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Snowmobiling: Great Family Fun

Need a way to get your kids to put their texting device down? Want to spend some "quality time" with your spouse? Are you looking for a good work out in the winter that is filled with excitement? Would you like to travel into the wilderness and see wildlife? Can you do this and more for an affordable price? Let us take a look and see how it is possible.



Kids agree, texting may have met it's match, snowmobiling.

Your snowmobile sitting in the garage waiting for the snow to fly might need some preparation for the coming season. Check and make sure it is ready to ride. Maybe you need to have your sleds serviced? Make sure your insurance is in order and renew your club membership with Frontier Sno Riders. This will save you money at DMV when you register your snowmobiles.

If you have young riders, have they got their snowmobile safety certificates? If not, get them signed up for this year's class on December 3rd. It is important to teach them proper use and care of a snowmobile. Once they start riding, they won't want to stop.

Getting your spouse out on a snowmobile is one sure way to help him or her enjoy the winter season. Make sure you both have the proper riding gear to stay warm and safe while out riding. A warm rider is a happy rider.



Couples have fun on snowmobiles too!

Staying active in the winter can be a challenge for many, but those who ride snowmobiles, it is easy. Snowmobiling provides anywhere from a relaxed outing to an intense and focused ride. It will get your hearting pounding.

Far away from the din of the everyday human life, nature offers many wonders only seen in the remote of wintertime. Snowmobiles offer a chance to get out there and see it.

**Sign Up Now
for the Snowmobile Safety
Class!**

So be sure to set aside a little time and money this winter to see what living in snow country can do for you.

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November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time ends	7	8 Election Day	9 Club Meeting 7pm Maple Inn East Berne	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16 BOD Meeting 6:30pm TBA	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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 7pm Elk's Lodge Esperance	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28 BOD Meeting 6:30pm TBA	29	30	31



Club News

Adopt highway roadside in East Berne is being postponed until next spring. Watch for the date.

Automated work logs are now being used by the club to speed the work of the grant writer. Frontier is participating in an early trial of the software.

Be sure to sign up for the snowmobile safety class early as there is limited seating.

250 sign posts have been acquired for use on the trail. These are quality posts, 2 by 2 by five foot length with sharpened ends.

New tracks have been ordered for the New Holland groomer. The hardware to attach the cleats has also been purchased.

A purchase of hydraulic-electric lifts is being researched for use on the Skandic groomers. The Club purchased a unit last season and it performs much faster and smoother than the electric lifts.

There are now 2 businesses that support online trail maps of NYS. We have been using Mohawk Valley GIS for the last couple of years and will continue. NYSSA has entered an agreement with Jim-Map-Co to have a statewide map. We are researching the cost of doing a club map or continuing with our current locally developed one.

Want to help but not into trail work or grooming? The Club needs someone to handle advertising sales for the newsletter and website. Contact the editor if interested, work involves making contact with local businesses.

Trail Log

Berne – The S-70 bridge is back open for business after being destroyed by TS Irene, while the steel deck bridge near the Maple Inn is back in place, the approaches need some work yet.

Knox/Wright – Watch for a rerouted section of C7B near the Gage farm. The reroute keeps snowmobile traffic away from the farm house. Rt 146 and Knox Ball field bridges are back in place and re-decked. The bridge near Pritchard Enterprises has been replaced and upgraded.

Delanson/Duanesburg – The bridge near Scott's Printing is being repaired and should be completed soon. C7B was widened through the woods from Scott's Printing to US Rt 20.

Esperance/Sloansville – The bridge behind Esperance Auto has been reset and raised. New decking should go on soon. The local trail to Sloansville has a new bridge frame in place and the decking should go on shortly. 3 other bridges that were washed out, are now back in place.

Mariaville – The new section of C7B near North Road was completely opened recently. Look for signs to keep you on the new trail this season. A new culvert was installed just north of Batter Street near the intersection with the local trail into Mariaville.

Burtonsville – The trail known as C7F, is now C7E. It is unknown at this time what trails will be open north of Frontier trails in the Town of Florida area due to lack of manpower to work the trails.

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New culvert on C7B south of Westfall Rd and east of Blue Heron Airport.



The rebuilt bridge on S70 in East Berne.



The Rt146 bridge over King's Creek, reset and repaired.



C7B bridge next to the Maple Inn, new ramps in place.



The newly widened C7B at Scott's Printing.

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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

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Total of 50 prizes to be awarded!

So get out there and sell for the Club!

Thanks for the Lift!

Oct 9 2011 - Today with the help of Karl Pritchard and Mike Wenzel (new help) and the neighbors watching in amazement, we got the Rt 146 bridge re-set..... Carpenters desperately needed to finish this bridge! A **special thanx** should be given to **All Weather Construction** for transporting Karl's bulldozer to the Rt 146 site, and to Karl and Rosie Pritchard for the use of their heavy equipment.

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New Local Trail

Frontier Sno Riders are working with the Sloansville club to take over old C7F running west from Conover Road down to US Route 20. This trail will allow riders to continue on to points west of Frontier's area. Three bridges suffered damage along the trail due to TS Irene. They have been repaired by the Sloansville club. A new raised bridge is being constructed through a swampy area in the woods just west of Conover Road. Frontier welcomes the chance to work with the Sloansville area riders in keeping the trail open. Frontier will try and return this trail to state funding next season.

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.

Snowmobile Safety Class

Make plans now to attend the NYS Snowmobile Safety Class. Frontier Sno Riders will be hosting 2 classes this season. The first one on December 3rd at the Berne Fire House. Check the website for early signup and times. The class is free and lunch is served. Do not wait until the last minute, space is limited. Last seasons classes filled up quickly.



How does the Ski-Doo Million Dollar Club Support Program work? The advertising pieces will include a Club Support Donation Certificate that, when filled out, and dropped off at a Ski-Doo dealership by your club member between September 1st 2011 and **November 15th 2011**, it will entitle your club to a \$10 cash donation from BRP and Ski-Doo dealers. Please make the effort to do this simple request for your club. It means a lot and is easy to do. A quick link to the offer page <http://en-us.ski-doo.com/clubsupport2011/Home.aspx>



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NYSSA NEWS

Flood Aid

In response to Tropical Storms Irene and Lee, local NYSSA directors and officials had proposed providing extra funding to aid those clubs hit hard by the storms to help rebuild their trails. This effort would help those who need it so they could open this coming winter. Parks and Rec was hopeful this could happen, knowing just how bad things are in the flood zone area.

The proposal was immediately questioned by districts not in the damage area. They reported that western areas had suffered damage during springtime storms. These districts felt it unfair that the clubs in the path of Irene and Lee should get extra funding when they did not.

The proposal failed to move to give direct aid to these clubs. Instead extra funding will be given to all clubs who spend dollars beyond current grant totals for the 2011/12 season. The more clubs who spend beyond their grant allocation will mean less funding for all who participate as it is spread further without regard as to whether damage was caused by any storm.



Schoharie Valley, the Monday after Irene visited.

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Opinion

One wonders if the clubs and districts who were against giving aid directly to these clubs realize the extent of the damage? Perhaps if these other clubs/districts had seen first hand the damage brought by the storms they would have been more inclined to help their fellow clubs?

Irene and Lee brought huge destruction. FEMA came and helped distribute aid. NYS is providing farm flood aid up to \$15 million to farmers. These storms brought floods of epic proportion.

As far as the clubs which suffered massive trail losses, they most likely will not open many trails this winter. They will likely have great trouble meeting their grant expenditures let alone go above the spending ceiling and qualify for the extra funding. Some of these clubs may not survive.

NYSSA should reconsider how it gives out the extra funding. This is really unfair to the clubs which need the help the most. Editor.

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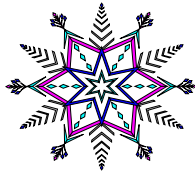
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