

FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

FRONTIER TIMES

A Season To Remember

The last half of this winter brought for some great riding along the Frontier Sno Riders Trail system. How do I begin... It all started mid-August when the trail bosses began putting together work parties on the weekends to begin clearing trails, putting in bridges, proper drainage were needed, re-routes where necessary and signage, etc. This is definitely an area the club needs more help with -- having more members help at the different work parties that are posted on the Club Website and different email blasts that are sent out are crucial to making our trail system even better. Our goal as a club is to get as many trails rated as class A, which means a lot of trimming back so we have 10 to 12 feet wide trails.



Frontier's Piston Bully 100.

Those of you who were able to ride the trail system from East Berne through Knox to the Schenectady County line saw a huge improvement on that main trail corridor this season. The improvement came from getting the trails 10 to 12 feet wide and allowing us to be able to run our new investment to the club, the Piston Bully 100 and a Bombie 252. These

machines have been a huge improvement to the trail system and with the club recently selling the New Holland Groomer and Drag, we will be looking at purchasing another piece of equipment like the PB 100 for the other half of our trail system. This will only happen if the trails get to the class A rating!

We started off the winter in mid-November with the large snow storm that we were unable to capitalize on due to hunting season still being open and

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Frontier Sno Riders

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Easter	6	7	8 Club Meeting Township Tavern	9	10 NYSSA Forum Rochester	11 NYSSA Forum Rochester
12 NYSSA Forum Rochester	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Adopt A Hwy Duanesburg 9am
26 Adopt A Hwy East Berne 9am	27	28	29	30		

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Work Party TBA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Work Party TBA
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Work Party TBA
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Club News

A summer work party schedule is being put together to address some big projects. Many volunteers working from all over the Frontier area will help get these projects completed.

Summer Trail Work Log:

S70, Township Trail Widening and new bridge.
C7F, Charleston State Forest Widening.
C7B, Town of Wright Widening and Reroute?
S71, Highlands Trail Widening.

A new Club Map edition is in the works, if interested in sponsoring an ad, please contact Laudy Hoyenga.

The Club is considering using the Bombi only for utility work, plowing corner snow, hauling equipment, etc. Some major cleat repair work needs doing and there are spocket issues.

The Club is actively looking for a replacement for the New Holland groomer. There is a strong desire to stay with the Piston Bully brand.

Adopt A Highway dates have been set for the Spring, April 25, Duanesburg and April 26 East Berne. Club contacts are Tom Rulison and Gerry Lenseth. Please volunteer to help with this.

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Looking ahead to next season, planning to continue to widen S72 to Thacher Park. Replacing bridge near Joslyn School Rd a priority to be able to hold heavy grooming equipment.

Knox + Wright - Ron Shultes - Bridge railings will need to be moved wider to accommodate the large groomers. Some locations to be widened and turns straightened wherever possible.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - C7F trails to be widened to Class A. Look for a new local trail to the Stockyard in Charleston 4 Corners next season. Trail signs being picked up.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - C7E from Acorn to Community Center to be widened. New bridge will need to be installed over Normans Kill.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Work is planned for the widening of C7F through the state forest. Also looking for new routing to avoid steep and blind hill with creek crossing.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - C7B in spots to be widened.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - New routing thru Esperance is being sought to help eliminate road edge riding and crossings.

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no frost in the ground to hold the snow longer before it all melted away. If only we were able to hold that



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snow around with a blast of cold weather we would have had a great base to kick off the riding season. The month of December and mid-January was not looking good for riding in our area with every storm staying south or on the coast line and missing us. Finally we were able to receive some white gold in our area to be able to open the trails for grooming / riding and with the cold weather it was able to give us a

solid 7 weeks of good



The Safety class 2014-15.

riding. With all the work that's involved to get

the trails ready for riding, that 7 weeks is never enough. Let's hope next season is even longer.

We held our yearly snowmobile safety training course at the Duanesburg Fire House this past November. We had a great group of students with the largest class ever. For next season we have already talked about having one early fall and another mid-winter. Please watch our Website for dates and times, anyone over the age of 10 can sign up for the class. Another fun event we held was the yearly member club ride. It's always fun to get together with our members and enjoy the trails together. We started at the Hillview Tavern and rode to the Maple on the



Lake Some Frontier club members helping out. to warm up and finished the ride at the Township Tavern for Pizza and Wings for all club members. Hope to see you on the club ride next year!!

Frontier Sno Riders would like to thank all the land owners for allowing us access through your property, without you we would not have a trail system like we do to enjoy this winter sport and help support all our

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Club Elections

All executive offices and 4 Board positions were open to nominations until April 1 2015.

Current nominees:

President—Chad Saddlemire (I),
Vice Pres— Ron Shultes (I), Tom Rulison,
Secretary— Bob Meyer,
Treasurer— Tammy Saddlemire (I),

2 Director Positions:

Laudy Hoyenga (I),
Michael Riek(I),
Ryan McCann,

2 Trustee Positions:

Brian Buchardt (I),
Ryan McCann,
(I) = incumbent

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who shall help guide the
Club in the future.*



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A Frontier work party.

local business during the winter. I hope everyone had a fun and safe riding season and if you have any questions about the club or are willing to get more involved, please attend any of our meetings throughout the year, watch the club website for meeting locations that are held the second Wednesday of the month. Finally, I personally want to thank all the Board Members, Trustees and Trail Bosses for all your time and efforts to make Frontier Sno Riders the great club that it is.

Have a fun summer and see you in the fall!!
Chad Saddlemire
President of Frontier Sno Riders

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Trail Boss Pics



The Bombi clears out road crossings with ease.

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Rich Egan *Extraordinaire Member*

A behind the scenes club powerhouse is stepping down as Club Secretary. Rich Egan has been a constant presence helping keep the Club moving in the right direction.

Rich and his wife Lois joined the Frontier Sno Riders in the early 2000's and got involved shortly afterwards. Rich took on the secretary position in 2008, first under President Tom Rulison and has stayed in this position ever since.

His dedication to taking club minutes is well known to those who frequent club meetings. A more through job would be very difficult to find.

Equally important in the secretary duties is the preparation of meeting agendas. This critical function makes the meeting run smoothly for the President.

Anyone coming to a club meeting will understand just how much gets accomplished in about 2 hours. It all falls to the well prepared agenda to keep things moving.

Another task that Rich took on, not part of the secretary duties, was the website.

Rich has worked very hard to bring the current website to the membership. Routinely the hit counter tops 13000 per season. This measure only counts 1 hit per day from a distinct internet address. So if you visit multiple times a day, those hits do not count. Getting current trail condition status out to the membership is a primary function of the website. Rich would collect daily reports from the trail bosses and post the conditions on the website. He would update the trail condition color boxes on the front page. Rich has spent many long hours fixing website crashes and glitches.

Maintaining club records and keeping them organized falls to the club secretary. Rich has computer-



Rich Egan (at left) accepts his Club Member of the Year award from Joel Church in 2010.

ized the records and maintains a second set on a thumb drive which he hands over to the President after updating monthly.

The level of service Rich has brought to the club will be hard to replace. He will be missed.

Some reflections from board members...

During my tenure as President, I called on Rich for advice numerous times. Rich knows how to deal with many situations and has been very supportive. Joel Church

I always loved his long emails when the club started to disagree. He always put us in our place and was usually right! I'm gunna miss him!!! Brian Buchardt



Rich (at left) and BOD member Gerry Lenseth discuss snowmobiling over a beer this past summer.



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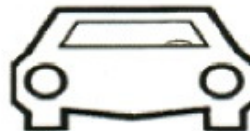
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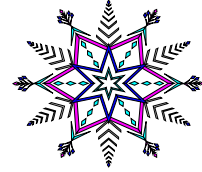
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