

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Club Overcomes Damage

Over this past summer a section of C7B outside of Mariaville was the scene of a transgression. Liberties were taken and damage to both the trail and a bridge resulted. A person was charged. The Club came together and worked to right this wrong.



*With the downstream railing removed, the damage to the bridge on C7B can be seen.*

A person admitted to the damage of the trail C7B, as his 4x4 pickup truck was discovered by forest rangers left buried in the trail. The truck required heavy equipment to extract it from the muddy trail.

The person claimed no knowledge as to how the bridge became broken. Two of three main beams had broken under a heavy weight.

The Club and landowner were notified by the forest rangers of the damage. After surveying the damage, trail boss Jerry Schoening set up a date with the forest rangers to repair the bridge.

The forest rangers were to oversee the bridge repair as the person responsible for the trail damage agreed to help with the bridge repair.



*Landowner Mark pushes one of the new main beams into position with his tractor as trail boss Jerry Schoening looks on.*

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# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club mtg Elks Lodge Es- perance, 7pm	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

# 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 Maple Inn, East Berne, 7pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Reg Deer Season Opens
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

## GENERAL CARPENTRY

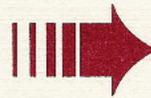
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## Club News

Mike Riek is setting up a schedule for snowmobile safety classes to be held in December at the Duanesburg Firehouse & January at the Berne Firehouse.

Website is running well and site hits for 2012/2013 reached **13713** on 9/1/13. The website team met at the Guilderland Library for some orientation for the new and current members of the team in June. New committee member Chris Bukowski has begun updating the website.

Vista Quest, a club activity is in the planning stage. Details coming to the next meeting.

Laudy Hoyenga is working with Randy Freeman on a new paper trail map for the area.

Schoharie County snowmobile clubs held a second meeting at the Summit Clubhouse, September 29. Topics included; trail worker insurance, orange paint for sign posts, landowner dinners, trail sign backers, grooming should not be done as solo operation.

Greta & Bill Peterson have volunteered to be Schoharie Co district reps at NYSSA.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Trail work on S-70 to Thacher Park is now underway. See pages 5 and 7.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Joel and Christian Church cleared and brushed C7B from Blue Huron Airport to Westfall Rd.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Trail work here was yolk raking a rough section of new proposed trail to Charleston Four Corners.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - Rich took a walk on C7E in Delanson, near Acorn Road - and reports that there is a culvert/bridge, approx 8 ft, that needs to be fixed., Rich and Jack Dowling are going to repair soon.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - No report.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Landowners Mark and Kate informed me that recently Mark had to pull a pickup truck out that had gotten stuck in the ditch off Spook Hollow Rd trying to access C7B because he had heard that you could get to Lake Rd from there. This person was from Galway. Waiting on Matt to get brush hogging started. Jerry also thanks everyone who assisted in the bridge repair.

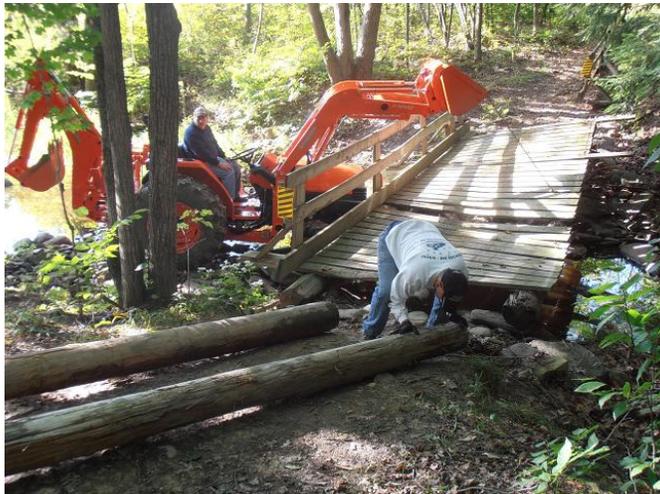
Esperance - Tom Rulison - No report.



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Matt Harper lifts the bridge with his tractor.

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With the beams in place, new decking was installed.

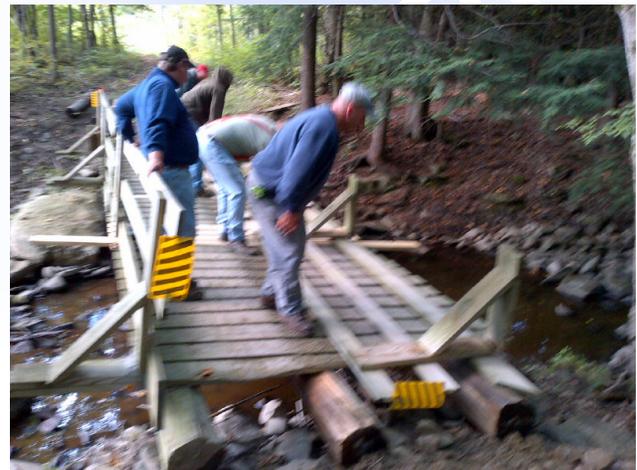
September 7 2013 a work party convened at the end of Spook Hollow Rd. 7 members, 2 of whom were all the way from Connecticut, were joined by the landowner and a forest ranger. The only one missing was the person responsible for the trail damage. He was a no show.

The work party benefitted from the help of two tractors and the landowner supplied the new main beams.

After four hours of teamwork, the bridge was back in place with the railing reattached and a number of deck boards replaced.



Tom Rulison helps guide the new beam under the bridge.



Lastly the railing was reattached (continued on page 7)

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## Early Fall Projects



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*Pat & Kim Stemple near Joslin School Rd in East Berne, on the trail to Thacher State Park. Landowners our are friends, if they are happy, we are happy. Respect the landowner, your ride depends on it!*



*Pat Stemple and trail boss Brian Buchardt make quick work of a large fallen Beech tree.*

*This is but one of many projects which will be done this fall. Please contact any of the trail bosses listed on page 8 to lend a hand. Another way to find out what is going on and how to help out, come to a club meeting.*

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## 20th Annual Big East Powersports Show

The 20th Annual Big East Powersports Show is back and better than ever. The premier snowmobile and powersports event in the Northeast, this is the only show where you can SEE, BUY, and WEAR the latest snowmobile products from Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo and Yamaha, as well as the gambit of aftermarket companies.

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**Ride Clean New York** is an organization seeking 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit status in New York State this year. This group was formed after Paul A Prill IV was tragically killed by an out of control drunk snowmobiler on Indian Lake last winter. The following weekend his surviving son, Kyle Prill organized a memorial for his dad and drew over 100 friends, fellow riders and law enforcement to Indian Lake. Ride Clean New York was born out of this event.

Ride Clean New York supports zero alcohol while riding a snowmobile in New York State due to the unique nature and power of a snowmobile demanding perfect concentration and coordination to keep yourself and others safe.

The start up cost for not-for-profit status, literature, stickers, and educational materials and more will cost thousands of dollars. Ride Clean New York is seeking our help to offset these costs. Our long term goal is to create educational programs to deter any alcohol use while riding a snowmobile, influence public policy to create tougher penalties and criminal charges for alcohol use on the trails, and create a network of checkpoints throughout the state to monitor for drunken operation of a sled.

Curtailing the alcoholic sub-culture of snowmobiling will take years and we must start RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW! Let's prevent senseless tragedies by:

- \*ALWAYS riding sober (ZERO alcohol)
- \*Financially contributing to Ride Clean New York by following the link to our fund raising platform: **Support Ride Clean NY**
- \*Spreading the word to ALL of your snowmobiling friends

Follow Ride Clean New York on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RideCleanNy>

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Thank you for joining us. Together, we will make New York Snowmobiling safer for us and the next generation of riders.

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Opening a trail requires the removal of fallen trees and limbs. The chainsaw is the primary tool used. Other than that, a lot of labor is done hauling the cut wood out of the trail. Yes, you probably can help.



NYS DEC built a new bridge in the Featherstonhaugh State Forest on trail C7B this summer, nice job!

Pat Stemple cuts another chunk off the tree. Many hours of hard work go into preparing the trails for riding. Be sure and thank the landowners and club members who make the riding possible.



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Work was still to be started on the repair of the trail itself as of this writing. Large ruts filled the trail and will need smoothing out. The forest rangers are following up on this repair to be completed by the person responsible.

In the mean time, the rangers will install a gate at the Lake Rd end of C7B to prevent further wayward 4x4 trucks from trespassing on C7B.

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