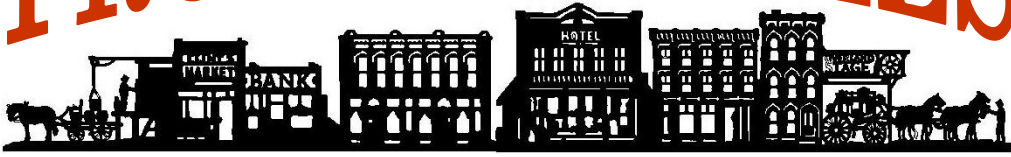


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Bridge Replacements Underway

East Berne. One of the club's many projects is up-grading some of the bridges to accommodate the bigger groomers. A good time to do this is when the decking is worn out and due for replacement.

The Turner Road bridge on trail C7B falls into this category. The original bridge built in 2012 was an old mobile home frame which worked well when the club was grooming with Skandics in the Berne/ Knox area.

Soon after the club was purchasing bigger groomers and they could not cross this bridge safely resulting in sometimes making a tricky creek



Trail Boss Brian Buchardt makes final inspection before demolition.



Working across the bridge removing the decking.

crossing. Groomers have to ford the stream when a bridge cannot support them. Ice ledges can be difficult to navigate and ice will form on the groomer from the cold water, then caking up with snow.

So after many years of planning and searching for a suitable bridge frame and when the old bridge needed replacing because of a rotted deck, the club acquired a 42' steel framed trailer donated by Carver Industries.

A few years went by and finally we started to get the ball rolling and prep work began. The trailer frame had to be made ready for transportation to the site. One axle, the deck and any other non essentials were removed in late 2019.

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Attention: Please turn in all Super Raffle tickets to club Treasurer Tammy Saddle mire before April 15th. Drawing has been moved to June.

The Middleburgh Ridge Runners have kindly donated a large trailer for use as a bridge frame. Frontier Sno Riders thank them as these trailers are very hard to come by.



The club is considering to purchase this John Deere side by side and drag that belong to Tom Rulison. It includes a full set of tracks. The vehicle can also be used in the off season to help with trail projects. A number of the board members have already inspected the unit.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Groomers were out when there was snow.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - No issues, drags have been picked up.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Trail signs all packed away for the season.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Signs being picked up.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Dominick Friello - Signs and snow fencing has been collected.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - All signs have been pulled and gates closed. See story on page 8 ref Rt 146 bridge. Bridge now ready for decking.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Trail signs have been removed and kiosk repaired.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates - Approval to move Knox Ball Park bridge.

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer - All set for the off season.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Gates closed, trail signs all pulled. Turner Rd bridge ready for decking.



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Then we needed to wait for the ground to be clear and not too soft to get the frame out onto the site.

What follows here in photos is the process involved in replacing a bridge. The last phase of the job, planned for later this year, will be putting a new deck on the bridge.

By Brian Buchardt.

Photos by Brian Buchardt and Gerry Lenseth.



The bare frame exposed.



Loading the old decking.



Moving the new trailer frame to the site.

Site Preparation and Moving Equipment



Heavy equipment arrives.



Pulling the frame on site.



The bridge embankments are readied.



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Swinging the trailer frame to the site.



Hauling out the old frame.



New and Old frames.

Wheel and Axle Removal



Moving the frame forward.



Pushing across the creek.



Hoisting the rear axle section for removal.



Now the cutting begins.



Skip Murrell cuts the supports for the axle.



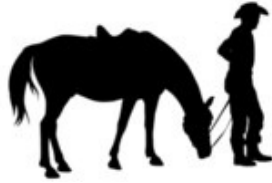
Rolling the wheels and axle away from the trailer.



Club Meeting ! None This Month

Trail Marshal says...

Be sure to wash your hands, a lot. Take care not to get sick and try to stay away from others. Most activities have been cancelled and travel is discouraged. Hope this virus gets out of here soon!



Club Folks



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Power Line to get new poles

As reported in the Daily Gazette, LS Power Grid New York will be replacing about 1250 existing transmission poles with about 600 steel monopoles.

The lines pass through the northern area of Frontier Sno Riders trails C7E and C7B, in the towns of Glen, Charleston, and Florida.

Work may begin later this year or in early 2021. Construction will start at the Rotterdam end of the line and work westward. The line project should be in operation in 2023.

It is unknown how this replacement project will affect the snowmobile trails at this time. The club will comply with the company to maintain the crossing of the line property.

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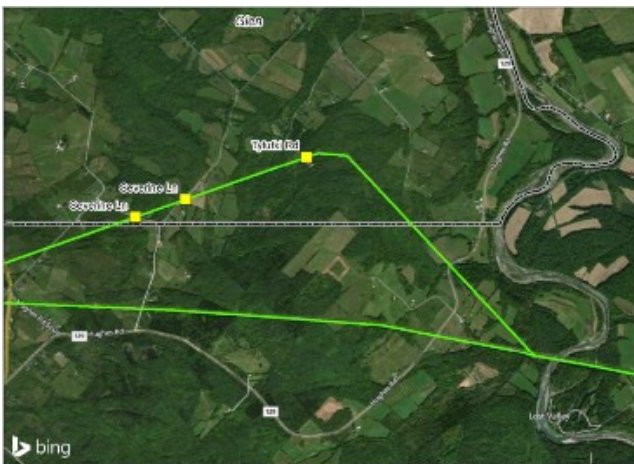


Exhibit B - Crossings of Town Roads
Town of Glen

- Town Boundary
- Frontier Sno Riders
- Other Crossings
- Approx. Transmission Centerline





Trail gate is closed on C7B in Town of Wright.



Joel Church stashes sign posts near Panis Rd.



Brian Buchardt heads out into the field after sign posts.



Gerry Lenseth secures sign posts in hedgerow.



The gates above Rt 146 bridge, just off the pipeline.



Brian Buchardt and Gerry Lenseth with large side by side...near Quaker Street, trail C7B.



Skip Murrell reports repairing the roof on the C7B/C7G trail junction kiosk in Knox.

The Season has closed and with it the trail gates. Signs are coming down and being stored for next season.



MaryAnn Nickloy brings in an armful of signs.

Final Settings and Wrap Up



Across but not yet in place.



Lifting the far end up onto the abutment.



Working the grade on the ramp.



The span across the creek.



Smoothing the approach ramp.



Cutting torch and axle loaded up.



Tyler Vadney, Skip Murrell, Joel Vadney, Karl Pritchard,
Brian Buchardt, Ryan Vadney, (behind the camera Gerry Lenseth)



Ready for new decking.

Route 146 Bridge Deck Replacement Gets Underway



Old decking from original 2010 installation.



Cutting and ripping up the old decking.



Hauling the lumber away.



Removing the beam stringers requires good form.



Gerry Lenseth and the remains of the old deck all loaded up.



Joel Church, Brian Buchardt, Skip Murrell, and Steve Fronk.

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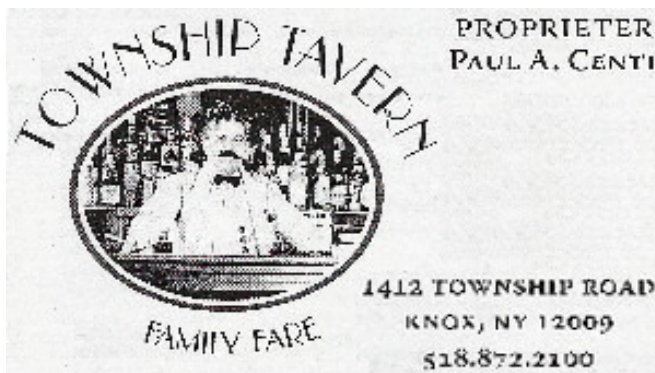
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