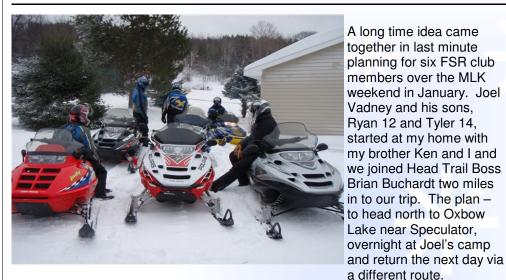
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# **Frontier Times**

## East Berne to Oxbow and Back



Sunday morning we headed north-northwest from the beginning of C7B at the East Berne Mobil Mart at 10:30 am. Just twenty miles into our ride we encountered signs for "hot chocolate ahead" and stopped to patronize Frontier trail stewards Matt and Christian Church – a welcomed surprise. Continuing on C7B past Duanesburg into the Featherstonehaugh Forest we encountered a DEC checkpoint (not so welcomed – but all was legal). On past Mariaville Motorsports through the Stanley Turnpike into the Florida Clubs trail system where the trails become wide open rolling farmland with great vistas (my personal riding favorite).



As we descended into the Mohawk Valley, C7B crosses C7P (the rails to trails path along the Mohawk) and continued over Lock 12 at Fort Hunter. North of the river, trail signage was not the best but Joel and I had traveled this section in the past, so we made our way to the end of C7B where it meets C7D approximately sixty miles from East Berne. At this point, my brother headed back home and we continued west on C7

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Bridge near Rt 146 on C7B

## March 2009

Schedule of Events	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul> <li>Mar 11 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Club.</li> <li>Mar 18 Club Meeting , 7pm Maple Inn, Berne.</li> <li>Mar 25 Board Meeting, 7pm TDA</li> </ul>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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## April 2009

Schedule of Events	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					
<ul> <li>Apr 8 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elks Lodge.</li> <li>Apr 15 Club Meeting , 7pm Maple Inn, Berne.</li> <li>Apr 22 Board Meeting, 7pm TBA</li> </ul>				1	2	3	4					
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### **Club News**

**Trail Grants** Nearly all 70% trail grants have been received. The only exception is Town of Berne. That check should be in before the end of February.

**Taxes** Our taxes are on schedule to be completed on time thanks to Elma's Tax Service.

Snowmobile Industry Hit By Bad Economy

Even with the fairly good year for snowfall, many in the snowmobile industry are suffering from the credit crisis. However a lot of people are still taking to the trail, enjoying the great sport of snowmobiling.

**National Grid** The Club needs a volunteer to work with National Grid and secure power pole numbers from along our trails. This allows for proper coverage for use of the land that is on the powerline.

**2001 Skandic** will have a new motor installed in early March. Hopefully this will cure the engine troubles this sled has had this season.

**Drag Replacement** Jerry Schoening had a drag of his catch a tree while grooming our trails. The drag was a total loss. Ron Shultes is donating a replacement drag to Jerry. If this drag does not work out, the Club will pay Jerry \$200 to build a new drag.



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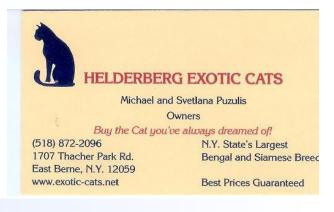
## Trail Log

**Mariaville** Snow cover on trails have been holding up well over the last couple warm spells. However the latest warm up will have put a damper on riding until more snow arrives.

**Duanesburg** On Feburary 14th and the 22 work parties were held. Trail S71 was brushed and cleared back nearly ten feet on each side of the trail. This work will allow safer travel for all.

**Berne** Brian Buchardt and Gerry Lenseth are looking into opening a new trail from the Maple Inn over to Thacher Park then back to C7B. It will be about 26 miles in length and a portion will run throught the state park. The state park already grooms their section of the trail. It is shared with xcountry skiers. Work is also going into turning an 'outlaw' trail to Schoharie into a club trail as well. More club members will need to get involved with their club and help make these trails a reality.

**Esperance** The trail north of the village, C7F has been temporarely closed due to land owner concerns about loud snowmobiles. Please curb you trail piped sled!



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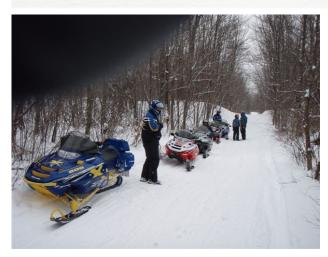
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Taking a break on the Stanley Turnpike.

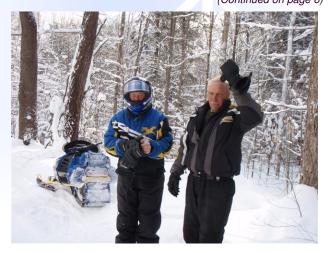
The Morning fuel up at Casey's Corner.

D to the junction of C7G. There we proceeded north on C7G (again with limited signage) into Meco and stopped for fuel and a quick bite at Stewarts on Rt 29A around 4 pm.

From this point north, with almost a complete lack of trail signs we traveled to Pecks Lake, Caroga Lake and Canada Lake where we picked up C8 north to Oxbow Lake and arrived at 8pm and enjoyed a well earned hot meal at the Oxbow Inn. After dinner, it was a short ride up the lake to Joel's camp where we found it warm and comfortable as his parents had just left for home from a weekend of trail riding in the area (thanks Mr. & Mrs. V.). A total of 140 miles for *(Continued on page 6)* 



Riding out on Spy Lake.



Brian's co-worker out grooming!

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**Wanted:** Club members to come to meetings and get involved with their club. 7pm Second and third Wednesdays September to April. Your Club needs you! Come help make our trails better.

#### 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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### Mariaville Lakeside Country Store Pizza & Deli

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Meeting a groomer on the trail.

#### Trail C8A

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the day.

Monday morning we fueled up five sleds at Casey's Corner in Oxbow and headed south on C8 where we stopped to play



Checking out the drag

in the powder on Spy Lake then onto the Powley Rd. where we picked up C8A. Yielding to the local groomer, Brian recognized the operator as a co-worker, so we stopped to swap grooming stories and took a close look at the drag. Then continued on past Pleasant Lake and Rockwood where we picked up C8E down to C7D into the Mohawk Valley.

Heading west we rode through open farmland passing by 1 (Continued on page 7)



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Fort Plain Brige - Lock 15

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horsepower buggies and crossed the river at Lock 15 into Fort Plain and the junction of C7P. Following C7P east, we stopped in Canajoharie for fuel and food at the bowling alley (*yes, the bowling alley*) and then back onto C7P, up and around the town and back down to the river, chasing traffic adjacent to the NYS Thruway to the junction of C7B. Here we turned south and traveled back into Frontier Sno-Riders country. A total of 160 miles for the day.

For all the thousands of miles Joel and I have driven over the years throughout

New York, Canada and the Rockies – this trip has always been the one so close to home but seemed so difficult to pull off. The January snow conditions were ideal to make this happen. Never say never – Albany to the Adirondacks and back – it can be done. Gerry Lenseth FSR Club Administrator/ BOD



Canajoharie Bowling Alley

#### A Letter of Thanks

Just wanted to pass on this message of thanks from the Middleburgh Ridgerunners regarding last weeks club support at the Berne town hall.

Ronnie said that the town supervisor recognized and supports the local club trail system. Apparently the trail issue will be officially addressed over the summer months for next season. Gerry

I want to thank you and the club members for all the support at the meeting last night in the town of Berne. We really appreciated that everyone made it much easier to show support for a sport we all enjoy and endeavor to keep in our area. Thank you very much to all of you for all the hard work you do!

Annette McFarland Middleburgh Ridgerunners



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Elections are coming up. Please come to a meeting this month to participate.

Consider running for office or just pitch in to help, your Club needs you.



(Get out and ride.)



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