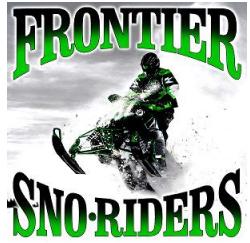
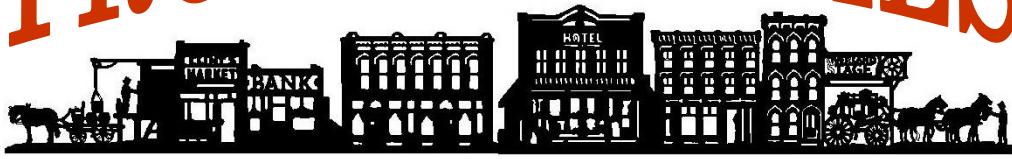


FRONTIER TIMES



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Trail Negotiator aka Trail Boss

In early December Trail Boss Brian Buchardt found out that trail C7B was not going to run where it had in the past just as he was putting signs up for that very section.



Located up the hill, northwest of the village of East Berne, C7B crosses Simons Road, wanders across a field, then crosses Turner Road. This has changed as the landowner now has livestock in this field.

One of the most difficult tasks that falls to club members is keeping the trail open to snowmobilers. Sometimes actions of a few riders cause the trail to close, other times land is sold, or land use changes. Most times the area trail boss is the club member who has to go out and find the landowner to see if anything can be done.

Finding a work around can be easier if the trail boss knows the landowner, but when a new landowner takes over, there is no knowing if the trail will remain open until contact is made.

Imagine if you will, you just bought a house in the country and a fellow shows up at the door in the fall asking if you would sign a landowner agreement to allow a snowmobile trail to continue to run across your new front yard. Would you sign?

The trail boss knows he has a tough sell, there is little benefit to offer the landowner other than being a good neighbor. If the landowner has his or her own snowmobile, then the club will cover the cost of club membership.

With a closed section of trail, rerouting then becomes necessary. Hopefully the trail boss has options for new routes. Some reroutes are better than others. A less than desirable reroute would include riding a roadside for a distance. Some may require new landowner contacts and agreements. Then of course the new section must be prepared. This can range from simple field signing, to cutting through brush and trees, installing culverts or bridges. If no other option is available, then the trail will close.

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S-70 Township Trail Under Attack

Illegal ATV traffic on the trail has threatened to close it.

ATV riders are tearing up the natural state of the land.

Frontier Sno Riders have put in a lot of work to make this a Class A snowmobile trail and we do not want to lose access because of a few careless ATV riders. The Club has installed gates to deter this misuse, however they were damaged and ridden around.

If the ATV riders do not heed this warning, we will lose this trail.

If you know who is riding their ATVs on this trail, please tell them to stop.

Trail Boss Skip Murrill

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What's Cooking?

The Club has an electronic leaderboard advertisement running now on the Sports page of the Schenectady Gazette's website. It cycles with other ads but allows viewers to click and go directly to our website.

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Take A Friend Snowmobiling - Sunday January 22, 10am to 3pm Gerry Lenseth and Chad Saddlemire will bring 2-4 Skandic groomer sleds and gear for new riders to experience snowmobiling at Lawson Lake County Park.

Club members please help promote the event as well as attend (bring extra sleds and helmets if available – special NYSSA insurance coverage provided) and time to share a great experience to new individuals about our sport! We plan on bringing four of our Skandics to this event (weather permitting) for the day to use as ride-along-sleds. We have been working in conjunction with NYSSA, Albany County Sheriffs, Albany County Parks and Helderberg Ridge Runners. See below for more info.

Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Reroute completed between Turner and Simons Rds, follow signs.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - We created a new- old path by the bridge in Esperance, avoids a lot of street travel. Also have put a Kiosk at junction of 7E and & 7F. We also straightened up some trail through the state forest and added a lot of signs from the state forest down to Esperance.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - The trails in Mariaville are all signed, down trees removed and just waiting for white gold to open. All gates are open as people are riding on what meager snow we have. Can't say I blame them in light of last winter.

Burtonsville - Jeremy Stoliker - Brushhogging done.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - Trails awaiting snow.

Township - Skip Murrell - I recently heard from the people that manage the property just above the Township Tavern and they are unhappy about the ATV traffic through the property. They are looking for the Club to do more to stop this.

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - We straightened some of the trail through Marcel's woods above Cooley Heights on 7F. Hand rails put back on bridge.

Duanesburg - Aaron Nickloy - Follow signs in fields near Schoharie Turnpike to avoid crop planted areas.

Club Ride—February 4th 2017, subject to change.

Oak Hill Vintage Show had 80+ snowmobiles shown.

Wes Ostrander donated \$200 to the club for his Randall Enterprises ad and Collar City donated \$100 for their ad, big thanks to both!

Please welcome our newest business **Traina's** Fishing & Tackle! They are located on Zimmer Rd, Berne.

Equipment Notes

Tom Rulison and Laudy Hoyenga have put winches on the Pisten Bully groomers and the club's trailer.

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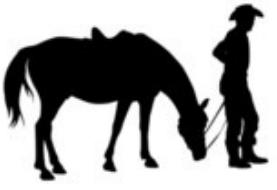
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Trail Conditions Page When you visit the Frontier club website, be sure to check out the Trail Conditions page. It has taken us a couple of weeks to sort out the bugs, but the page is now working and it links to some super features!

When you click on **Trail Conditions** at the top of the page you will open the Frontier Trail Conditions page.

Here you will see a map of our area. Unfortunately we will not see our local trails displayed here as in the past.

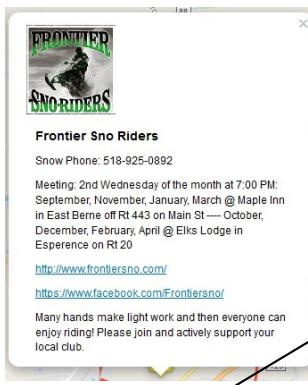
Fear not! At the bottom of the map you will see **"View on Large Map"**. Click this link.

This will open NY Snowmobile Web Map page. There is a lot of info on this page. First we will clean it up so we can see the trails.

Click and drag the map down until the Frontier info is in full view. Click the little **x** in the upper right corner. You should see the map now showing Duaneburg and the trails around there.

To the left of the screen is a key/Legend box. Clicking the zoom out (—) button left of the box will show you more of the map.

Have fun with this page! Explore what it can do!



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In Brian's case, the landowner was gracious to allow the trail to still cross the property, just further in through a woods and brush.



Before, during, and after, Brian Buchardt uses a dozer to open up an overgrown area for the rerouted C7B.



A Trail Boss is more than a builder and groomer of trails, he or she is a negotiator working between the landowner and snowmobiler.

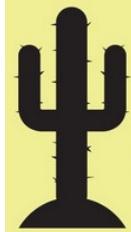


Tom Goodman uses a brush-cutter to remove small trees along the trail.

The field directly across Turner Rd from the rerouted C7B.

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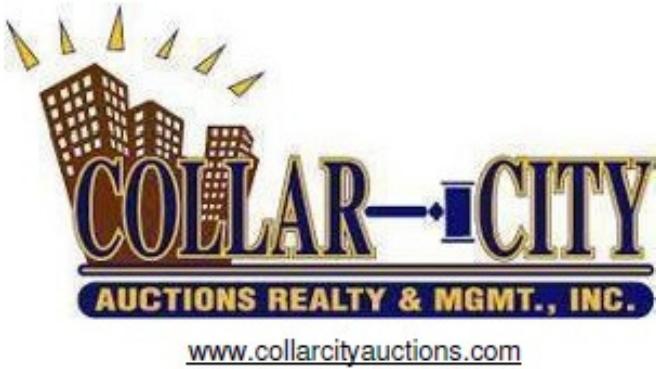
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C7B near Ostrander Rd,
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Club member Andy Fielding
preparing the C7B/C7F kiosk .

Trail Boss Pics



Trail Boss Joel Church,
Snowmobile Crossing, Pannis
Rd, Delanson.



Trail C7B, Knox Cave Road
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Blind hill on C7B signage.



Signing the road crossing at
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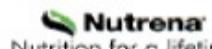
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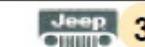
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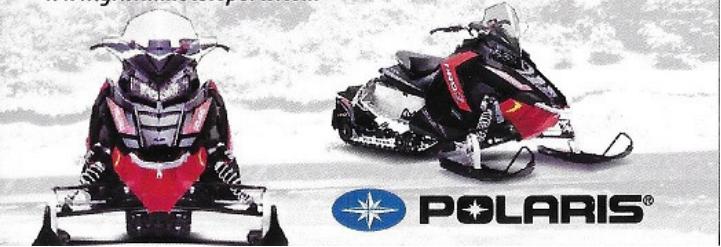
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