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Reconstruction Nearly Complete

After Hurricane Irene struck and then Tropical Storm Lee followed the very next week, the Frontier Sno Riders trails were a wreck. With only eleven weekends to do most of the major repairs, it seemed a massive task to rebuild the trails.

Now that regular deer season is underway, major trail projects have gone on hold until after the season ends later this month. Work will be limited to those areas away from hunting, mainly roadside projects.

Work parties have run almost every weekend since the storms, usually both Saturday and Sunday. Many times multiple work parties were going on in different areas the same day.



Club members cross the Knox ball field bridge.

Dedicated club members have done an outstanding job making the trails a ride ready reality. Help has come when needed and that is what makes this club work.

To review the work undertaken in the Berne area, the S70 bridge near Joslyn School Rd in East Berne has been totally replaced after being washed downstream and torn apart. The massive steel deck bridge near the Maple Inn was pulled from

downstream and reset, its railings repaired and new rubber matting put on the deck. A number of culverts needed to be put back in place.

Just to the north of Berne, Knox had its share of damage. The Knox ball field bridge had to be reset, raised, and the frame straightened. Down the hill in Wright, the Rt146 bridge had washed downstream 300 yards. It was moved back into place and railing repaired.

In Duanesburg the big bridge at Scott's Printing had to have temporary decking installed after the high water did its worst. A bridge on C7B off Weaver Rd was shifted.

Club Meeting
December 14th at Jonathan's
in Duanesburg, 6:30pm

To the west the Esperance Auto bridge was damaged heavily, the deck was torn

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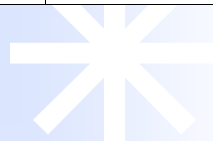
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December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Snowmobile Safety Class Berne Firehouse
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Club Meeting 6:30pm Jonathan's in Duaneburg	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 BOD Meeting 6:30pm TBA Winter begins	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve

January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Club Meeting 7pm Maple Inn, East Berne	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 BOD Meeting 7pm TBA	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Club News

The Club has use of a stump grinder, all we need is a motor to repair it. Please contact Rich Valletta if you can help with this.

The new tracks for the New Holland groomer have arrived, now just waiting on the hardware to install.

One of the kiosks has been painted to help protect it and help it stand out in the snow.

250 news sign posts are being distributed for use this winter. They are heavy duty 2x2 rough cut.

Riders will note that there are many new gates on the trail system this year. This is usually done at the request of the landowner to help stop trespassing. The gates will remain closed until the trails open. Please respect the gates or we will lose the trails.

Safety class has many students signed up for the December 3 course, hope you signed up if you or someone you know needed it.

Did you see Frontier Sno Riders listed in the Schenectady Gazette on Thanksgiving? Hopefully many did and will consider joining Frontier this year.

Congratulations go out to Board Member Chris Bukowski and his bride on their recent wedding!

Look for groomer donation boxes to appear at some of the local businesses. These funds go directly to helping keep the groomers fueled and on the trail.

Plans are in the works for a winter party/club ride this season. Keep watch on the website for news.

Trail Log

East Berne - Steel deck bridge railing fixed, rubber mat, ski guides are in place and loads of fill for the ramps have been dumped. Signs starting to go up. Karl Pritchard has been instrumental in getting much of this done by donating the use of his equipment

Knox - Both the Highlands and Township Tavern will host parking for snowmobile trailers this winter. Please visit both businesses when using the lots.

Esperance/Sloansville - The bridge behind Esperance Auto has been replaced and decked. A big thank you goes to John and Josh Scrima who spent many hours getting the frame back in place and repaired. The new bridge on the Sloansville trail has the frame set and decking delivered to the site. Landowner permissions are being sought on a local trail running north to Charleston Four Corners.

Duanesburg/Delanson - The decking over Scott's bridge is in place, use caution when crossing over. Work was done to widen the trail between Scott's Printing and Rt 20. The snowmobile corridor near the Duanesburg Elementary school is now in place and signed. Please stay within the marked area or this trail will close.

Burtonsville - A landowner on C7E has sustained a huge amount of damage to his property down next to the Schoharie Creek. Please stay on the trail while riding in this area. Do not ride out onto the field next to the river, it is full of debris. Also note that C7F is now known as C7E.

Mariaville - North Rd reroute has been completed except for a stump to be ground down. Signs are now going up.



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away and the frame buried in the creek bed. The frame was reset and a new deck installed.

Up in Mariaville the bridge off of Spook Hollow Rd needed to be reset. Throughout the area, many trees had come down and needed to be cut up and removed.



Brian Buchardt buries a culvert above Knox on C7B.

The only area not heavily damaged was the Burtonsville trails, as they are mostly located up high above the Schoharie Creek. One section of C7E drops down to the flood plain, crosses a stream and then climbs right back up. The trail was used a lot to get equipment into the flooded fields along the river and became rutted.

Many club members donated not only their personal time, some donated the use of their own heavy equipment. Two members provided many hours of use of heavy equipment, Karl Pritchard and John Scrima. These men are also board members and help guide the club as well. A very big thank you goes out to them.

The Frontier Sno Rider trails are nearly 100% restored to pre-storm conditions. So far all trails are set to open if sufficient snow falls. Please remember to use caution and watch for changes which may have taken place to the approaches of bridges and trails near waterways.

See more pics on page 6



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The Club is now selling baseball caps with the Club's logo on it. Come in 5 colors; Black, Navy, Royal, Red & Camo. Each sells for \$13. Sweatshirts sell for \$20, knit caps (navy or black) sell for \$12. All available at Club meetings. Get'em quick! (new caps and shirts will be coming.)



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New Club Shirts

An order of new logo club shirts may be available at the next club meeting. Sizes range from small to extra large. All feature the new logo.



2012 Super Raffle Tickets

are now on sale. Please come to a club meeting and pick up yours. They are easy to sell and half the proceeds go to the Club.

- 1st Prize Choice of 2012 Polaris Rush 600 or 2012 Ski-Doo MXZ600 or 2012 Arctic Cat F570
 - 2nd Prize Choice of 2 remaining snowmobiles
 - 3rd Prize Remaining snowmobile
 - 4th Prize \$2000 Cash
 - 5th Prize \$1315 Triton Trailer XT-10-101
 - 6th Prize \$1000 In-stock groomer track parts
 - 7th Prize 1 Day Professional Adirondack Guide
 - 8th Prize Woody's Complete Traction Package
- Drawing April 21 2012 NYSSA Forum, Lake Placid, NY Donation \$5.00 per ticket
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Vice Pres Ron Shultes on the new bridge near Pritchard Enterprises



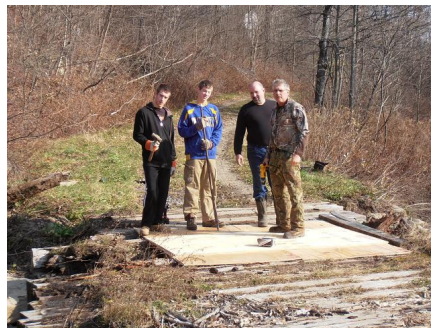
The rebuilt bridge behind Esperance Auto



The rebuilt bridge on S70 near Joslyn School Rd.



The raised and reset bridge at Rt146 above Gallupville



New decking to repair the bridge at Scott's Printing



The reset steel deck bridge near the Maple Inn.

Newsletter Notes

If you have a snowmobile related announcement or news item that you wish to share with club members, please submit for review and possible posting in the newsletter.

The newsletter is no longer being mailed to members. It is only available via the website or direct email to your inbox. Please email editor at cato79@peoplepc.com to add your email to the list.

Notice:

Watch the Club website for announcement of a Club Ride. It will happen if the snow allows and will likely be on short notice. This year we are hoping to ride up towards Charleston and Burtonsville. Stay tuned!



NYSSA NEWS

Take a friend snowmobiling on TV!

SnowtrailsTV is an award-winning reality series documenting the snowmobile experience across north america as Video Mike hosts and videotapes from the driver's seat.

This weeks episode(#905) is all New York State!
Oneida County, Oswego County, Lewis County and Old Forge

<http://snowtrailstv.com/>

Madison Square Garden Network (MSG+)
Fridays 9:00 AM and again on Sundays 7:30 AM

Groomer Round Up

The Club is in the process of upgrading the lift actuators on all the Skandic groomer drags. Gerry Lenseth has been able to secure a good deal and the club is hoping to have the units before the trails open.

The upgrade will allow the lifts to move much quicker and smoother. This in turn will make life much easier for the driver of the groomer. At times it is necessary to quickly raise the drag to avoid stumps and other non moveable objects.



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Think Snow!

We're close.

