

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Tour de Frontier

Continued from last month, part two, The Southern Side.

To complete our virtual journey of the Frontier Sno Rider trails, we will ride to the south on C7B.

Leaving the junction of C7B and C7E we will pass through a number of wooded sections with small but steep hills. Some of these hill tops have roads and blind spots, so use caution as you approach them.

We exit one woods and enter an airport. Be sure to follow all signs in this area. Staying on trail is critical here.



C7B & C7E junction near Quaker Street



Exiting the woods at the airport

Schoharie on this unofficial trail. It is not maintained regularly and bridges are out. The trail should be avoided at this time.

Further on we cross Rt 146 and climb a hill via the pipeline. C7B visits the pipeline a number of times.

Up ahead is a junction that many will recognize as the 'Old Maple' tree. If you were to turn right you might have been able to ride down to the village of



The Old Maple Tree junction

After passing through a number of fields and woods you will come to the junction of C7B and C7G. C7G runs south to Partridge Run state forest. However at this time the trail does not connect with the state forest. The trail is part of the Middleburgh Ridge Runners.

Continuing on we find more field and light woods riding



On the pipeline above Rt 146

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# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <small>Maple Ski Ridge Sno-Cross</small>
11 <small>Daylight Savings Time Begins</small>	12	13	14 <small>Club meeting at the Maple Inn, 7pm East Berne</small>	15 <small>NYSSA Early Forum signup deadline</small>	16	17 <small>St Patrick's Day</small>
18	19	20 <small>Spring begins</small>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <small>BOD meeting at TBA.</small>	29	30	31 <small>Trail Boss Worklog deadline</small>

# April 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <small>E. Berne Adopt-A-Hwy</small>
8 <small>Easter</small>	9	10	11 <small>Club meeting at the Elk's Lodge, 7pm Esperance</small>	12	13	14 <small>Duanesburg Adopt-A-Hwy</small>
15	16	17	18	19	20 <small>NYSSA Forum Lake Placid</small>	21 <small>NYSSA Forum Lake Placid</small>
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29	30					

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## Club News

Adopt A Highway projects have been scheduled for April, meeting locations are either the MobilMart in East Berne or the MobilMart in Duanesburg. Times to meet are 9:30 to 10am on April 7 East Berne and April 14 Duanesburg. Coffee and doughnuts to those who show up.

Groomer seat covers have been replaced on a number of the Skandics.

The New Holland groomer will be stored inside this year. Location will either be at Gerry Lenseth's or Tom Rulison's.

There may be another safety class this spring, but none have been scheduled as yet. Keep watch on the website for updates.

The 70% grant funding has started to arrive from our sponsors (counties and towns).

Please note our newest advertisers, we thank them for supporting the club, so be sure and support them with your business.

Club Nominations for officers and directors are now open. A short list follows of those currently running:  
Pres. Ron Shultes, Tom Rulison  
VP. Joel Church, Ron Shultes  
Tres. Tammy Saddlemire  
Sec. Rich Egan  
Directors/Trustees  
John Scrima, Gabrielle Shultes, Brian Buchardt

Nominations are still open and being accepted. If you are interested in helping guide the club, now is a perfect time to throw your hat in the ring.

## Trail Log

**East Berne - C7B** will need a bridge built during the off season near Turner Rd for next season. This bridge will be on the newly rerouted section of trail. The section of S70 currently closed to Thacher Park may soon be re-opened on a new trail, permissions are being sought.

**Knox/Gallupville** - Gates are closed as outlook for snow is poor. There were a couple of jerks trespassing along C7B at the airport. Please stay off the runway or we will have no way to go through that area. Got it?

**Esperance/Sloansville** - Permissions are still slowly coming in for the trail to Sloansville. It is critical that all are in before April 30 to be considered for grant funding next season.

**Duanesburg/Delanson** - The new trail up Cooley Heights is a very nice ride, very gradual incline, no more vertical climbing. The section of C7B which uses the cattle pass near Rt 7 has been widened however the hill can be icy so use caution.

**Burtonsville** - Trails are closed due to low/no snow.

**Mariaville** - Trails were open after the Feb 29/Mar 1 snowfall. Conditions were good but ungroomed. Many water holes opened up in low spots. No grooming was done as the snow was in a continual state of melt. A rider had a close call on Mariaville Lake shortly after the snowfall and nearly fell in. The ice is unsafe and all riders should stay off the lake.

Please note that due to a low amount of snowmobile registrations this year, next season's grant funding will be reduced. Registering each year whether you ride or not is very important.

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FAMILY FARE

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all the way into the village of Knox. C7B enters the Knox Town Park and finds the junction with the Township local trail at the kiosk.



The New Holland on C7B near West Rd

Taking a left onto the Township Trail will bring us down a part of the Heldeberg Escarpment. There are some nice



Club members in the Township Tavern

views along the way. At the bottom of the hill we cross Rt 146 and arrive directly at the Township Tavern. You will find good food and refreshments here. Turning around and riding back up the hill gives you a real sense of elevation change. When

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you reach the kiosk, turn left to continue into Knox. Be careful as you ride through the park as kids may be sledding on the slope. Once in town you will cross Rt



The Township Tavern

156. At the ball field the trail passes thru then crosses a bridge. Climbing a gentle hill will bring us to a junction with a local trail running over to the Highlands restaurant.



The Ball Field bridge in Knox

This trail is still under development by Frontier, so we will not venture that way today. The trail moves across the sometimes wind swept field tops, so be ready for

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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
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  - 6th Prize \$1000 In-stock groomer track parts
  - 7th Prize 1 Day Professional Adirondack Guide
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- Drawing April 21 2012 NYSSA Forum, Lake Placid, NY Donation \$5.00 per ticket  
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some low snow conditions. At the pipeline station the trail turns left. This area is high above the valley and offers some great views west toward Berne and Cobleskill! Next we descend into the valley between Berne and East Berne, riding toward the latter. After crossing Rt 443 the trail moves east along a stream at the base of a hill.



Looking west from above Knox

We cross that stream on a high steel deck bridge and arrive at the Maple Inn. Excellent food and beverage is served in a friendly atmosphere. There is fuel for your snowmobile just beyond the



A full lot at the Maple Inn, East Berne

Maple Inn on C7B. Cross over Rt 443 and you arrive at the MobilMart. C7B continues moving southeast along the Heldeberg Airport then moves back across Rt 443. The trail follows the highway until Joslyn School road. Here the trail turns south into the North Wind Riders club trails. However at this junction we will stay left and continue on via S70. The trail crosses Fox creek then climbs back up to Brookhaven Drive. The trail rides nearby the road until reaching Rt 443. At this point you can cross Rt 443 and ride into the Heldeberg Ridge Runners trail or return back north. S70 is closed beyond here but with luck the trail will reopen to Thacher State Park in the future with the cooperation of generous landowners. Hope you enjoyed the virtual tour, not quite the same as really riding it...

*Editor's note; It is unfortunate that most of us will have to use this virtual tour as our only chance to 'ride' the Frontier trails this season. As snowmobilers, we realize that once in a while a poor riding season will strike. It is important to remember that the future can hold great possibilities. Plan ahead now to help ensure the club is ready for the future, get involved today.*

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**Notice:** The Spring Adopt A Highway programs will be starting in April. Please plan now to attend and help your club with this community service. More members who help, make it go very easy. Hint, we need your time, please plan to help out. Check calendar for dates.



## NYSSA NEWS

The 5th Annual NYSSA Adirondack Snowmobile Trail Conference will be held on Sat., March 31st, 2012.

The conference is for anyone interested in the workings of snowmobile trails in the Adirondack Park, as well as the Catskill Park. Club representatives from all across NYS are invited to attend, while those clubs who have trails located inside the "blue line" should send someone to learn more about and to interject their own personal interactions to the group.

This year's focus will be on the cooperative efforts on ADK snowmobile projects; past, present, and into the future. A few UMP's have been approved with projects being undertaken and completed while several more are in the process of being released. Representatives from the DEC, OPRHP, DOT, APA, and Economic Development are scheduled to attend.

The Conference runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The venue for this year is again The Adirondack Hotel, Route 30, Long Lake, NY 12847

Please rsvp to me with the number of attendees planning to participate in this conference. Bring your specific questions that your club would like to have answered.

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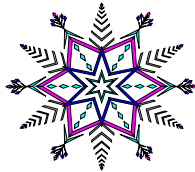
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