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Summer Summary from your President...

As we all wind down summer activities and focus on fall with the return of school and preparation of the change of seasons... we are all experiencing a radical change from our "norm". First and foremost, we hope this finds you all healthy and safe during these very challenging five months plus of this pandemic.

As a club, we now begin to rapidly ramp up our activity with pre-riding projects including landowner relations, trail maintenance and signage, bridge repair and replacement, groomer equipment maintenance, safety courses and monthly meetings to keep it all organized.



Last season ended rather abruptly with the onset of Covid-19, which included the cancellation of both our end of season banquet and the NYSSA Forum. We were not able to complete final club business as outlined in our By-Laws, so we will need to play catch up this month with club elections and other open items. Please plan on "safely" attending our outdoor meeting at the Helderberg MT Brewing Co. pavilion in East Berne Wednesday evening, September 9th at 7pm to cast your vote for our Officers and Board members.



Bridge work continues from the spring when two major Corridor bridges were disassembled and steel frames were replaced or repaired. Decking and railings are currently being installed prior to hunting season. Unfortunately lumber has been in short supply and costs have increased dramatically – impacting our club's bottom line. We anticipate that these improvements will hopefully last much longer than ten years of annual use.

Pre-season preparations will continue as close to "normal" as possible. However as a club, we will need to monitor our spending this season and enlist more volunteer help relating to club activities and fund raising to bridge the financial gap we may encounter. Trail funding from NYS department of Parks may very well be in jeopardy this year. Please help where you can for the health and viability of our future.

On a fun note, our officers and board members had an opportunity to casually meet for an outdoor summer social hosted by the Rulison's this past week. It was a very enjoyable and relaxing way to shake off the disruption of the past few months and regroup for the start of the new season. We look forward to working with each of you this year and riding the trails together when the snow flies!

Gerry Lenseth
Club President

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The 2 big groomers were parked at Karl Pritchard's for the off season. Plow blade and tracks were removed.

A winner in the NYSSA raffle bought their ticket from a Frontier member! Congratulations!

Trail Boss Pics– Wright



Trail Boss Skip Murrell did welding work on the Rt 146 bridge in the Town of Wright, C7B trail.



Decking nailers have been put on the Rt 146 bridge. Bridge is to be decked in the near future. Photos by Skip Murrell.

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Trail Log



Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - DEC completed bridge on C7E in Charleston State Forest.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Started widening the trails up in the Mariaville area. They're actually looking pretty good so far.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Brush hogging has begun.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison -

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Dominick Friello -

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Lumber for the Rt 146 bridge deck, should be delivered next week. So we may be able finish it next weekend.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell -

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates -

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Turner Road bridge has been finished. Culverts were installed or repaired on S72 near Elm Drive. Brushing started near Joslyn School Rd.

Turner Road Bridge Completed—C7B



Dropping shale to secure the footing.



Shale in place.



Nailers are attached and decking starts



Decking is finished, awaiting runners and railings. Finished bridge, weight testing.



*Pat Stempel, Skip Murrell,
MaryAnn Nickloy, Gerry Lenseth*

After many years of pre-planning, countless volunteer hours, difference of opinions, working around hunting season, weather, hay season, Covid, social distancing, rising lumber costs, Frontier Sno-Riders are proud to say that the 40' Turner Rd bridge is up-dated and complete. Many thanks to landowner George Gebe and family, Carver industries for donating the trailer/ bridge frame, Ned Stevens for letting us use the dolly to move the frames, the Vadney's and Karl Pritchard for donating their equipment, Alex Gibitz and Pat Stempel for delivering materials, Skip Murrell for the bridge design, and the many volunteers and board members taking time to get it done.

Brian Buchardt, East Berne Trail Boss.

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Elm Drive Culvert Repair—S72 Thatcher Park Trail



Spreading 9 loads of shale over reset culvert will greatly improve riding conditions.



Photos by Trail Boss Brian Buchardt.



Pallets were used last season to bridge a large wet spot.



Another load of shale is spread on S-72 near Elm Drive, Town of Berne.



Shale and a culvert will help keep snowmobiles up and out of the spring fed water areas on S-72 enroute to Thatcher Park.



Club Meeting !

Helderberg Mountain Brewing Co.
East Berne, NY
Wednesday September 9
7pm

Trail Marshal says...

Looking for a safe activity in these Covid times? Come on out on a trail work party! Plenty of fresh air and lots of room to stay safe.



Club Folks



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Trail Boss Pics— Mariaville



Brush hogging C7B in Mariaville has begun.
Photo by Travis Costello

Trail Boss Contacts

Brian Buchardt	East Berne	872-1878
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New Bridge—C7E

Charleston State Forest



*The old foot bridge at the end of it's useful life.
A new bridge able to support snowmobiles and grooming equipment was needed
to provide safe crossing of the stream in the Charleston State Forest.*



*Last season a temporary pallet bridge was
put in place to allow crossing..*



The DEC built bridge in its finished form. Photos by Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer.



2011 John Deere Gator and Drag

Equipment Report:

The latest additions to the Frontier groomer fleet have been updated by Laudy Hoyenga and Tom Rulison. A big thanks goes out to these gentlemen for their hard work. Let's hope we get to see this groomer in action this season!



The updated and freshly painted drag.



The tracks for the Gator and the drag before the upgrade.



This drag is 5 by 8' and now has a lift on it.



The Gator all cleaned up and ready to go!



The Gator in it's summer season mode. (wheels)



FRONTIER SNO-RIDERS

2020 - 2021 Election of Officers

(I) = Incumbant

Club Vote

President: Gerry Lenseth (I)
Vice Pres: MaryAnn Nickloy (I)
Treasurer: Tammy Saddlemire (I)
Secretary: Sarah Bauer (I)

Board of Directors: Two positions – each a three year term (thru 2023)

Candidates: Joel Church Casey LeClair (I) Bob Meyer Brian Schoenherr Zach Simeon Leo Vane

Board of Trustees: Two positions – each a three year term (thru 2023)

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Club Member of the Year: (write-in at the election)

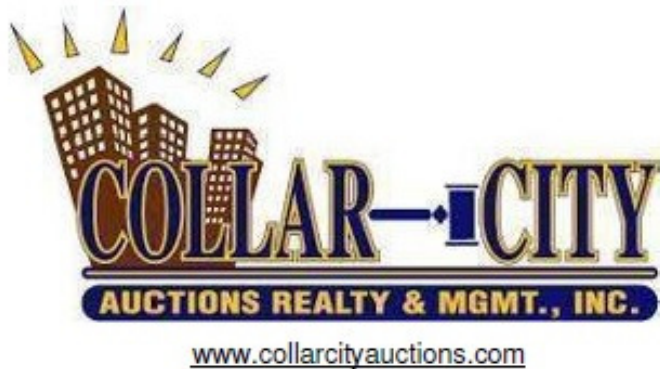
Thanks to All of our 2019-2020 Officers for a Great Year!

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Photos by Brian Buchardt





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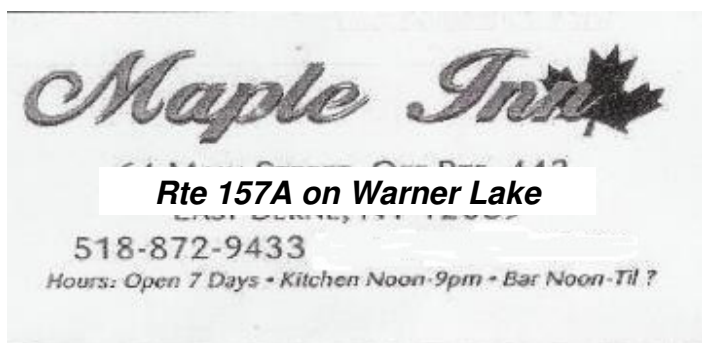
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