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Pipes and Cans Are Bad For Trails

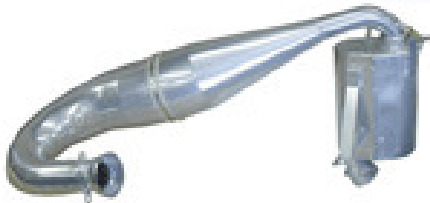
Learning that quiet snowmobiles are much more fun to ride than loud and blaring ones are still a lesson for some.

The concept of taking a perfectly good exhaust system off a snowmobile and replacing it with a less restrictive one only makes sense if you are going racing on a closed course. Racing should not take place anywhere else. Exhaust systems are sometimes referred to as pipes or cans in the racing community.

There are performance gains to be made by doing this replacement, however these gains will only be noticed at the finish line. Riding a snowmobile outside of a race course and the benefits will not likely be substantial.

The other enticement for modifying the exhaust system is the sound it produces. Replicating the sound of the race track wherever you ride can sound great to you but irritating to others. Think about that for a minute.

So how can it be that quiet, unmodified exhaust systems are more fun to ride than loud ones? It is true a modified pipe or can will improve snowmobile speed and increase sound to race levels. So, how can this not improve the enjoyment of riding a snowmobile?



Just remember snowmobiling for most people requires the sharing of land by their neighbors. This cooperation is something almost unheard of these days.

Landowners are willing to let others enjoy their property. Snowmobilers have a responsibility to ride safely and quietly on the trails. Without this relationship, there would be no trail to ride.

How much fun would it be if you could only sit on your snowmobile in your backyard and rev the motor? Yes you could still hear that race engine sound and just imagine what it would be like to race around the track. Outside of hauling your sled to a race course, that would be all the riding you would be

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Club Meeting
February 9 2011, 7pm
Elk's Lodge, Esperance

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 Club Meeting- 7pm Elk's Lodge, Esper-	10	11	12 Take-A- Friend Snowmo- biling Week
13	14 Valen- tine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day	22	23 BOD Meet- ing- 7pm TBA	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Meeting- 7pm Maple Inn, East Berne	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19
20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23 BOD Meet- ing- 7pm TBA	24	25	26
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Club News

Please report any problems with the trail system you find with a trail boss as soon as possible. Examples are trees across trail, bridges washed out, and signs missing. We need your help with this.

Hopefully you got to participate in the Club Ride in January. Big group made the trek to Township.

We have a new safety course instructor, Kevin Connolly, who will be working with Mike Vincent our current instructor over the next two classes. A big thanks is due Kevin for stepping up to help the Club.

The Club is still requesting a clubmember come forward and take over the fund raising chair. This is not a difficult task for the right person. Perhaps you could do this?

Remember this month is Take A Friend Snowmobiling month. So start asking your friends, they really do want you to.

Club Nominations will be taken shortly, this is a good year to throw your hat in the ring! Come get involved while you can.

Trail Log

East Berne - Grooming has been ongoing whenever there is enough snow. Please remember this is a high traffic area. Trail S70 to Thacher Park will not open this season. See notice on page 7.

Knox - Local trail to Township is being groomed and used. A new kiosk has been placed at the town park, be sure to stop and check it out.

Esperance - Stay off sidewalks in the village. Please stay on trail through the village, it is marked.

Duanesburg - Please stay on trail near Scott's Printing. Use caution while crossing Rt 7 and Weaver Rd, please follow signs and stay off homeowner front lawns.

Delanson - Look for a new trail that eliminates the steep climb up Cooley Heights, use caution as trail is narrow and rough in spots. The trail should only be used in one direction, westbound on C7E or uphill. Use the old trail for going down the hill. So far riders are obeying and staying within the fenced corridor near Duanesburg Elementary, keep up the good riding.

Burtonsville - The trail is open and grooming is taking place. You can now get all the way up C7F towards the Meadowbrook.

Mariaville - Landowner agreements have been reached and C7B is open to the Town of Florida trails. Please stay on trail or we will lose the trail. 4 club members from CT came up and helped get the trail signed and cleared, well done guys! Please ride quietly near North Rd, this is a sensitive area.



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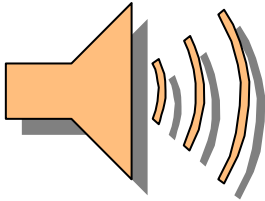
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doing.



Loud pipes close trails. It is that simple. If you ride with loud pipes, you are helping close down trails. That is a fact. Do not use aftermarket pipes or cans, they are bad for the sport of snowmobiling outside of racing.

Also remember it is against the law to modify the exhaust system to make it louder. Trail side sounds checks are coming to your favorite trail.

How much fun are you having on your loud sled now?



Safety class 2010 in Duanesburg.

Snowmobile Safety Class

A late season Snowmobile Safety Class is now forming. The class is planned for mid March 2011. There is no charge for the class and lunch is provided. Youth snowmobile operators need this course in New York State. If you or someone in your family needs the course, please call or email the Club secretary, Rich Egan at 518-943-0378, richloe@mhccable.com. You must pre-register as class size is limited.

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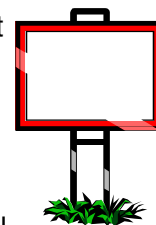


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Racing On Runways—A Big No No!

Sorry for speaking as a parent to a small child, but we have just one too many riders who feel the need to race on runways and close down corridor trails.

Our trails either cross or terminate near multiple airports. Helderberg, Blue Heron, and Duanesburg airports are all part of the Frontier area. The weekend of the club ride, numerous snowmobiles were racing on the Blue Heron runway. The Club has a marked corridor to the south of the runway that **has to be followed** or else the trail **will be closed**. Please stay between the marked stakes. Otherwise there will be no way to get between Knox and Duanesburg. If you see anyone riding on the runway, take down registration numbers and report them to the police. This is serious, we do not want to lose this section of trail.

Over in Duanesburg the same thing applies. While we do not have a club trail on the airport,

people do ride on it to reach Jonathan's. If you are going to ride on the airport, please stay off the runway and ride around on the side. Planes do use the runway even in winter. If snowmobilers continue to abuse this runway, expect law enforcement to take action.

Remember, all it takes is just one rider to make tracks on the runway, then others will follow. The airport owners are not blind and will see your tracks even if they do not see you make them.

Please wise up and stay on the trail.
Joel Church



Groomed trail in East Berne, January 2011



Frontier Sno Riders have a new look and logo. Please watch for this logo to appear more.

Notice: Trail S70 east and north of Brookhaven Road is closed heading towards Thacher State Park. The trail never got to open due to low snow and now landowner permission is being denied. Please stay off this property. Note there is no way to **Thacher Park** from Frontier Sno Riders.



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Snowmobiling Approved for Canalway Trail

ALBANY, NY (01/26/2011)(readMedia)-- In an example of grassroots government, new state regulations clear the way for snowmobilers to use the Canalway Trail. The activity previously had been prohibited along the 280-mile trail that parallels most of the New York State Canal System in Upstate New York.

With the consent of local communities, snowmobile organizations now can receive permits to operate on the Canalway Trail under new regulations of the New York State Canal Corporation. Private snowmobile operators also can use trails that have been authorized by the Canal Corporation.

Snowmobile clubs must obtain a resolution of support from the municipality where the Canalway Trail is located before applying for a permit from the Canal Corporation. A municipality has the option to continue the prohibition along its stretch of the trail. The regulations apply to lands under the jurisdiction of the Canal Corporation.

Canal Corporation Director Carmella R. Mantello said, "We have heard loud and clear from snowmobile clubs and communities throughout the corridor that the existing policy was curtailing recreational opportunities and limiting the potential economic impact that

snowmobiling brings to upstate New York communities during the winter months. We are pleased to have pursued and successfully implemented this common-sense change for New York's snowmobile enthusiasts and the communities they visit."

Dave Perkins, trails coordinator for the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA), said, "The New York State Snowmobile Association is pleased with this rules change. The snowmobile community has worked hard to support changing this rule. Snowmobile clubs in Washington, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, and Orleans counties have demonstrated they can responsibly and safely establish canal-based trails to the benefit of trail users and businesses adjacent to these trails."

Stephen Lewis, director of snowmobiling for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said, "OPRHP is pleased to have worked with the Canal Corporation to allow snowmobiling on Canal system lands. Working in partnership with local governments and snowmobile clubs who maintain the trail sections, the Canalway will offer countless miles of groomed trails in some of our state's most beautiful winter recreation areas. Both snowmobile enthusiasts and the communities surrounding the Canalway are certain to benefit from this good news."

The Canal Corporation Board approved the change in 2009. The benefits and impacts of the new regulations were successfully tested during pilot projects on some segments of the Canalway Trail. Comments favoring the proposed regulations were received from a number of snowmobile organizations.

A snowmobile club will be required to show proof of the liability insurance that all NYSSA clubs are required to obtain through a blanket insurance policy administered by the New York State Snowmobile Association. www.nyscanals.gov/

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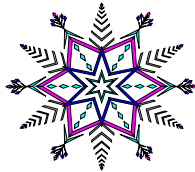
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