

FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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Snow Hazards

On Christmas morning the area got an inch of snow to make everything white outside! Then winter returned in force two days later on December 27th with around a foot of snow.

This sudden launch into winter likely caught most folks off guard. Early temperatures in December were running mostly above normal with just small amounts of snow. Put this together with all the usual running around prior to Christmas and winter could sneak up on you.



As we all start to head out for the first ride of the season, remember to watch for hazards which are waiting for you.



Photo courtesy the internet.

First hazard to deal with is yourself, not being on a snowmobile for year or more you can forget how snowmobiles handle and respond. So take it easy on that first ride.

Frontier trails cross a lot of highways. Always stop, look, and give way before proceeding across the road. Highway vehicles are rarely looking for snowmobiles, so treat them as if they never see you. Do not let high snow banks drop you into the road before you are ready. Snow banks also block both your vision and the highway vehicles.



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January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Mtg Maple Inn East Berne, 7pm	10	11	12 NYS Trail Grooming Seminar, Salisbury
13 International Snowmobile Safety Week	14	15	16	17	18	19 Snowmobile Safety Course in Duaneburg
20	21 MLK Jr Day	22	23	24	25	26 Club Ride
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Speculator Poker Run
10 Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week	11	12	13 Club Mtg Elks Lodge Esperance, 7pm	14 Valentines Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		



Club News

Snowmobile Safety Class - January 19 at the Duaneburg Fire House. See page 7 for more info.

Snowmobile Safety Instructors now include Mike Vincent, Dave Harrington, and Mike Riek.

Top salesperson from Frontier Sno Riders will win a long sleeve Club Tee shirt.

Randy Stein has volunteered to take over as web master. Rich Egan will continue to advise and the club thanks him for excellent service over the many years!

January 26 has been set as the day for the Club Ride. Come to this month's meeting for more details and watch the club website for the latest on where the ride will start and end.

Interested in learning how to groom trails? Attend the NYS Trail Grooming Seminar at Salisbury on January 12. You must pre-register.

Thanks go to Laudy Hoyenga who is building two drags, one for his use and another for the 2013 groomer.



Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Turner Rd bridge is decked. S70 is only open as far as Brookhaven Rd.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - C7B at Rt146 will stay in the woods and use only the lower section of pipeline. Logging has finished there. Stay on the trail. Rope and tape markers are in place along planted fields near Westfall Rd. Stay on the trail.

Esperance/Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Work on a local trail to the Tumbleweed is on going. Stay to edge of field on C7E just east of Stewarts near Rt20+Rt30.

Duaneburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - Elementary school corridor is up and fenced. Stay on the trail. C7B north of Schoharie Turnpike has been rerouted. Follow signs, stay on the trail and watch for water.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Trails are being groomed and all signs are up.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Bridge on C7B in Montgomery County has been replaced with a culvert. Signs are all up, grooming has begun.



Frontier's Newest Groomer - 2013 Skandic



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The trails also pass through many forested areas and are susceptible to downed tree limbs. If you come across any limbs in the trail, please remove them if able. You are doing all following riders a favor. Also beware of low hanging limbs due to heavy snow or ice.



Photo courtesy the internet.

Water holes form in low spots on the trail due to melting snow, and or rain.

They vary in depth which can be hard to tell if muddy. Approach with caution. Do not stray off the trail too far to avoid the water holes or you may cause a trail closure.



Please report any hazard which you cannot safely navigate to a trail boss. This is an important responsibility of all club members which helps keep everyone safe.



Photo courtesy the internet.

Hazards are a part of snowmobiling. Please be careful when riding as hazards can be just about anywhere on the snow covered trails.

Water Holes

A theory on how this season's water holes formed. Since the area had no rain storm or thaw, where did all this water come from? With the ground not having much chance to freeze up, the frost only barely in the ground. Add a thick blanket of fresh snow as an insulator and the ground surface begins to melt. This releases water beneath the snow which pools in low spots



Photo courtesy the internet.

A big thanks goes out to our trail bosses and trail workers who put in many hours just getting the trails ready for us. Without them, riding would not be good. Volunteer today to help your club. We need you!



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Pallets placed in water hole.



Stone paved over wet spot.



Planted field rerouting signs.



Cutting brush back trailside.



Some pictures of late season trail preparations on C7B in the Town of Wright, featuring trail worker Christian C.

Thaw To Strike Northeast

January 7 2013

Can the snow last, that is the question? With both rain and warm temperatures forecast over the next 6 days, it seems doubtful a snow base can survive.

A return to winter conditions not yet seen in the forecast. Hope fades...

Keep your fingers crossed that old man winter comes back and plans to stay until late March. Wouldn't that be something?

It could happen.

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Stops in Lake Pleasant & Piseco

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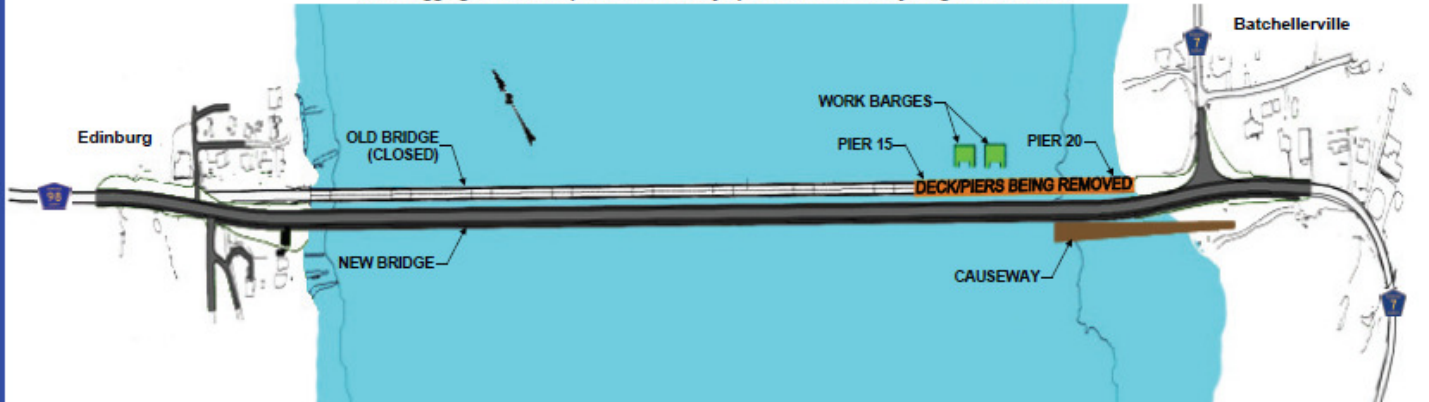
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BATCHELLERVILLE BRIDGE PROJECT
NOTICE TO WINTERTIME GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE USERS:
USE CAUTION -- OBSTRUCTIONS IN WORK AREA

The New York State Department of Transportation advises that demolition of the old Batchellerville Bridge will continue through the winter, with the contractor removing decking and steel girders. This will require barges and open water in the work area. As shown below, this winter's work is expected to progress from the east to the west, approximately from old bridge piers 20 to 15; actual progress may differ from what is shown based on weather conditions and other factors affecting the pace of work.

To maximize safety, active work areas (barges and piers) will be surrounded by construction flagging and barrels, and flagging will also be placed around any open water created by barge movements.



There will be no work to cause open water further to the west. The western part of the Lake should be used for snowmobile passage.

Lake users should comply with posted signage and respect all flags, signage and other devices defining active work areas. Snowmobilers and all-terrain vehicle operators should reduce speeds and use caution near the bridges.

Please bear in mind that weather conditions may limit the visibility of the flagging, signage and other guidance in place on equipment and on the ice. Avoid abrupt maneuvers near the bridges, as other vehicles may be approaching the area.

For more information, please contact NYSDOT Engineer-in-Charge Bert Maine at 518-863-4977 or Bert.Main@dot.ny.gov, stop by the project field office at 92 Northville Road in Edinburg, or visit the project Web site at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/batchellervillebridge>.

Snowmobile Safety Class

Saturday January 19, 2013
Duanesburg Fire House
7073 Rt 7
Duanesburg, NY

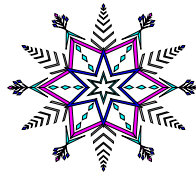
8:30am to 4:30pm Lunch will be provided.

Pre-Registration Required: Contact Dave @
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Rich Valletta	Duanesburg	895-2425
Jerry Schoening	Mariaville	864-5576
John Scrima	Burtonsville	875-6078
Tom Rulison	Esperance	728-9551



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