

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Club Ride 2015



*The meeting point at the Knox Town Park heading south to the Maple Inn.  
Photo by Pres Chad Saddlemire.*

The ride, trails and weather were good, about 28 people made the journey for dinner at the Township Tavern.

Shortly afternoon on February 21, Tom Rulison lead a group east from the Hillview Inn in Esperance on C7E. Chris Bukowski brought another group south from Duanesburg. The two groups met at the junction of C7E and C7B. This bumped the group up to about 13 or 14 sleds.

After a short stop at the kiosk in the Knox Town Park to collect more riders, the ride continued on. The party then rode south to the Maple Inn on the Lake. The Inn was very busy with a lot of snowmobilers. After about an hour stop there for people to get a bite, the ride continued north to the Township arriving around 5

pm for the dinner and 50/50 raffle. Club members enjoyed good riding and food all on the Frontier trails.

**Knox WinterFest.** The Town of Knox asked the Frontier Sno Riders to come out and support the Town's annual Winterfest this year. On the morning of February 14, cold and overcast skies with a chilly wind greeted town folk at the Knox Town Park. The Club provided a groomed



*President Chad Saddlemire, Board member Mike Riek, and Club member Theresa Church at the Club table.*

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Frontier Sno Riders

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11 Club Meeting Maple Inn, 7pm	12	13 Snomageddon Maple Ski Ridge	14 Snomageddon Maple Ski Ridge
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# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Easter	6	7	8 Club Meeting	9	10 NYSSA Forum Rochester	11 NYSSA Forum Rochester
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## Club News

Super Raffle tickets are on sale now, please come to a meeting to pick up tickets to sell. 50% of the sale price goes to the Club. Now in the home stretch, please support the Club, buy tickets **NOW!**

In the interest of keeping trails open, do not put loud aftermarket cans or pipes on your snowmobile. You may sound cool, but the landowner does not share your ear.

Albany County Sheriff snowmobile patrols have been issuing tickets for infractions. If you have a loud sled be warned you may get a ticket.

2004 New Holland Tractor groomer and drag was sold for \$28K. The is looking for a replacement.

Rich Egan has announced that he is stepping down as club secretary at the end of this term. He has been a vital cog in the organization and his service has been exemplary.

The Club is looking for a volunteer to run for secretary in next month's election. Please contact Bob Myers or Gerry Lenseth if interested.

Schoharie County Snowmobile trail map sales have been going strong. Mohawk Valley GIS has sold many online and requested more from the Club.

The Club is actively seeking funding help from the Long Island Sno Seekers club. This club has no trails of its own, so each year they pick clubs to donate funding to at the NYSSA Forum to help with trail maintenance.

Frontier will be represented by 5 club members at the NYSSA Forum in April.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Bombi groomer has been used some on S72, but is limited by trail width and steep hills. Summer projects will address these issues.

Knox + Wright - Ron Shultes - The Nature Conservancy is looking for the club to widen S70 trail during the warmer months. This will allow for the trail to be upgraded from class B to A.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Look for a new trail from Sloansville to Charleston Four Corners next year. It is 95% complete and hopes are high the final stretch will be landowner approved. This will connect Frontier with The Stockyard in Charleston Four Corners.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - The airport in Duanesburg has new owners and will not allow snowmobiles on the property at all, even next to Jonathan's. Look for and stay on the logging reroute at the end of Ash Lane.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Looking at trying to get approval to widen the trail in the state forests.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Grooming Mariaville trails has resumed after repairs were complete. John Cislo was up here on the weekend and grooming Saturday during the day. Matt and I are planning on breaking in Angelo DiCaprio as a groomer operator on Sunday also.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Riders need to stay to the edge of the field just east of Esperance. Roping off the edges may need to be used to contain the riders.

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.

Projects like the new trail to the new Maple Inn location were completed in one day due to the large number of club members helping out that day.



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*Albany County Sheriff patrol snowmobiles.*



*The Frontier Piston Bully and drag sporting the Club banner.*



*Deputies Steve and Phil join the Frontier members.*

sledding hill for the children to ride down. The Club also set up a table for answering questions about snowmobiling and selling Club merchandise.



*Children launch their sleds from the top of the hill.*



*Lots of people came out to enjoy the Winterfest.*



*A bonfire helped warm a very chilly day.*

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## Why Frontier?

Taking stock of what makes a snowmobile club successful requires some reflection. Success can be measured in many different ways. So is Frontier a success?

Surely a big determinant is the number of members a club has. What brings the snowmobiler to join a particular club? Location helps, if you ride where you live, it is natural to feel akin to the club in your area. Apparently there are a lot of snowmobilers in the hill towns of Frontier land.

There must be more than just location to want to be a Frontier Sno Rider club member?

Club member benefits would be high on the list for joining a club. This covers everything from trail grooming and signage to website and communication. Having nice groomed trails close to home is the best. Staying informed keeps you involved. Both are benefits.

Another benefit I realized this past week was access to services. After spending the day riding out west of Frontier land on really nice wide groomed trails, I found very little in the way of on trail services. Where we unloaded was one of two locations where there was food and fuel easily found. Fast food was nearly all there was. Even finding a parking spot to

unload was slim. So in light of having great trails, without the trailside services, one might find the riding not as good as it could be.

Frontier enjoys having plenty of choices for food, fuel and parking. Much of the service is located right on the state trail system or a local trail. Both businesses and club members benefit with the easy access.

The biggest key to success is the membership itself. From this pool of snowmobilers are drawn individuals who take on roles to make the club what it is. We have members who instruct others in the proper maintenance and use of snowmobiles. We have members who spend many hours entering work party and grooming logs into the grant program. There are members who chase down all the required forms to see an RTP grant awarded. Members spend many hours brushing, clearing, building bridges, installing culverts, and putting up signs. Club members come out multiple times a year to do highway cleanups. Managing the club membership signups and landowner insurance policy are taken care of by members. Maintaining positive landowner relationships falls to club members reaching out and taking action. Maintenance and care of the groomer fleet is handled by club members. Grooming at odd hours for hours is done by club members.

Is there room for improvement? With the success has come the multitude of club members out riding. This puts pressure on maintaining the trails. Over the last few years the club has grown the grooming fleet and improved the ride. There are more trails to be improved. It is good we have so many club members to rely on helping out.

That is why Frontier is successful.

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Before field staking on C7F the trail wanders...  
 Laudy Hoyenga and 2 groomers from Frontier hit the big field on C7F



After staking the field, riders stay on the trail.  
 Laudy drills a post hole in the frozen ground.



Laudy's side by side works not only as a groomer but also carries sign posts, a generator, and tools for putting in the posts.



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“We are extremely excited to work with The North East Sno X series” they are one of the best Sno X promoters in New York and holding a Snocross & Cross Country race together at the area ensures a good time for racers and spectators alike. Maple Ski Ridge will remain open for skiing and tubing adding another layer of entertainment for all. The concession stand and lodge will be in full operation for all guest.

Maple Ski Ridge is only one of many factors that add to the excitement of this particular event, With A huge Cross Country & Sno X Track for the racers to race on. This will be exciting race, spectators and racers can enjoy more than 5 hours of racing and enjoy all that Maple Ski Ridge has to offer.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sled Freak Semi- Pro Shoot out will take place Saturday night during the race.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Powermadd Cross Country Challenge will take place during the race.

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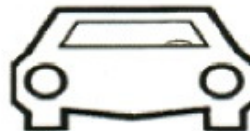
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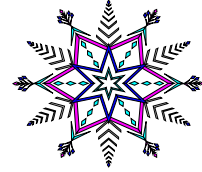
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