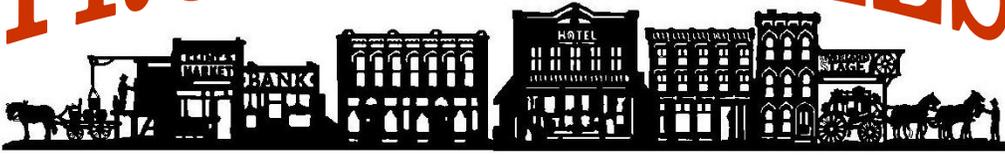


FRONTIER TIMES



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Ride'm To the Stockyard

On March 10th after a recent local high elevation snowfall a few of the Frontier Sno Rider members decided to attempt a late morning departure from near Thacher State Park to the Stockyard Public House in Sprakers (at the Charleston 4 Corners).

Catching the club trail S72 out the back of my property, I joined Trail Boss Brian Buchardt at his place and met up with "Brew" Mike Wenzel near the Doppler Tower with a quick stop for fresh fuel for Mike's sled at the East Berne Mobil on C7B. The club trails had been holding up a good base from the cold weather but the lack of large snow amounts was hindering the grooming process, but with the fresh snow the riding was very smooth. We headed northwest and caught up with Trail Boss Joel Church on the trail at the "old Maple tree" intersection to the outlaw trail heading to Schoharie.



The group meets up at the 'old Maple tree' junction.



Crossing the bridge on C7E behind the Esperance ball field.

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Arriving at the club kiosk in Delanson (C7B and C7E junction) we made a valiant last minute attempt to convince Vice President MaryAnn Nickloy to join us on short notice – but to no avail. Continuing thru Delanson on C7E we began to see the recent snowfall amounts diminish as we made our way out to the Route 20 bridge crossing in Esperance.

At this point, we were skeptical of continuing but after a quick phone conversation with Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga and some positive reinforcement, we scaggged across the barren bridge and road

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Trail Log



Club elections to be held at this month's meeting in Esperance, at the Elk's Lodge. Be sure to come support your candidates.

Past Trail Boss of the Mariaville area, Jerry Schoening is very ill, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

The club sent a flower arrangement to Jerry at the hospital with hope for a speedy recovery.

With the snow gone, please respect our landowners, do not ride the trails with 4-wheelers. We would like to be able to ride snowmobiles next season.

Duanesburg Days was held April 6th at the high school. Frontier had a booth to provide information about the club. Thanks go to Christine and Tom Rulison for taking the lead and making it happen.

Work is continuing on the development of a connector trail from C7B down to Schoharie. If you would like to help with this effort, please come to a club meeting or contact a trail boss. The more help the club gets, the greater the possibility this trail will open.

The club is looking into the purchase of another class A or B groomer. With the success of Laudy Hoyenga's jeep groomer, there are more opportunities to look at.

Tom and Laudy noticed two DEC trucks near entrance of C7E in the Charleston SF going back in to where proposed bridge to be built, turns out it was Forester Dan Gaidasz and a DEC engineer. Progress!

Election Comm. Report: As for the election, still no candidate for Pres. So we will create the ballots with the director and trustee positions to be determined prior to the meeting.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Tom and Laudy picked up signs near Mill Pt.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - In the process of taking down trail signs and cleaning up any trees or trash left behind from winter.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Plan on picking up C7F signs Thursday, April 4th.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison -

Duanesburg C7B - Dominick Friello -

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Removed signs from Dr Rd to Webster Rd. Also removed snow fence at Benninger Rd. Much more to do.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Pulling signs and making sure gates are closed this weekend.

While picking up some signs last weekend at the Knox trailer parking lot, found a large amount of garbage, mostly Stewarts coffee cups. Going to finish picking the park and trails this weekend as well.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates -

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Dollar General building across from Mobil in east Berne. Reroute planned.

Some bridges may need to be re-decked for next season going to need carpentry help.



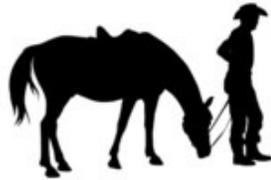
Trail Marshal says...

Go Take A Hike

If you live anywhere near a section of the Frontier trails, please take some time and go hike the trail.

Look for trash and broken sled parts lost during riding. Picking up these articles really reflects well on the club.

This is a small but important way to say thank you to the landowners.



How Did Frontier Do?

As the snowmobile season winds down, this is a logical time to look back and see how the club functioned.

From trail planning and building, to grooming, the season runs long. Many events take place and should be recognized for their contribution to the trail.

Frontier is about providing an enjoyable and safe snowmobile experience through trail riding. Only with member involvement is this possible.

In late summer trail bosses and board members hashed out where trail maintenance was to be accomplished. This year's big project was building two bridges on the trail C7E in the Charleston area.

After a couple of treks into the woods to reach the first bridge site, measurements and placement was confirmed. Since the first bridge was located in the state forest, permission for the project was needed. The State did not want Frontier to build the bridge as their policy is to budget and then build it themselves.

So, the club moved onto the second bridge to be built, over Irish Creek. The site required a lot of preparation. Locating a high bank to set the bridge on was key. Flooding is a major threat. Moving materials was made easier with a skid steer and a side by side. Construction took a couple of week-

ends.

Back at the first bridge, funding for the state-built bridge would not be there for this season. Instead approval was given to place a number of large pallets across the stream. These large, heavy duty pallets worked well and may be used again next season if the bridge is not ready when the snow flies.

Another project which was completed prior to riding season was the re-decking of the bridge behind the Esperance little league field.

Laudy Hoyenga put together a new groomer for his area built from a jeep. He installed tracks and lines to run the drag operation. It worked like a champ, easily clawing through the snow and smoothing it out.

MaryAnn Nickloy and Michael Riek got a good group of students to complete the safety course training.

Just this past month Gerry Lenseth, with the help of Michael Riek and his daughter Kimmy, ran a successful introduction to snowmobiling ride for about 80 people.

Two new trail bosses, Scott Klaus and Yancy Zimmer, have done a great job improving the trail up in Charleston. Every club member should try and ride C7E north of Esperance, it is truly a super scenic trail.

Dominick Friello and Casey LeClair kept up with the high use trails in and around Duanesburg. Not an easy task!

Skip Murrell put together a work party and relocated a washed out bridge on a feeder trail from Schoharie. Work is on going as the bridge will need new decking and the trail will need many permissions to connect to Schoharie.

Although the club lost S71 trail, (Highlands), there is hope that it will return one day. Plus work is continuing on connecting the north end of Thacher Park with S70 or S71.

The club members who got a chance to help out can take pride in building and maintaining a fun and friendly snowmobile club.



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surface in Esperance to continue our climb in elevation to adequate snow coverage northwest of town to the Montgomery County club kiosk (C7E and C7F junction).

Proceeding southwest from the kiosk on trail



The kiosk above Esperance and Sloansville.

C7F towards Sloansville, we met up with Laudy at his home/groomer shop to inspect his Jeep conversion groomer and drag. The trails were a testament to his hard work, nice job Laudy! We had Laudy lead us on the club trail to the Stockyard for a late afternoon lunch – their food was commendable.



Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga's jeep groomer.

With the advantage of daylight saving time occurring on this Sunday, we had extra daylight to make our return trip home easily – with a little sledding antics along the way. I logged just over 110 miles round trip on a great impromptu Frontier Sno-Riders trail ride. Gerry Lenseth



The club trail north of Sloansville to the Stockyard.



A successful and fun ride! (photos by Gerry Lenseth)



Where Does Snowmobiling Take You?



Know where this pic was taken?
Hint, somewhere in Frontier land.



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Know where?

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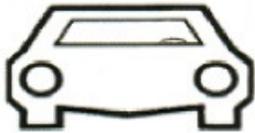
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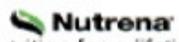
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