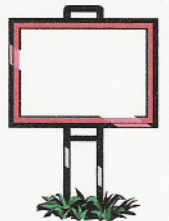
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