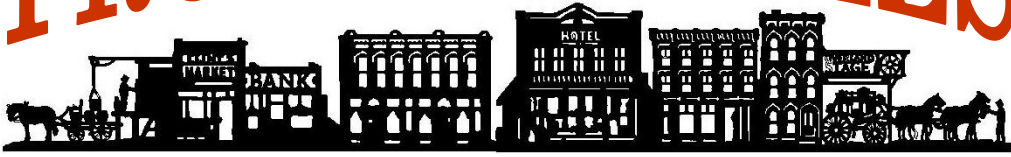


# FRONTIER TIMES



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## Ho Ho Ho Early Snow!

Stay off the trails!



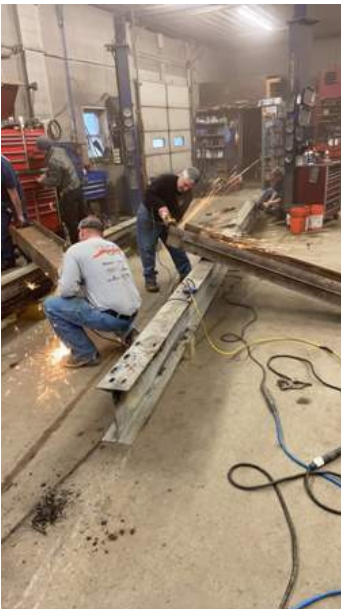
**Trails Not Open Yet** For the over 200 landowners that help make the Frontier Sno-Riders trail system exist, we *thank you sincerely* for the opportunity to allow the general public to traverse your property on the designated marked and groomed trails that we have established.

To the club members and general public that traverse these trail systems, please take a moment to read the landowner letter below (page 3) that each landowner receives along with their insurance certificate annually from our club.

Take note of the mid-section that refers to “trails are only open when a sufficient base exists (at least six inches of snow coverage) following the close of hunting season in December until the final spring thaw”. This is a statewide guideline that all clubs adhere to and we need our riding public to be cognizant of. Despite our early significant snow fall, trails are closed at this time and trail maintenance and marking is still under way. *Continued on page 3*

## Bridge Plan

Frontier has begun a program to upgrade all bridges to class A structures. This will be a multi-year effort.



Preparing the I-beams.

It is a double purpose program, one it will allow class A groomers, Pisten Bully, to safely cross and two it will extend the useful life of the bridge beyond the smaller structures.

The bridge's main support is the cross beams. Most of the club's bridges are built with telephone poles (wooden) or steel house trailer frames. The telephone poles do not last more than 5 to 10 years. The trailer frames offer plenty of support for snowmobiles and class C groomers, but cannot handle the weight of class A groomers.



Old trailer frame bridge ready for replacement.

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Sign up Now!!** See page 6

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# What's Cooking?

# Trail Log



Bridge planning meeting took place at Karl's to discuss and prioritize plan of action to determine which bridge projects the club would undertake this season.

The Turner Rd bridge will be replaced with the Carver trailer frame that has been stripped and prepped. This will require heavy equipment and coordination with the landowner to schedule the work.

The Knox ball field bridge will be relocated and upgraded at a future date. It is secure for this season.

The Demis bridge frame building session had a good turnout; Brian, Karl, Gerry, Orvil, Justin, Steve, and Skip.

Paul Farley, DEC Forester, reports the bridge in the Charleston State Forest might be able to happen this year, and a site visit by state officials happened November 20th.

Orders are being taken for vinyl trail mileage signs. Trail bosses contact Laudy to place your order.

President Gerry says "Thank you to everyone that helped with the roadside clean up in East Berne."

The NYSSA membership snapshot will be on 12/1, and that's what is used to determine grooming funds. Sleds should have been registered by 12/1. Did you register before the end of November?

Pole trimmer and saw still available for use if any trail boss needs it. Speak to Tom or Brian.

Donations are always welcome for I-beams to be repurposed, culverts, etc.

Skandics- all 6 are registered.

Trail help lists were passed out to trail bosses at last club meeting. Be ready for a call!

## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Moving slow, trees down everywhere.

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart - been working on the trails, and will call when help needed.

**Sloansville C7F** - Laudy Hoyenga - made a reroute for 7F in Sloansville, watch for signs.

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tom Rulison - Trail is still going thru center of village as no reroute can be found.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Dominick Friello - Culverts on Acorn Lane fixed. There are a couple trees down that need to be removed. Karl dug out the Weaver Road culvert. The bridge has been re-supported, and brush has been cleared. The Cole Rd bridge needs supports.

**Wright C7B** - Joel Church - had started putting up signs, then the snow came! Still have 75% to do.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Set and ready for signage in a few weeks.

**Knox C7B** - Orvil Bates - 95% of the signage out, working on bridge, need to replace culvert pipe on Turner Road (has the pipe for it), working on Pleasant Valley reroute for next year.

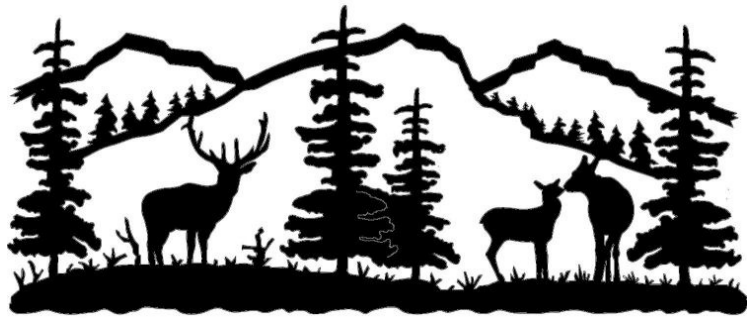
**Maple Inn S73** - Donnie Bauer - Maple trail was too wet this summer for excavator work.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Brian Buchardt - Signage started. Fire house won't allow re-route so trail will remain in present location.



( continued from page 1 - Early Snow)

When the trails do open this season (as indicated on our website and Facebook page), please reflect on the generosity of our landowners and respect their property as you traverse the marked and groomed trails. Without our landowners, you will not have the privilege to enjoy the riding experience that all NYSSA clubs provide you.



To our valued landowners along our trail system,

On behalf of the members of the Frontier Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club, we would like to say THANK YOU for allowing us the use of your property for our statewide snowmobile trail system. We recognize that without you and your continued support, New York State (and our Club) would not enjoy the privilege of having the trail system that exists today. We are grateful to you for your continued generosity and partnership with our Club and would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you.

Club members are currently performing general trail maintenance work and re-routing if necessary in preparation for the upcoming season. Trail marker safety and informational signs are being posted as well.

As a landowner, your satisfaction is a top priority of the club, if you have any concerns or requests for trail improvement on your property, please contact the Trail Boss in your area (as listed on our "Contact Us" section of our website). It is our club policy that our Board review and approve all trail improvements that incur a cost for a project in advance of any work being completed. Our primary goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable trail system for the riding public while respecting our landowners.

Throughout the winter riding season, our website & Facebook page provide the general public and club members with the most current trail conditions as well as specifying whether trails are open or closed in various sections of our system. As a reminder, trails are only open when a sufficient base exists (at least six inches of snow coverage) following the close of hunting season in December until the final spring thaw.

Enclosed you should find a Certificate of Insurance naming you, our landowner, as Additional Insured on the club's general liability policy. This provides landowner coverage as well as legal defense if an incident occurs on your property.

As a benefit, landowners are eligible for free annual Club membership for those that own and register one or more snowmobiles. This will enable you to register snowmobiles with the DMV at the discounted rate. Please contact our Club Administrator at [Membership@FrontierSno.com](mailto:Membership@FrontierSno.com) if you are eligible and are not currently receiving this benefit.

This fall our club has performed our bi-annual Adopt-a-Highway roadside cleanup program along Rt. 443 in East Berne. In December we will administer a NYSSA Snowmobile Safety course at the Duanesburg Fire House free of charge to youth and adult riders to obtain state certification. In addition, mid-winter our club will once again partner with NYSSA to host a "Take a Friend Snowmobiling" event at the Albany County Lawson's Lake Park to introduce new riders to the sport of snowmobiling with guided complementary trail rides for all to enjoy.

We recognize that our landowners hold the most important part of the program. The success of the trail system and our Club hinges on the generosity, cooperation, and partnership established between the Club and the 210 plus local landowners throughout four counties that allow us to use their property for the express purpose of winter riding.

The Frontier Sno-Riders club mission is to promote safety and responsibility as it applies to the sport of snowmobiling in our community. Again, we truly thank you for your support and invite you to visit our Facebook page or website at [www.FrontierSno.com](http://www.FrontierSno.com) for more detailed club information and events.

Sincerely, Gerry Lenseth  
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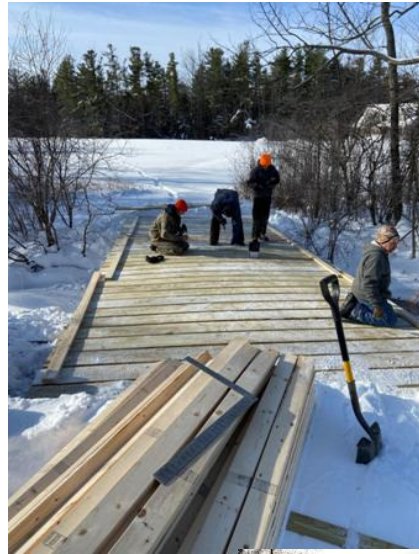


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The Club has been very fortunate to have been given a tractor trailer frame a few years ago. This frame is being prepped for use near Turner Rd. A recent purchase of 5 I-beams by the club have already been put to use.

Until more I-beams can be procured, bridges needing replacement will continue to use poles or trailer frames.

If any members know of someone who would be willing to donate I-beams to the club, that would help save funds for grooming.



Next the decking is set down, followed by runners and railings. This was done with temps in the single digits and 22+” of snow!

Photos by Skip Murrell and Brian Buchardt.



1st snowmobile to cross, Karl Pritchard.



The Pisten Bully 100 tests out the new bridge!



Applying deck nailers.



Footing preparation.



Transporting the frame.



Unloading the I-beam frame.



Moving the frame into place.



The bridge builders!! Congrats on a tough job done!!



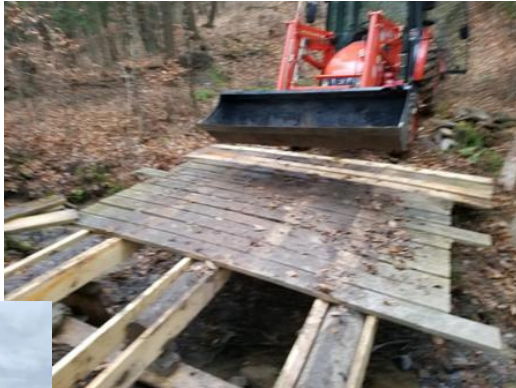


# Trail Boss Pics



Two bridges were replaced on C7E behind Hannafords in Esperance.

Photos by Tom Rulison.



3 pole beams are used on these short span bridges.



New gate installed on S72 in East Berne, pic by Brian Buchardt



Laudy Hoyenga checks out the bridge.

## Trail Marshal says...

Watch both Face Book page and the club website for info on when the trails are open. Riding on closed trails is illegal and can result in charges of trespassing.

With enough snow, the trails will open. Have patience little partners!



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Huge thanks go to  
Laudy Hoyenga for building  
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looks great!!

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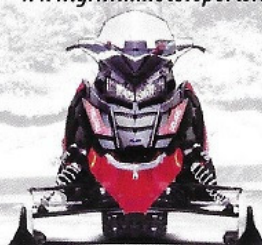
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