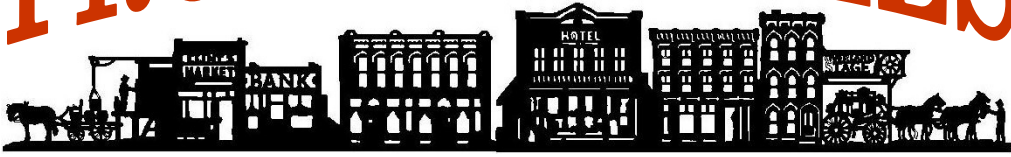


FRONTIER TIMES



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Lawsons Lake Ride

After two prior seasons of event cancellations due to “lack of snow”, the Frontier Sno-Riders club was finally able to assist Dominic Jacangelo, NYSSA Executive Director, in the “Take a Friend Snowmobiling” event at the Albany County Lawsons Lake Park.

On Saturday, February 23rd, volunteers from our club worked non-stop from 10am to after 4pm providing over 80 individuals with either their first ever experience or re-introduction to modern day snowmobiling. NYSSA required all participants to sign liability waivers and each rider was fitted with an appropriate sized helmet as part of the program.



Folks new to snowmobiling prepare for their first ride.

With over 9 variations of two-up sleds on hand including two of our club Skandics, we organized each group of riders to follow Kimmy Riek our lead driver (whom took young kids on her sled) in a safe paced ride on a closed loop within the park that offered a variety of terrain and scenery for riders to experience. Mike Riek, FSR Safety Course Instructor, followed up the tail end of each group and assisted sleds in crossing the surprisingly busy roadway due to the large public turnout for all the winter events of-

ferred at the county park.



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Participants ranged from nearby residents to youth groups from Albany to a Scouting group from Queens, NY! For many, this was their first ever exposure to a snowmobile and what it can offer for winter time fun. Some folks were asking questions on



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What's Cooking?

April 26th and 27th is the NYSSA Forum. If you are interested in attending as a voting member for the Frontier Sno Riders, please come to the club meeting this Wednesday to sign up.

Please support your snowmobile club and purchase Super Raffle tickets! Half the funds go directly to the club. More funds equal more grooming equipment.

The Club is looking to add to the grooming fleet. It is hoped that grant funding can be obtained. Fund raising will also be used to obtain a new groomer. The Club is considering many options.

Laudy Hoyenga has been operating his jeep groomer in Sloansville this season and is loving it. The groomer cost is equivalent to a new Skandic.

The Club is currently looking at expanding in the Town of Wright. Outlaw trails are still in use coming off the hill from C7B above Rt146. Currently land-owner permissions are being sought.

Club President Chris Bukowski has announced he will not seek another term as president. Chris has done an outstanding job. His leadership will be missed. However we do hope to continue to have him serve on the board.

Elections will be held next month, nominations will close at end of this month. If you or someone you know would consider running for office or a board seat, please come to the club meeting to nominate.

While at the Lawson Lake event a drive line sound in the 2013 Skandic was noticed. Skip adjusted the track and checked the transmission fluid. It is all set and back over to Delanson.

Work log submissions from Albany County have been lower due to low snow conditions. This may affect our grant award from Albany County.

Trail Log



Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Good base and grooming made C7E the best it has been in a long time. A good amount of snow allowed lots of travel. There were almost no water hazards but still a few pesky logs on the side unfortunately frozen down.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - March 7, trails still in good shape, plenty of snow on them and we are trying to keep them groomed. Hoping to keep them open as long as we can. Plenty of parking at Mariaville Lakeside store. A huge thanks to John Cislo for helping with grooming and trail maintenance. Also thank you to any rider helping keep our trails open and clear of obstructions with the wind we have had.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Trails have been groomed with the jeep up to the latest warm up. Made one run out towards the Stockyard (local trail) with the groomer.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison -

Duanesburg C7B - Dominick Friello -

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Conditions have not allowed as much grooming as we would have liked. The corn field south of Webster Rd has been challenging this season. Windy conditions of late have brought down trees and limbs. A large tree on C7B near outlaw trail to Schoharie has yet to be cleared.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Got approval from the Winn Preserve to connect to a future trail which will connect S70 to S71.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates -

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer -

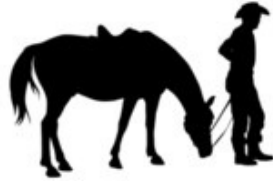
East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Field across from Mobil in east Berne is closed permanently due to Dollar General. Reroute planned for next season.



Trail Marshal says...

Thanks for being a club member! Support from members is what helps keep this club growing.

This year's membership is up from last seasons. Even though we have had a marginal snowfall season, we continue to grow the membership. It is always nice to meet club members out on the trail enjoying the riding.



Knox Winterfest



Knox had a winterfest and requested Frontier groom the sledding hill for the kids as we do every year. With the low level of snow we are going to use the 2018 Skandic and drag in place of the larger groomer.

(photos by Gerry Lenseth)

Frontier Sno Riders President Chris Bukowski - Reflects On Tenure



As I worked my way up from board member, to club Vice President and club President the last 2 seasons, it's been fun and challenging but I hope most of all to have added some value in the past 2 years.

We have organized and held a successful chainsaw certification class for our members and surrounding clubs, plus multiple safety classes.

We added two new Skandic groomers to

the fleet. Membership in the club remains strong. The best part was working with and problem solving as a team with our landowners, members, board members, and executive board members on various issues in order to keep the club running as smooth as possible.

The search for newer better equipment for trail maintenance in and out of season is always something I enjoy and look forward to continue to do.

Some of the challenges were communication as everyone communicates in slightly different ways. This is still an area that can be improved upon, but we've made good strides through our social media presence. Chris.

(Chris has done a super job as club President. Editor)



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A Frontier Skandic takes new riders out on the trail.

what the next step would be to getting their families involved in the sport.

We certainly could have used more volunteers as we missed out on the opportunity to sell club raffle tickets and interact with the variety of media covering the event due to the non-stop activity. But after successfully completing the day, we have a good plan to improve on the closed loop trail with some off season trail work to make the event move along safer and smoother in the future.

Be sure to step up at all our posted events and lend a hand to help the club out in making these types of events a success for everyone. By Gerry Lenseth



The snowmobile guides, Dominic Jacangelo, Gerry Lenseth, Kimmy and Michael Riek.



Scenes from the trail around Lawsons Lake.



Above: The staging area for riders.

At Right: Kimmy Riek, Frontier's Lead Trail Guide.

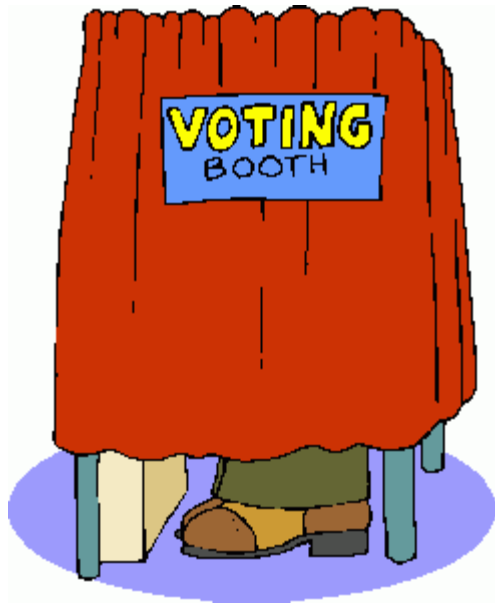
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Where Does Snowmobiling Take You?



This pic is from out west of Frontier Sno Riders. Look for great places to visit riding from Frontier land!



Annual Club Elections

will be held at the April club meeting. We will have a vacancy for President (one year term) as Chris Bukowski will need to step down for family (newborn) time. In addition we will have two Directors positions and two Trustee positions that are three year terms thru 2022 open. Incumbants include Mike Riek, Karl Pritchard, Wes Ostrander and Gerry Lenseth. We are currently taking nominations thru April 1st for willingness to serve in any board or officer positions. Send nominations to membership@frontiersno.com prior to April 1st and we will confirm with nominees.
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