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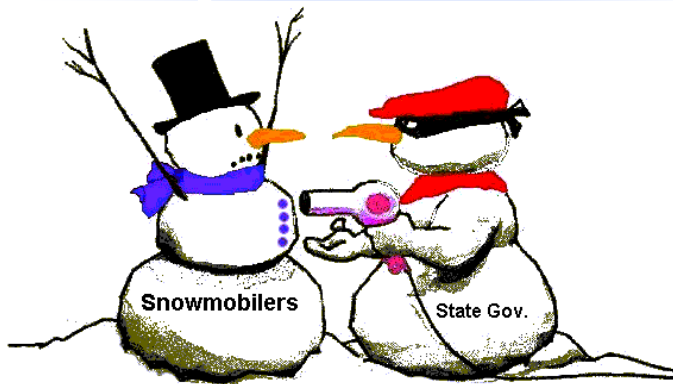
April 2010

Theft By Any Other Name

Can you believe it, another theft by the state of New York? This time it will be an even bigger theft. Grand total of \$5 million over the next 5 years.

The office of budget claims the theft will have little effect on the operations of snowmobile clubs. It should be noted that the ill gotten funds will have very little effect on decreasing the budget deficit.

This theft is in line with other cuts and grabs that the State is taking. Many state parks have been slated to close. Even Thacher Park was on the block for closure until enough people protested. The closing of State Parks would save the State about the same money it is stealing from snowmobilers and would have similar long term effects.



How many thousands of state programs and agencies will have to be cut to make budget? Will taking a million dollars from each solve the deficit?

The effect on the sport of snowmobiling will be huge regardless of what the Office of Budget says. Many clubs will have to curtail grooming and trail maintenance. That means fewer trails will be open or in good condition.

This in turn will equal in fewer people riding and buying goods and services in this state. Businesses will have lower revenue and the State will see reduced registration fees and sales tax coming in. Fewer visitors will be coming to this state to ride and spend money here.

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Club Elections April 14th!
Come to the meeting and vote,
Elk's Lodge, Esperance.

Less money coming in to the economy does not seem like a good idea. The State should look at how the snowmobile fund works. It does not run in the

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April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10 Adopt A Highway Duaneburg
11 Adopt A Highway East Berne	12	13	14 Club Meeting Elk's Lodge 7pm	15	16 NYSSA Forum	17 NYSSA Forum
18 NYSSA Forum	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting TBA	29	30 Club End of Season Dinner	

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



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Club News

The Skandics are in the process of being summarized for storage.

The New Holland groomer is being readied for summer storage. Both tracks will be inspected and likely shortened, this should help with some issues.

GPS data has been gathered on the bridges and culverts along C7B south of Delanson to East Berne.

Adopt A Highway has been scheduled for April 10 in Duanesburg and April 11 in East Berne, please attend both if able, 9-10am.

The Club would like to thank all the businesses that donated gift certificates this season for our Club Ride. The Club Ride was a big success and enjoyed by all who attended. See website for pictures.

The website set a record for hits in one season, 12355 and still growing! Club membership grew as well, 421! Thanks for your support!

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian B. reports that Thacher Park will remain open, and work is on going to connect Thacher Park with Frontier Sno Riders trails. This club trail will also connect with clubs from Clarksville and Westerlo.

Knox - Ron checks in with news that trail C7G connecting Frontier with Partridge Run remains closed, yet a reroute is being worked on by Middleburgh Ridge Runners.

Esperance - Tom says trimming and widening of trails will continue through the summer months.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich reports that most trail signs have been pulled and trail planning continues over near Duanesburg.

Burtonsville - Word from John is that the State is working with him on moving the trail further into the state forest. This will help with current trail problem areas. It will also provide for a more permanent trail which will be easier to maintain.

Mariaville - Jerry says signs will be coming down soon. Check with him if willing to help out.

Watch the website and your email for notice of when trail work will be happening this summer and fall. More hands make the work easier to complete, and we need the help! Please volunteer your help, call any trail boss.



Looking down the pipeline on the Clarksville trail. At the top, the trail may connect with the new Club trail.



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red, it takes care of itself. Perhaps the State should consider using something similar for it's business? Endless borrowing does not seem to be working.

For many years the State has stolen funds from the ATV fund. This has had a crippling effect on getting a statewide trail system in place. The same could happen to the snowmobile trails if this theft is allowed to occur.

Please look to the NYSSA News section for how you can get involved and stop this theft. Supporters of Thatcher Park were able to stop the closure, so it is possible to save the funds from being transferred to the general fund.

In the long run how will this theft help New York State? It is a short sighted plan with no good result.



FRONTIER SNO-RIDERS NOMINEES

2010 - 2011 Election of Officers

(I) - Incumbent

- President:** Joel Church (I)
- Vice Pres:** Ron Shultes (I)
- Treasurer:** Randy Stein
- Secretary:** Rich Egan (I)

To vote, you must be present at the April 14th Club meeting.

Board of Directors: Two Positions – Three Year Term (thru 2013)

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Chris Bukowski | Dan Gaidasz | Matt Harper |
| Bob Meyer | Karl Pritchard | Jeff Quay (I) |

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|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Chris Bukowski | Dan Gaidasz | Matt Harper |
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Knox Ball Field Bridge - March 10, 2010

Thanks to All of our 2009-2010 Officers for a Great Year!



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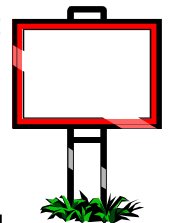


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President's End of Season Report This has been a challenging season for the Club; many issues came up before and during the season. Thanks to the hard work of our members, our trails were ready when the snow finally arrived.

Trail issues that were worked on over the season include the C7B reroute near Weaver Road. This trail runs through a bottle neck of sorts, it must cross I-88, Rt 7, and the railroad in one area. To accomplish this feat took many hours and contacts. New landowners were approached, property was walked, and landowner agreements signed. A way past the railroad spur was found but it needed approval from various entities at the railroad. Submission to NYS DOT for the crossing of Rt 7 was made. After approvals came in the actual trail work began, clear cutting a new trail through dense thicket, a new bridge was built and signs were put up marking the trail, all after winter had arrived.

Once the trail opened, problems arose with snowmobiles not riding where they were supposed to. Neighboring properties were being impacted negatively and this required immediate correction.

Another section of C7B required rerouting before the end of fall. A landowner had revoked our privilege to cross the property, so the trail boss began looking quickly for a new route. Fortunately he found a route which turned out to be a very good trail.

Trail grooming was carried out as soon as there was enough snow. The New Holland groomer and drag proved invaluable during the late season snow storm. Working with two skandic sleds as trail breakers, the New Holland could pack a wide flat track. This trio was able to successfully open C7B from East Berne to Benninger Road south of Delanson. The Club's fleet of skandics worked all over the trail system, breaking open the deep snow, while cutting and clearing hundreds of tree limbs from Mariaville, Burtonsville, Esperance, Delanson, Duanesburg, Knox, and East Berne.

During and after the big storm, an incredible amount of work was done by Club members to make the trails passable.

Our work continues at this time, the pulling of signs, closing of gates, correcting any damage to our landowner's property. These are the basic trail duties remaining this season. Volunteering now would help the Club greatly.



The kiosk at C7B and C7E intersection.

We also have other things going on, NYSSA forum, the Adopt A Highway program, Club elections, tax filing, groomer financing and the end of season dinner.

Looking beyond that, we have grant deadlines approaching in May and again in August. In this time period there is a lot of paper work. It is likely our most important function for keeping the trails open. Work with our sponsors, the counties and towns, and NYS Parks is on going during the year.

Please remember that even though the groomers and snowmobiles are being put away for summer, we have a lot of things to do over the next couple of months. Stay informed and stay involved. Joel Church.

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NYSSA NEWS

A Second Call for Action from NYSSA and your President Mike Fischer:

We at NYSSA have been working with our lobbyists to take whatever actions are necessary to oppose this unwarranted sweep of our money from the trail fund and the expanded language in Part HH of Budget Bill S6609/A9709. We have been reaching out to the Legislature and asking for their help to correct this intolerable situation.

As President of NYSSA, I have gone to Albany and met with key Assembly Members, Senators and the Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee to express our opposition to the language in Part HH of Budget Bill S6609/A9709 that would expand the allowable use of monies in the snowmobile trail fund to include "public safety activities," and urge that this language be removed from the budget as well as express our opposition to this unprecedented sweep from the trail fund.

I am calling on every one of our Club Presidents and their members to fax a letter and place calls to Governor David Paterson and New York State Budget Director Robert Megna asking them to rescind the \$1 million sweep of the Snowmobile Trail Fund and to remove the language in Part HH of Budget Bill S6609/A9709.

We request that telephone calls be made to the Governor's Office and Division of the Budget.
Telephone line for Governor Paterson: 518-474-8390
Telephone line for Division of Budget: 518-473-3885

Please act quickly and send your letters and make your calls. Thanks for your attention to this most pressing issue facing NYSSA and the clubs.

Mike Fischer
NYSSA President

Use the following links to help write or call.

[Letter to the Governor](#) (Word)

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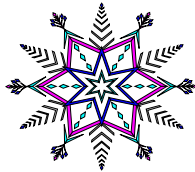
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Elections! Come to the next meeting and cast your vote for next season's leadership.

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 April 11, 9am East Berne Mobil

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