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ATVs Threaten Trails

The illegal use of ATVs on snowmobile trails has again put the Club in danger of losing those very trails.



The weekend before Christmas a young man riding a 4-wheeler was stopped by club members on a snowmobile trail in Delanson. He was understanding of the fact that what he was doing was illegal and agreed to stay off the trail in the future. He was advised to tell all his friends to stay off the trails as well.

The young man expressed an interest in obtaining a snowmobile so that he could ride the trails legally. Yet he claimed at the same time he did not see the brand new no trespass signs put up by the landowner. Did he wonder about the barbed wire across the trail that he removed so he could pass through?

Snowmobile trails cannot be ridden by ATVs unless express permission has been obtained from the landowner on which property he/she is riding. It is illegal to ride ATVs on snowmobile trails.

Many landowners have major issues with illegal use of ATVs on their property. The simple way for the landowner to prevent trespass is to not have any trail on the property.



Each year the Club faces the threat of trail closure by ATV use. The Club works very hard to maintain a good working relationship with our landowners. ATV riders take advantage of this hard work and unknowingly hurt the Club and its members.

A lot of club members own and ride ATVs themselves. Unlike the young man above, they know where they are allowed to ride.

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Club Meeting:
January 12, 2011
7pm Maple Inn, E. Berne

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January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Club Meeting- 7pm Maple	13	14	15
16	17 MLK Jr Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 BOD Meeting- 7pm B. Buchardt home	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Meeting- 7pm Elk's Lodge	10	11	12 Take-A-Friend Snowmobiling Week
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day	22	23 BOD Meeting- 7pm TBA	24	25	26
27	28					

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Club News

The Club welcomes South End Powder Coating as one of our advertisers.

Matt Harper has been elected by the BOD to replace Dan Gaidasz on the board. Dan relocated and the Club thanks him for his service.

Many local businesses are advertising their establishments out on the trail via the Club's sign sales program.

The 2008 Skandic groomer is being studded for added traction. The 2003 Skandic is getting a new windshield. The New Holland groomer will have a guide added for track alignment.

Look for new club stickers to be available soon.



The Rt146 bridge on C7B. The whole crew gathered for a picture, December 12, 2010.

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Trail Log

Mariaville – The trail from C7B into Mariaville has reopened thanks to the generosity of the landowner. Working with the Club, the landowner is helping local riders reach the Frontier trail system. Watch for trail routing changes west of Mariaville on C7B. A portion of the trail was closed after a property sale this fall and may impact the route.

Duanesburg – Riders are reminded to use extreme caution when crossing Rt7 and Weaver Rd. Follow all signs and stay off homeowners front yards. Please watch for automobiles in this area. C7B has been signed from Duanesburg up towards Mariaville.

Delanson – To keep the trail open near the Duanesburg Elementary School, riders need to stay within the fenced corridor. Absolutely no riding elsewhere on school property allowed at anytime.

Esperance – If you live and ride in the Esperance area please contact Tom Rulison at 875-9229 to offer your help. This area needs more volunteers. All signs are up from the Hillview to Delanson. Look for a new routing of C7E in this area.

Knox – The new Club trail to Township is open and signed about halfway. The Rt146 bridge is now open, with special thanks to Karl Pritchard. A new bridge is being planned for C7B near West Rd.

Berne – Work is ongoing to form a link with the Heldeberg Club to the southeast of trail S-70. A new bridge near Joslyn School Rd was completed and 2 culverts were installed on the airport. All signs are up.

Burtonsville - Work continues on the trail C7F.

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All club members are advised to tell family (especially the younger generation) and friends to keep ATVs off snowmobile trails. If an ATV rider does not know if it is a snowmobile trail or not, he should not ride on the trail. He should exactly where he may ride.

**WARNING
ABSOLUTELY
NO
ATVs**

Will the young man follow through on his word not to ride the trail again? Hard to say, all we can do is educate the riding public through these brief encounters, posting signs, and erecting gates. Beyond that we will continue to lose trails to illegal use of ATVs on snowmobile trails.



Spread the word, "No ATVs on Snowmobile Trails!"



ATV rutted and trenched mud section of C7B above Ash Lane. Not very funny.



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Super Raffle tickets are on sale now. Come to a meeting and pick up tickets to sell. Remember half the proceeds go to helping the Club maintain the trails. There are many prizes and tickets only cost \$5 each. Very easy to sell. Very easy to help the Club. (\$40,000 worth of prizes!)





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Work party logs

December 4 2010 C7B Duaneburg:

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Joel Church

December 5 2010 C7B Knox:

Joel, Matt, Christian Church

December 11 2010 C7B Wright:

Mike Dunigan
Brian Buchardt
Ed Galvin
Chris B.
Joel, Matt, Christian Church
Bob Lamp

December 19 2010 C7B

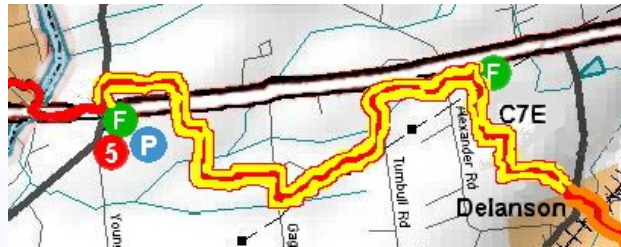
Duaneburg:
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Tom Rulison
Joel, Matt, Christian Church

December 18 2010 C7B Wright:

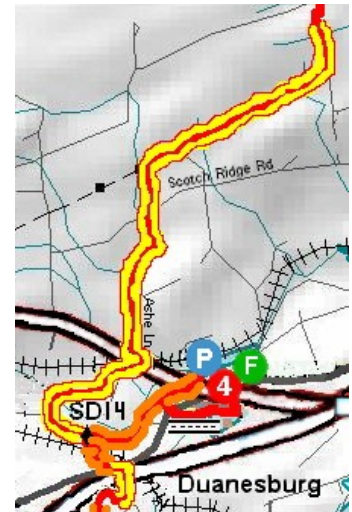
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Joe Leonetti
Joel and Matt Church
Brian Buchardt

December 26 2010 Club

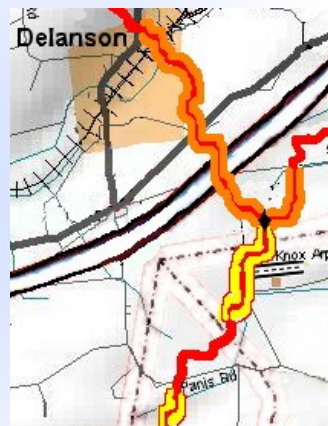
Trail to Township:
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Ron Shultes
C7E Delanson:
Rich Valletta
Tom Rulison



C7E Hillview Inn to Delanson



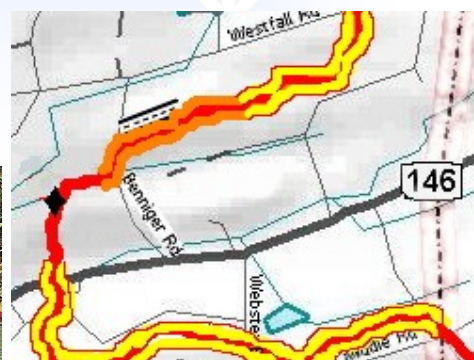
C7B Duaneburg to Mt View Rd



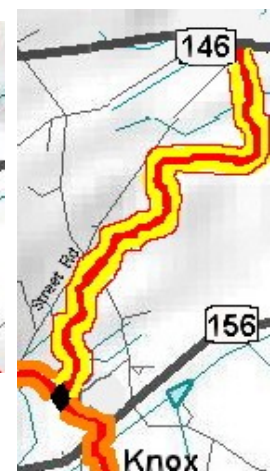
C7B south of C7E

Orange section of trail indicates prior work.

Yellow section of trail indicates current work.



C7B near Rt146 in Wright



New club trail from C7B to Township



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The Club Needs You Now!

Each month I have asked the membership for someone to step up and take on responsibility for a couple of positions. Each month passes by and no one is willing to do these jobs.

There are more tasks to do than trail work/grooming to make this club go.

Many board members are involved in many other tasks within the club and have enough to do.

The jobs I am looking to fill are important and rewarding. Why is it no one wants to volunteer?

I need someone to chair the Safety and Education position. This will involve scheduling and teaching the safety classes (you will be instructed by Mike Vincent, our current safety instructor). You will also be our club coordinator for safety issues.

I need someone to chair the Fund Raiser position. Duties involve coordinating the Super Raffle with the Club. You will also coordinate the Club fund raising events. Right now there are businesses that want to do events with us, but no one in the Club to coordinate it!

I would also like to make available to anyone who would like to take over writing and publishing the newsletter. I am also asking someone to take over the job of Trail Steward leader.

There now, see your Club really does need you.
Joel Church, President FSR.



Yield signs made by our own Ed Galvin!



S-70 near Joslyn School Rd.

Notice:

To all NYS snowmobile clubs:
NY State Groomer Operator Safety Seminar
Hosted by the Shawnee Sno-Chiefs S/C, Inc.
Where: 3747 Lockport Road, Sanborn, NY 14132
When: January 10, 2011, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Rick Engasser
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NYSSA NEWS Our latest issue of the *New York Snowmobiler Online Magazine* features a special section on snowmobile safety. Are you a new rider? Get off to a good start. Even experienced riders could take a moment to review these helpful articles:

- **Ice safety:** The safest snowmobiling rule is to never cross lakes or rivers since it can never be guaranteed that ice of any thickness will support a snowmobile. Ice is always dangerous. Do not venture out onto lakes or rivers unless you are absolutely certain that it is safe.
- **Hand Signals:** Giving clear, easy-to-see hand signals are vital to safe snowmobile riding. Be sure to never make hand signals subtle, always make deliberate signals. Be sure that the drivers behind you can see any signal you make. Hand signals are a very reliable way to communicate while riding.
- **Trip Planning:** Planning is a large part of having a successful snowmobile trip. You should plan prior to riding where you will ride, how long you will ride, and with whom you will ride. Planning also includes informing someone of your snowmobile plans.
- **Trail Signs:** As you travel on your snowmobile through trails and on roads, there will be traffic signs along the way that apply to snowmobiles. When on roads, remember that all traffic signs for automobiles also apply to snowmobiles, including highway speed limits. Knowing what these signs mean can help keep you out of danger, make your trip more enjoyable, and protect the rights of property owners. Respecting these signs and following the rules they communicate will help assure an enjoyable ride for you and protect the future of snowmobiling. Here are some of the signs you might see on your trip. Remember that each state may have different signs for snowmobiles, so always check with the state you are riding in for information. [New York's Trail Signing Handbook is available here.](#)

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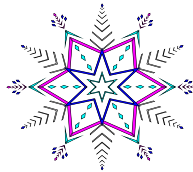
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Rich Valletta	Duanesburg	895-2425
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