

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Safety and Education

The last of two Frontier Sno-Riders sponsored snowmobile safety certification courses was held January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Duaneburg volunteer fire house.



Instructor Mike Riek, on left, and students gather around a snowmobile.

The class of eight young snowmobile enthusiasts were ready to learn the rules of play for the trail system. The eight hour course consisted of the regulations and guidelines set by the office of New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

After we became acquainted and took care of the formalities, it was time to get down to business.

The seven chapters and quizzes were broken up with trips to the two very different types of snowmobiles that were set up inside the classroom. A lower powered easier to handle short track 340 INDY trail sled and a deep snow capable, more off trail (non-groomed) goat trail climber RMK for the more experienced rider and adventurer. The idea here is to show the differences between the more modern design specific type of sleds on the market today.

With so many choices out there you should pick the right sled for the style of riding you do most. The best thing about having a classroom with sleds inside is the hands on experience. Whether it is learning maintenance or placement of switches or simple ergonomics, you can't beat the warm convenience.

With the sleds sitting head-on left ski to left ski, spaced a foot apart, just ahead of each other, showed the class the correct way to pass on the trail with reduced speeds and proper hand signals for the situation.

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# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Club Ride 11am Hillview Inn
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10th Annual Sno Run Old Forge	<b>8</b> 10th Annual Sno Run Old Forge
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<b>16</b> Take A Friend Snowmobiling	<b>17</b> President's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>9</b> Hill Climb Maple Ski Ridge Daylight Sav-	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> First day of spring riding	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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## Club News

Your club needs you. Please consider coming to a club meeting and get involved. The last meeting at The Hofbrau saw a couple of members offering their help.

The 2013 groomer sled will be studded to help turning issues. Plus longer carbides will be installed.

Frontier Sno Riders will have an informational tent and sled trailer at the upcoming snocross/hill climb event at Maple Ski Ridge in March. Be sure to stop by and say hi, buy raffle tickets, and tee-shirts.

Corridor, secondary, and junction signs are being ordered to reflect changes that have occurred over the last couple of years.

Be sure to look online for the recent article in the Altamont Enterprise on snowmobile safety. The importance of not drinking and riding is forefront.

Club Meeting will be held February 12th at Jonathan's in Duanesburg, 7pm. Tell them you are there for the Frontier Sno Riders meeting.

Club Ride is on for February 15. Please join the ride. Fun, food, and good times all around.

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## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Thacher Park trail S72 is working well. Be advised it is narrow in spots and there are some steep climbs. Follow the signs and be safe.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Please follow trail signs, there have been changes to the trail over the last couple of years. C7B no longer goes by the Gage family farmhouse.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Trails are in good shape, just waiting for enough snowfall to open again.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - The airport in Duanesburg has many posted signs up. Stay on the trail to get into the village of Duanesburg.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Signs are up. More help is needed from members living in this area. Please contact John directly to volunteer your time. You are needed.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Sign theft is occurring in this area. Please report any criminal activity to the police. Fallen tree cleanup was conducted on 2 sites along C7B shortly after the trail opened by Jerry and Matt Harper.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Property in Delanson was recently sold and talks are underway to try and secure permission to continue operating C7E in this area.

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Mike shows students the safe operation and maintenance of a snowmobile.

After lunch, Paul Lenz, one of the founding members of the Ride Clean NY came by with a damaged snowmobile display to show the danger of riding under the influence of alcohol. It left quite an impression on everyone.

After a discussion on the importance of riding sober, we finished with the rest of the chapters and the final exam.

With light snow falling outside, all eight easily passing the exam, temporary safety certificates were awarded along with club stickers, safe rider stickers, a pick of pamphlets, and some posters.



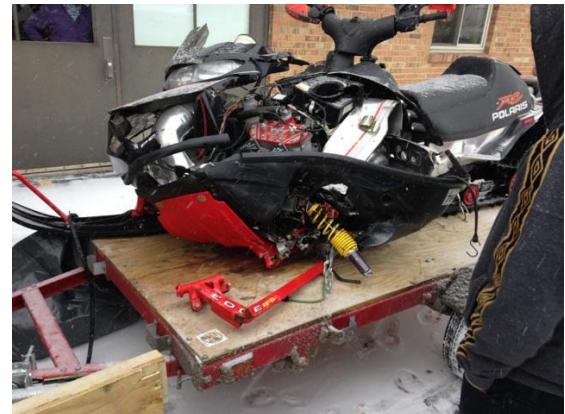
Paul Lenz explains what can happen when snowmobilers drink alcohol and then ride.

The day went by fast with a few life experience stories, some comical and some serious. In all the class was fun.

A special thanks to Tom Rulison for the use of the room and set up, Theresa Church for helping out, Paul Lenz of Ride Clean NY ([www.ridecleanny.org](http://www.ridecleanny.org)) and Jonathan's of Duaneburg for the great pizza.

A sincere thank you to all,  
Michael J. Riek  
Safety and Education, Frontier Sno-Riders

All photos taken  
by Tom Rulison.



A smashed snowmobile, the direct result of drinking and riding. This preventable accident claimed two lives.

**ATTENTION Snowmobilers!!**

**10 Best Ways To Get Our Trails Closed for Good**

1. Use loud exhaust systems
2. Litter
3. Spin studded tracks across driveway
4. Ride in designated wilderness areas
5. Ride off designated trails
6. Shoot trail signs with your shotgun
7. Don't get involved when a trail issue springs up
8. Drive over "NO SNOWMOBILING" Signs out of spite
9. E-OPP explore other people's property
10. Midnight Racing

**10 Best Ways To Keep The Trails Open**

1. Take an elected official out for a ride
2. Join a club and get involved
3. Stay on the trail
4. Get informed about business and home developments near your riding area
5. Teach a kid about responsible snowmobiling
6. Support the grouper funds in areas where you ride
7. Get informed and involved about threats to riding areas
8. Slow down in town, and whenever riding past people who are outside
9. Ride like somebody's watching you, and know who you are
10. Be careful

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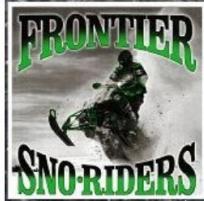
See this logo on the new long sleeve tee shirts. 4 color choices for the lettering on black shirt. Come to a meeting to purchase yours!

New Knit Caps are available now! They are really warm and easy to bring along on a ride, only \$15 each.



## NYSSA NEWS

Please support the trails you ride on! Please donate to the Trail Defender fund! You can make a \$20 donation by upgrading your membership via the NYSSA Online Membership System, or send a check in any amount, made out to NYSSA Trail Defender Fund, PO Box 1040, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Thank you!



## FRONTIER SNO-RIDERS

### Club Ride

Join us on February 15th!\*

#### Agenda:

Meet at Hillview Tavern in Esperance @ 10:00 am (coffee and donuts) and leave the Hillview at 11:00 am.

(optional start points Jonathan's or Maple Inn or Knox Town Park)

Riding groups will meet at the intersection of trails C7E and C7B at the kiosk at 12:00 pm.

From there we will split up and some of us will ride to Township Tavern and some to The Hofbrau on Warners lake.

Groups will meet at final location—Maple Inn at 3:00pm

Food will be served around 3:30pm, Fare includes: Veggie tray, Sausage and peppers, Swedish meatballs, and a variety of Pizzas.



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\* No or Low snow dates to be announced on club website.



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| 13 | \$300 Cash - Onondaga County Snowmobile Association                              |
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| 24 | \$200 Divas SnowGear Jacket - Divas SnowGear                                     |
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| 29 | \$200 Cash - Ful-Mont Snow Travelers Snowmobile Club                             |
| 30 | \$200 Cash - Niagara County Snowmobile Federation                                |
| 31 | \$200 Cash - Oswego County Snowmobile Association                                |
| 32 | \$200 Cash - Penn Mountain Snow Riders   |
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| 36 | \$200 Cash - SnoRats Snowmobile Club   |
| 37 | \$200 Cash - Wayne County Snowmobile Association                                 |
| 38 | \$200 Cash - Wyoming County Snowmobile Federation                                |
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| 42 | Remote Car Starter - Advanced Auto Electronics                                   |
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| 44 | Remote Car Starter - Advanced Auto Electronics                                   |
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| 46 | \$100 Cash - Genesee Sno Packers   |
| 47 | \$100 Cash - Herkimer County Trail & Trade Association                           |
| 48 | \$100 Cash - NYSSA Staff   |
| 49 | \$100 Cash - Oneida County Area Snowmobile Association                           |
| 50 | \$100 Cash - Pulaski Boylston Snowmobile Club                                    |
| 51 | \$100 Cash - Washington County Association of Snow Clubs                         |



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# Frontier Club Ride

February 15th 2014

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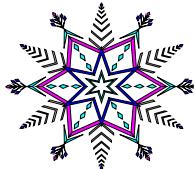
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