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Travel Guide To Frontier Sno Rider Trails

Hopefully this issue of the newsletter finds you preparing to ride the Frontier Trails. To make sure you have an enjoyable ride, here is a guide to services found on or near the trail system.

A common launching spot for many members is Duanesburg. It is located just up the hill from Schenectady and Albany, and just off I-88 at exit 24. There is both food and fuel in town. Jonathan's offers pizza and Italian cuisine. Across the street is a Stewart's shop for fuel. The Duanesburg Diner serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.



Jonathan's Pizza in Duanesburg

From Jonathan's, ride around the Duanesburg airport, heading west from the village you will come to a trail intersection just after crossing route 7, SD14. Taking the north bound trail, C7B, toward Mariaville will take you across route 20 and then up a hill.



Intersection SD14

Mariaville will bring you to the lake and Mariaville Country Store and Pizza. Inside the store are supplies for you and your sled. Spark plugs, injector oil, etc. might be just what you need on a long trip. There is also parking for trucks and trailers at the Mariaville Store. You can

Up on top of the hill you will find another trail intersection. Following the signs to



Mariaville Country Store and Pizza

eat in and stay warm this winter.

Across the road there are rooms available for those planning an overnight stay at the Mariaville Lake Bed and Breakfast.



Mariaville Motorsports

Riding west from the last intersection will bring you to Mariaville

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January 2009

Schedule of Events

- Jan 14 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Club.
- Jan 21 Club Meeting , 7pm Maple Inn, Berne.
- Jan 25 Club Ride 10am Duanesburg
- Jan 28 Board Meeting, 7pm Elk's Lodge, Esperance.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Club meeting Esperance	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21 Club meeting Berne	22	23	24
25 Club Ride Duanesburg	26	27	28 Board meeting Esperance	29	30	31

February 2009


Schedule of Events

- Feb 7 Vermont Border to Border in 24 Hours, Woodford, VT
- Feb 11 Club Meeting Esperance, 7pm Elks Lodge.
- Feb 14-15 Eastern Nationals Snocross
- Feb 18 Club Meeting , 7pm Berne, Maple Inn
- Feb 25 Board Meeting, 7pm TBD.

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Club News

Snowmobile Safety class in Knox was a great success. There are still spots open in the January class to be held in Duanesburg on the 10th. Call Tom Rulison now to secure your seat in class.

Insurance The Club is going to switch insurers so that Club members who work on trails will have better coverage. The cost to the Club will likely be more, but should give all members more peace of mind.

Club Ride Hopefully a Club Ride will be attempted on January 25th. Riders will meet at Jonathan's in Duanesburg at 10am. Departure time will be 11am. Destination will be the Maple Inn in East Berne. Hope for good snow cover.

Weekend Rides Check the website for info on impromptu Club rides that will take place on the Frontier Sno Riders trails weather permitting. These rides will allow members to travel sections of the trails they may never have ridden before.

Club Raffle The Club raffle is off to a slow start this year. The NYSSA tickets have yet to be given out to the membership. NYSSA reports that due to hard economic times, securing prizes has been tough. Hopefully by the January club meetings the tickets will be ready to be sold.

Trail Log

C7B Berne to Duanesburg all signs are up. Tree removal and brushing are ongoing.

Ice storm damage was extensive. Many trees came down all across the trail network. Crews of Club members have been working whenever they can to reopen the trails.

Late December snow storms helped create an early opening of the trails. Unfortunately some trails were still not fully cleared and brushed. More help is needed from the silent side of the membership.

C7E from Esperance towards the Charleston State Forest is closed at present time due to land owner concerns. Please respect the land owner's wishes, do not trespass.

C7B from Duanesburg north to Mariaville is unsigned and needs brushing. If you ride this trail regularly, please contact Tom Rulison for details on how you can help open it for the season.



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Picking up the south bound C7B trail near Duanesburg at the SD14 intersection, will take you under I-88 and across the Schoharie Turnpike. Shortly thereafter you will come to an intersection in a field.



Gibby's Diner

Taking the trail C7E (old S72) west will bring you to Quaker Street (a small village). Just about a ¼ mile west of where the trail crosses Rt.7 you will see Gibby's Diner. They are open Wednesday through Sunday, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They do close for about 3 weeks mid winter, so be prepared.

Following C7E down into the valley through Delanson and up again will bring you near to Lucia's Deli and a Citgo gasoline station for food and fuel.

Continuing west towards Esperance you will find a Stewart's Shop and the Hillview Tavern. Beyond Esperance, C7E climbs up into the Charleston State Forest. Turning right (north) at intersection SC3 onto C7F takes you north through the forest lands towards the Town of Florida trails.

Riding south on trail C7B from Duanesburg will take you on a long run with no service available. Plan on about 20 miles before you reach food and fuel at East Berne. There you will find the Maple Inn, a restaurant and bar serving fine food and drink. Around the corner is a Mobil Mart at trails end.



Holiday Inn Express

There are a couple of intersections that turn off C7B heading towards Schoharie Middleburg, Partridge Run, and Westerlo.

Many options are available for you while riding the Frontier Sno Riders trails. Those from out of the area can also find lodging at a Holiday Inn Express in Central Bridge, at I-88 exit 23 and Rt. 30A. Plenty of food and fuel stops are located throughout the trail system.



Maple Inn

Be sure to check the Club website for the latest on which trails are open and current conditions. www.frontiersno.com

Many of the business's have ads in this newsletter. For more information on service and availability, please contact them. They support us, so we should support them.

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NYSSA News

CV proposal appeals to snowmobile enthusiasts

Park director's plan draws mixed reaction
By Tom Wilber · Staff Writer · December 1, 2008

A park official has invited snowmobile enthusiasts to cruise trails at Chenango Valley State Park to the dismay of others who relish the serenity of the ecological showpiece overlooking the Chenango River. Trails at 1,000-acre Chenango Valley park in the Town of Fenton meander through old-growth hardwoods and cedars.

The plan, proposed by park director Mike Boyle, must first pass muster by higher-ups in Albany. The plan would open about 10 miles of trails in the heart of the park, but offer no connection to trails outside the park.

from www.pressconnects.com

Support Your Club — Merchandise Available

The Club is now selling baseball caps with the Club's logo on it. Two styles available: high-rise and lowrise. Both styles come in 4 colors; Black, Navy, Royal & Red. Each sells for \$12. Sweatshirts sell for \$20, knit caps (navy or black) sell for \$12.



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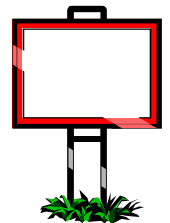


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The 350-mile Vermont Border to Border in 24 Hours, is a trans-state ride that begins near the MA/VT Border in Woodford, Vermont and ends near the Canadian Border in Norton, Vermont. It is a fundraiser for the 30,000 children and young adults with Cystic Fibrosis (a genetic disease that affects the lungs and pancreas).

To date we have done three "B2B"s, and our fourth is set for **February 7th, 2009**. The rides takes place in Vermont, but its proceeds help the patients right here in the Capital District, at Albany Medical Center through the Donna Crandall Memorial Foundation.

A total of 500 riders participated in the first three rides and raised an astounding **\$180,000!** Its just one of many ways how snowmobilers give back and make a difference in their communities. I hope its something you can participate in. Please our website for more details, www.vtb2bn24.org

Thank you,

Tom Potanovic (Frontier Sno Rider member!)
Princeton, NY
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Trail Work Parties The following pics are from the Frontier Sno Riders trail C7B, south of Du-anesburg. These work parties were out and about just before Christmas. (Where were you?)



Staking posts along the Blue Heron Airport



Christian C. clears a snowy hill section.



The old 'Maple Tree' junction.



The crew cuts groomer grabbing stumps.



Brian B. and Ron S. clearing limbs from trail.

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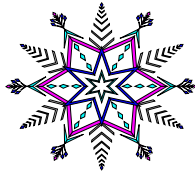
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Now is the time to help your Club.
Pick up the phone and call a trail boss to see where and when you could lend a hand.

Club Ride January 25th 10am
Jonathan's in Duanesburg to
Maple Inn in East Berne. Check
website to verify date and time.

Think Snow!

(This is the coldest month.)



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