

Frontier Sno Riders

# Frontier Times



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## We Are Guests

The trails we ride cross many pieces of private property. All this land belongs to someone and we are only on it by invitation.

People who own the land on which our snowmobile trails cross, are called landowners. Those of us who own land, but do not have snowmobile trails on them, are not called "landowners" when speaking of snowmobiling and club trails.

Clubs across the state work closely with the landowners in developing and maintaining the snowmobile trail system. The clubs realize that without the landowners cooperation, there would not be a trail system.



Landowners grant clubs the privilege of riding on their property. Snowmobilers are guests on private property. The landowners expect their guests to conduct themselves appropriately or they will be asked to leave.

Many landowners do not ride or own snowmobiles yet they still allow snowmobiles on to their property. Some do this because they want to be good neighbors. They want to contribute to the community by allowing the trail to cross their land.

Our club does a number of things to help foster a good landowner relationship. One is by offering free membership to the Club. This is very helpful to the landowners who have snowmobiles and want to join a club to get the reduced registration fee. NYSSA also gives landowners free membership that desire it.

The Club may also do improvements to the



landowner's property that benefits both. A bridge that can support both a groomer and a tractor are to the benefit of all.

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Club Meeting  
January 13 2010  
Maple Inn, East Berne 7pm.

# January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> New Year's	<b>2</b>
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<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Club Meeting Maple Inn 7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Club Ride
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Board Meeting TBA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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# February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Club Meeting Elk's Lodge 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> President's Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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## Club News

The first test runs of the New Holland groomer were made January 3rd 2010 in Knox. Snow was coming down hard and the wind was whipping it up while the big blue groomer charged through the snow drifts.

The Club is hosting a Club Ride on January 23rd 2010. Please check the website for more details as the date approaches or come to the club meeting on January 13 2010 in East Berne at the Maple Inn.

Trail kiosks are being built and one should be available for display at the club meeting. Dan Gaidasz is the lead on the project.

Club membership is now over 330. A few more may join as the snow begins to fly. Hard to stay off the snowmobile when the snow is here!

NYSSA Raffle tickets are on sale now, be sure to pick some up at the next club meeting. 50% of the Club's sales go to the Club. Tickets are \$5 each, with \$2.50 going to the Club.

Ads for the website and newsletter were billed this month for the season. Please support them.

## Trail Log

Burtonsville - Trail C7F west towards Sloansville has a couple of wet spots that still need work. Up north along C7F towards the Meadowbrook, more brushing is needed.

Esperance - The new Hannaford Mall needs a route cut around the north side to keep C7E open.

Delanson - All trails open and ready to ride.

Duanesburg - Work is on going south of the village, see detailed article.


Mariaville - Most trails open and ready to ride. C7B heading south in the state forest has a large water/mud hazard yet to be repaired by logger.

Knox - All trails open and ready to ride.

Berne - Some brushing still being done, but trails are mostly ready to ride. Trail to Thacher Park is moving along.

Grooming operations are likely to begin soon. Interested in grooming, call any of the trail bosses, they will be glad to hear from you.

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The landowner may have a road that needs widening or a culvert installed to help with drainage.

Another benefit to the landowner is the liability protection afforded them by being associated with a NYSSA club.

By and large landowners want to help the Club, and at the same time expect minimal impact to their land and lives. Remember they may not want to see or hear you when you pass over their land.

The Club tries to educate riders to obey trail signs, stay on the marked trail, and heed the snowmobile laws. Policing is left to law enforcement agencies trained for this mission.

As guests and snowmobilers we need to do our part, and that is respect our landowner's property. Remember you are riding on someone else's property. They hold rights on whether you ride there or not. You hold the responsibility for riding carefully at all times, never riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs, making sure your sled meets sound limits, is properly registered and insured.

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It is UNLAWFUL to operate a snowmobile:

1. at a speed greater than reasonable or prudent under the surrounding conditions, **or at a speed greater than 55 mph**
2. in any careless, reckless, or negligent manner
3. while the operator is intoxicated
4. without the required lights
5. on the tracks of an operating railroad
6. in any tree nursery or planting in a manner that damages growing stock
7. on private property without the consent of the owner
8. towing a sleigh or toboggan except with a rigid tow bar
9. in any way that the operator fails to yield to an emergency vehicle approaching from any direction
10. in any way that fails to comply with a lawful order from a police officer
11. on a frozen body of water within one hundred feet of a skater, ice fisherman, ice fishing house, or other person not on a snowmobile except at the minimum speed required to maintain forward motion
12. within one hundred feet of a dwelling between 12 midnight and 6 AM at a speed greater than the minimum speed required to maintain forward motion

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### 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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**Railroad Update** Work is on going to find a new route around the closed section on trail C7B.

Those familiar with the Duanesburg area know that between I-88 and the Railroad, there are only a few places to cross those barriers.

The Club has found an alternative location to bypass the railroad spur. Approval of this new route has not yet been reached with all entities involved. For this reason C7B is still closed just south of Duanesburg. You can still reach Duanesburg, but only from the north side, C7B via Mariaville.

Work on the alternative route is progressing. The recent winter weather has made brushing and clearing on the new route interesting. Snow and ice have been added to the scene.

C7E from C7B to Esperance is open and ready for use. Please follow all signs. Remember to stay off railroad property!

Check the Club website for the latest info on the trail.



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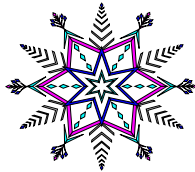
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Stay off Railroad property!  
It is dangerous and illegal.

Club Ride This Month, January  
23rd. Check website for the lat-  
est info on location and time.

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