

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

## FRONTIER TIMES



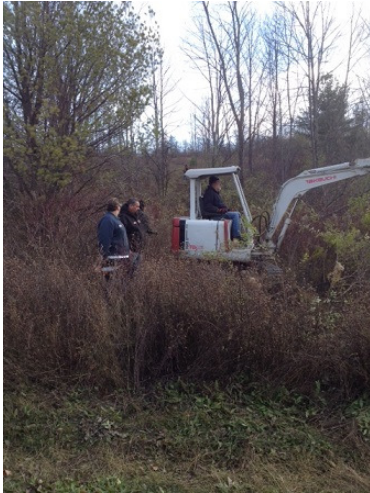
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### Work Party On!

Yes folks, the party is on. Straight down in the dirt, chain sawing trees, brush cutting and trail clearing fun. Now is the time to join a work party.

As the pictures show, a lot of work has been going on around Frontier's trails so far this fall. Each fall season the snowmobile clubs of New York State head out onto the trails and work at brushing and clearing the trails which will be ridden when the snow falls.



*Last sections to be cleared.  
Heavy work but Karl  
Pritchard's machine makes  
work quicker to Thatcher  
Park and the Clarksville area.*

If this work did not take place, there would not be much of a trail to ride. During the course of the spring and summer, storms bring high winds and rain which bring down many trees and flood streams. Blocked or eroded trails are the result of these storms.

Snowmobile riders who belong to the snowmobile clubs go out and perform this vital service so that all may enjoy the snowy trails. If not for them, we would not ride very far.



*The following members  
helped clear the trail:  
Mike Wenzel  
Karl Pritchard  
Ron Shultes  
Pat Stemple  
PJ Stemple  
Brian Buchardt*

The trail bosses are the team leaders who organize the work party. They direct what is to be done and get permissions from the landowner. Some property is subject to restrictions such as no work during hunting season, setting aside cut timber for firewood, and specific landowner requests.

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# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13 Club Mtg Township Tav- ern, 7pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Reg Deer Season Opens
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Club Mtg Elk's Lodge, Esperance, 7pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Snow permitting, trails can open	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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## Club News

Super Raffle Tickets will be available at the next club meeting. Be sure and pick up 10 tickets, either for yourself to buy or to sell and help the club generate needed funding. Remember 50% of the sale goes to the club.

GPS guru Joel Church is looking for a club member to train in the procedure for collecting and processing GPS data for the trail grants. Please call 895-5451 if interested.

Tom Rulison picked up 250 new sign posts and they are being distributed to the trail bosses. Some of them are being painted safety orange.

Ron Shultes scheduled the first snowmobile safety class for Saturday 12/7/13 at the Berne Fire House. Class time runs from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and you must pre-register, contact Dave Harrington.

Laudy Hoyenga has rebuilt the club snowmobile trailer, a big thanks goes out to Laudy!

Club trail map is on hold for the time being. Hope to have update at next club meeting.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Trail to Thacher Park has been brushed and cleared.

Knox - Ron Shultes - C7B north of the Rt 146 crossing has been widened and drainage ditch dug to eliminate water areas. Pipeline to Gage Rd brushed and cleared.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - My section of C7F is all signed and looks good. Metal guide plates for drags are done, will bring to next meeting.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - A large culvert was set in a stream crossing near Weaver Rd on C7B. The trail was also widened near the Rt 20 crossing.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - He is hoping to be able to resume working on the trails soon. Best wishes to John.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Trail C7B has been bush-hogged from McMillan Road to the Olzowy property line. After hunting season the barricades will be taken down and signs will start going up. Bob Frost is working with the state forest rangers on a reroute to eliminate all the mudholes on the trail next to the beaver pond lake.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Possible reroute near the junction of Rts 20 and 30 due to new building construction.



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So the next time there is a club meeting, be sure and come by to see how you can get involved in the work party! Do you have a section of club trail running near where you live? This is a good place to volunteer to help brush and clear the trail. Just check with the club before heading out to work, as landowner permission will need to be obtained prior to working.

Of course you could pick up the phone and call any one of the trail bosses listed on page 8. They would be happy to have you join them at their next party.



Full force trail work with Karl's equipment ,dig ditch parallel to trail, raised trail, straighten and removed stumps (photos courtesy Brian Buchardt)

Brian Buchardt and Karl Pritchard hard at work and having fun improving the trail. Chainsaws and polesaws are just some of the tools used to brush and clear trails.



Mike Dunigan , Mike Wenzel, Karl Pritchard, and Brian Buchardt finish up a days work near Saw Mill Rd East Berne .

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Karl pushing uprooted trees off the trail

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## NYSSA NEWS

### Changes Coming at DMV

#### **"DO NOT GO TO THE DMV OFFICE WITHOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP VOUCHER."**

If you walk into a DMV office to register your sled or mail in your registration you will need to submit your printed club voucher with your registration. DMV office's are under new instructions and must take that voucher from you and attach the voucher to the material that is filed for your registration. The office is not supposed to register your sled without that piece of paper no matter how much you plead.

If you do an online membership it is recommended that you download your voucher and keep a copy of it in your computer where you can find it. If you do an online sled registration you will need the voucher number in the top right hand corner and you must enter it without any dashes into the DMV website. If you buy another sled or if you have multiple sleds to register using the mail or the DMV office you may print multiple copies of the voucher for your registration needs. If your club hands you a hand written voucher be sure to make a copy before you submit it to the DMV office if you are doing a walk in or mail in registration.

Next season 2014-15, you will need to submit a voucher that is printed from the membership website in order to do a walk in or mail in registration.

**PINE BUSH, NY** - Snow has begun to fall in parts of New York State, and snowmobilers will begin getting excited for the upcoming season. The New York State Snowmobilers Association (NYSSA) encourages snowmobilers not to wait until trails are declared open to join their local NYSSA Club. Snowmobile season does not officially begin until after big game hunting season, and riders are reminded to check with their local clubs at that time to ensure trails have been opened.

"The snow forecasts are encouraging and now is the best time for snowmobilers to renew their membership and prepare for the 2013 winter season," said Dominic Jancangelo, Executive Director of NYSSA. "Club memberships allow NYSSA and the local clubs the ability to provide safe and well maintained trails for our members statewide." Anyone that signs up for a membership before November 15, will be entered for a prize courtesy of Country Inn and Suites and Upstate Seg Tours. Last month's membership winner had the option of a new trailer or \$1,000, donated by Fisk Distributing of Lyndonville, NY. Previously NYSSA gave away tickets to the NASCAR race at Watkins Glen, donated by Nationwide.



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## Vista Quest

In an effort to create a fun activity with little cost involved for club members to do this winter while out snowmobiling, I came up with an idea that should work.



Vista Quest involves riding to a designated location on the trail and taking a picture of the riders next to marker post to prove they made it to the location. Later on the rider then posts the picture taken on the

trail on the Vista Quest Facebook page to 'register' having completed that Quest location.

The club will designate a number of locations for participants to visit. The Quest can be completed all at once or through out the season. The only time limit is from when trails open to closing for the season. The locations will be a special interest or scenic view. A list of the locations will be made available on the Vista Quest Facebook page.

Those club members wishing to participate in Vista Quest will need to pre-register with the club. Participants will register as a team. Teams can be of any size, but all team members need to visit Quest locations together.



At the end of the season, riders completing the entire Vista Quest locations, will receive recognition for their efforts. Depending on involvement, prizes could be awarded.

(all photos courtesy the internet)

### Requirements:

All participants must be members in good standing with the Frontier Sno Riders.

Snowmobiles must be ridden to each site, properly insured, and registered.

No lewd or offensive photos please, keep it clean!

Helmets must be removed for photo identification at each Vista Quest location, no matter how cold and snowy it is!

Must have access to FaceBook to be able to post photos on the site.



There is no cost to sign up for the activity.

All this activity requires is a volunteer to take the lead and make it happen. If you have experience with Facebook, you can do this. Please contact me at 895-5451 or [cato79@peoplepc.com](mailto:cato79@peoplepc.com) if you think you would be interested in this. I will be more than willing to lend a hand getting this activity going.



If you are interested in participating in Vista Quest, please let me or one of the Board members know. If you have a location you think would make a good Quest location, please send that along as well.  
..Editor





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Karl Pritchard and Jack Dowling wait as Brian Buchardt works on smoothing the newly placed culvert crossing.



At left a new culvert is towed out to the stream crossing on C7B near Weaver Rd.



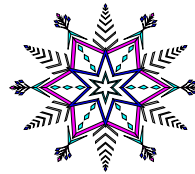
C7B in Duanesburg was widened near the Rt 20 crossing during a party held by Rich Valletta and Jack Dowling.





## Trail Boss Contacts

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Jerry Schoening	Mariaville	864-5576
John Scrima	Burtonsville	875-6078
Tom Rulison	Esperance	728-9551



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and  
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Heavy equipment  
courtesy of Karl  
Pritchard on C7B.

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