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Take A Friend Snowmobiling

The next time you have a chance to go riding, you should ask someone you know who has never ridden, to join you.

Your friends who do not ride can see that you have a lot of fun snowmobiling. Everyone likes to have fun. Why not share what you find to be fun?

Many people would like to try riding a snowmobile. They just do not know how to go about it. You can help make it easy for them to try snowmobiling.

If you own two or more snowmobiles, you could offer one for use. There are businesses that rent snowmobiles. There are options and you can help your friend get started in the sport.

Winter time for many people is looked upon as something to endure. Finding fun activities can be difficult. Snowmobilers have a much different perspective on the cold time of the year. They look forward to this fun sport.

We are the best ambassadors for our sport. Be sure you make a good impression when escorting your friend on his/her first ride. Keep the experience fun, you are their guide and mentor.

Show them the proper equipment to use and make sure they know how it works. Remember your friends may not have any experience with operating power sports vehicles. They may think there is very little to know about riding.

Go over how a snowmobile operates, be specific and blunt. Tell them the dangers that could happen while riding. Let your friends know what to expect when controlling the snowmobile.

Take everything very slow. Let them get comfortable on the snowmobile. Do not blast off and leave your friends behind. Showing off for them will turn them off to the sport.



Club Ride postponed until more snow falls! Check website for updates.

Stop frequently and check on your friends, make sure they are not too cold, sore, or tired. Look for signs they are getting cold, like

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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Club Meeting Elk's Lodge 7pm	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Board Meeting TBA	25	26	27
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March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Club Meeting Maple Inn 7pm	11	12	13
14 Daylight savings begins	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24 Board Meeting TBA	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Club News

Club Ride. Due to snow conditions that have not been favorable to riding, the Club Ride has been postponed until snow is sufficient. This could mean that we will not be able to have a ride this season. Be sure to check the website for last minute notice about a ride.

Nominations & Elections Committee is now forming. If you are looking to help the Club, this is a good place to start. Please contact Rich Egan (943-0378) if you are interested in helping find members to run for office.

The Club is once again looking for someone to take over the grant writing position. Our volunteer had to back out due to unforeseen reasons. This is a vital position in our Club and needs to be filled ASAP. Please contact any Club officer if interested.

Ride Reports. If you have ridden our trails and would like to report on conditions, please email Rich Egan the report. Include the date of ride and where you rode. We are looking for condition of trail, hazards that may have been found, and snow coverage. Keep your fingers crossed that we may get a lot of snow in February! We sure could use it.

Trail Log

Burtonsville - Trail C7F will open as soon as there is snow. Please follow all signs as trail has been rerouted in some spots. Work is on going with the DEC to make the ride even better through the state forest.

Mariaville - The large mud hole is still on the trail C7B in the state forest. A work around has been put in place so you can get by the mud hole.


Esperance - Trail C7F, a non-funded section of trail leading west from the Frontier area, has been closed off by a new landowner. Work is underway to find a new route around this property. Stay off the closed property.

Delanson - Trails in good shape, except for lack of snow.

Duanesburg - Trail C7B is open and running! Please follow signs to keep you on rerouted trail. Stay off all railroad property. The railroad police are patrolling the area and will enforce the law. Please use caution at all highway crossings.


Knox - Trails in good shape, grooming has been going strong when snow conditions permit. Trail to Partridge Run is closed on Middleburgh end due to road issue.

East Berne - Trails in good shape, except for lack of snow. Many people out riding C7B in this area. Work is also progressing on trail to Thatcher Park.



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(continued from page 1 - Take A Friend Riding) fingers that are numb, chattering teeth, and slow to respond to your voice.

Make your ride short the first time out. Pick a trail that is easy to negotiate and free of hazards. Your job is to make this a fun ride, something your friend will want to repeat.

When you arrive back home, be sure to talk about the ride with your new snowmobiler. Hopefully they will have much to say about the ride. Give them a lot of positive feedback, things they did right while riding. Try not to dwell on what they may have done wrong. If you saw them do something unsafe, tell them and explain the proper way to do it.

Keep it fun. The bottom line is that is why we are snowmobiling.



Club riders take a break after a morning on the trail at Jonathan's in Duanesburg.



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NYSSA: LAWSUIT THREATENS TRAIL SAFETY

January 15, 2009, Long Lake, NY – The New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) is raising an alarm about the recent lawsuit brought by an environmental group against the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and two other state agencies over the adoption of state trail maintenance and safety standards for snowmobiling in the Adirondack Park.

NYSSA Executive Director Dave Perkins is urging the APA, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to vigorously defend their actions to ensure that snowmobile trails are the safest they can be. "The new rules reflect the vast experience and knowledge of snowmobile trail maintenance that NYSSA shared with state decision makers throughout the multi-year development process," Perkins said. "We have demonstrated that unsafe trail conditions can be mitigated without undue impact on the forest's natural character."

The Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction, and Maintenance Guidelines were adopted at the November 2009 APA meeting, allowing for the consideration and implementation of stalled Unit Management Plans (UMP)—plans that identify opportunities for recreational uses and consider the ability of the resources and ecosystems to accommodate such activity.

NYSSA fears that the lawsuit brought by the Adirondack Council may again put these plans on hold.



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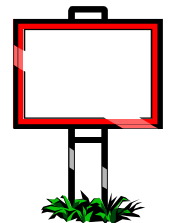
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The Duanesburg Safety Class Past President Tom Rulison and his wife Sue hosted the class at the Duanesburg Fire House on January 9th 2010. A large class of students, 37, was on hand and received instruction from Mike Vincent. The Frontier Sno Riders is honoring the service Mike has given to the Club over the years with a token of appreciation. This was an unusually large class and required extra help to complete. Club members, the DiCaprio's, answered a last minute request for help. Thank you for stepping up to help. Food and drinks were supplied to all attendees.



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Club VP Ron and Gabrielle Shultes brushing trail.



Sleds using the "new" cattle pass on the C7B reroute.



Left:
The New Holland groomer out on the trail in Knox.
Right:
The New Holland groomer crossing the new bridge near the ball field in Knox.



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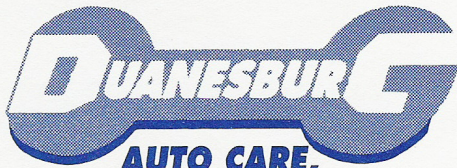
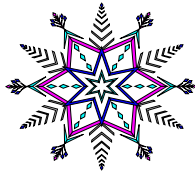
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Please step up and volunteer this year, your Club really needs you.

Have you been riding? Send a ride report, even pics to the webmaster, Rich Egan. He wants to hear from members.

Think Snow!

(We need a good storm!)



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