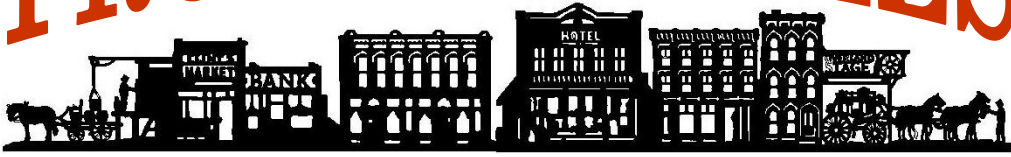


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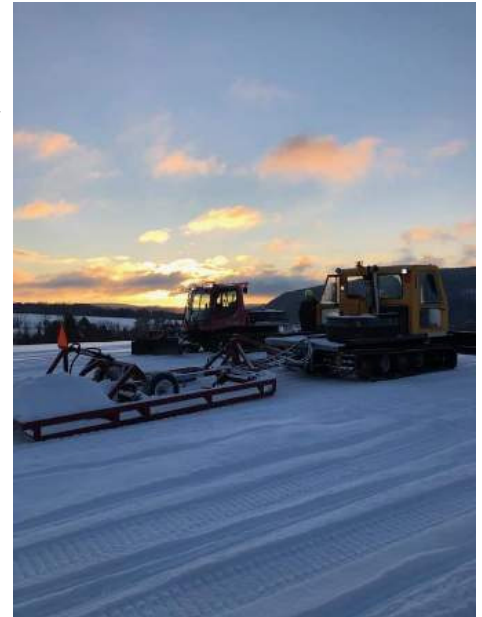
Club Ride Successful

The Frontier Sno Riders Club Ride was deemed a great success by members who attended.

Held on very short notice, Saturday, February 20th, the club membership came out for a ride.

From Friday night to early Saturday morning Frontier groomers were hard at work preparing the club trails for members to have a nice ride. Chad and Tammy Saddlemire worked the Knox trails, C7B and S70. While over in East Berne, Brian Buchardt smoothed trail S72 from Thacher Park.

Riders from the different areas of the club rode to rally points such as trail junctions. There they met others and then continued on to the central meeting location, Equipment Boss Tom Rulison's home, just east of Esperance.



Early morning grooming.



Destination reached, the Rulison's

Here food and drink awaited the riders. A large bonfire to warm up by was blazing as they arrived.

With start times estimated, riders were could pick where and when they wanted to join in. Members also came by car. All afternoon members arrived. Hot cocoa, hot dogs, chips, and much more were available for member to enjoy.

Estimates place between 30 and 40 members attended the club ride. It was a super day to be on the Frontier trails.

Frontier Trails Closed

Based on the current weather and forecast, we have closed all trails on our website and NYSSA trail map app. Although we still have a base in many areas, high trafficked areas have worn the trails down. To protect the landowners we will remain closed until we have a significant snow fall. Most neighboring clubs have closed their trails also. Thank you for the hard work everyone has been putting in to make this season a success so far.

President Gerry Lenseth



Club Member Comments:

I would like to thank everyone for a great day of sledding and food and drink afterwards. My son and I had a great time! Thanks. Jim Gorman

Good evening , looking to attend group ride with my daughter . meeting at C7E/C7F kiosk 12pm . Thanks Sully

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What's Cooking?

Club Membership stands at **406** as of 3-1-2021

Super Raffle tickets are now available for pickup at the club meetings.

Willingness to Serve

Nominations are open thru March 31st:

One Year Term:

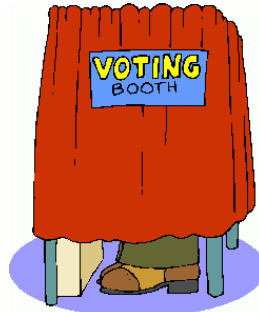
Pres/Vice Pres/Treas/Secrty

Two Year Term:

Director (2 positions open)

Trustee (2 positions open)

Submit nominations to Elections@frontiersno.com



Frontier's landowners have been amazing this season! We are very grateful they allow snowmobiles access to their property. We must all remember we are guests when riding the trails.

Club planning on selling Bombi. Working on finding replacement groomer for next year.

Loud pipes close trails!

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Trail Log



Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Watch for downed trees and limbs. Planning with forester on reroutes around hazards on the north end, and getting some trees out in the coming season.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - If trails reopen, watch for creek washouts. We had a great season, thanks to all who helped with trail maintenance and grooming in Mariaville. Gator and Scandic did wonderful.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - The trail to the Stockyard from Sloansville has been approved for use. Temporarily ride 1/4 mile of shoulder -ditch line at end of trail. Stockyard is open for dining most weekdays 4-9 and weekends 1-9, call ahead. However looks like we're done for now.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison -

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Dominick Friello -

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Don't cross the pond near C7B at Benninger Rd. Please stay on the trail when riding the pipeline near Rt146. Lots of tree trimming and brush cutting have allowed PB100 easier travel on C7B.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - No snow in the future so I closed the gate in Knox Park to Township. Will close the gate at the top of Township hill this weekend.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates -

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - No ATVs on snowmobile trails unless you have permission.



Winter Has Ended

Hard to believe meteorological winter has ended, officially February 28th. Astronomical winter will end on March 20th.

The average winter temperature makes a leap upward on March 8th. This date happens to fall almost half way between the two ending times of winter.



C7B - Blue Heron Airport, Coleen Jenkins

Usually that is a pretty good bet. However our current season has beaten the NWS prediction models. They called for the Northeast US to be warmer than average. Did not happen. This region actually had one of the best cold stretches in a long time. Snowfall was not huge, but what fell,

Yet some of the biggest snow storms occur after March 8th. So has winter actually ended? There is no easy answer, some folks rely on Mr. Ground Hog. This year Mr. Hog said we would have 6 more weeks of winter.



C7B - gas line above Rt 146

stayed and added to the base. Remember way back in early December when we had 30" snowfall?



Also remember how it all melted away just a day and a half after the trails officially opened? Winter was looking pretty grim after that.

January started with a little bit of snow and kept adding slowly. By January 22nd the trails were open with caution and grooming was starting. January had no major thaw to reset the snow level. Some recent seasons we saw two thaws occur in January. The base was there and building.

Ground Hog day saw the second big storm of the season. The trails now had a good base and plenty of topside snow to go the distance. Conditions allowed club members to ride to the club meeting in Knox, something which has not happened in quite a while. With small reinforcing shots of snow throughout February, riding conditions remained very good. The last week of the month started to warm and begin the melt off.

Trails remained open with caution until the evening of February 28th.



C7E - Chadwick and Schoharie Tpk

March came in with very strong winds and a rollercoaster ride of temperature. The snow base was gone in trail turns and high use areas, but the fields were still covered by the rock hard white stuff.

How will March go out? Only time will tell.



Snowmobile Safety Class

Following COVID guidelines, we had 19 students that took the course and became certified. We had two sleds placed far enough apart to review the operations and simple maintenance.



We also had a surprise visit from Chad Sadlemire and his daughter in one of the Pisten



Groomer Locations 2021

Charleston/Burtonsville
Skandics (2)

Mariaville
Gator and Skandic

Sloansville
Jeep

Duanesburg/Wright
Skandics (2)

Esperance/Delanson
Pisten Bully 70

Knox/Township
Pisten Bully 100

East Berne/Thacher Park
Bombi and Skandic

Note: many locations will overlap coverage.



Bombi having some broken track clips replaced.



Trail Boss Brian Buchardt prepares to head out to groom C7B in Wright.

Bully groomers and the students were able learn about trail maintenance and the respect for landowners. Even under COVID restrictions we all had a fun learning experience thanks to the students. A big thanks to the Town of Knox for the use of the hall.

Mary Ann Nickloy
Michael and Kimberly Riek



C7F being groomed by Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga and his Jeep.



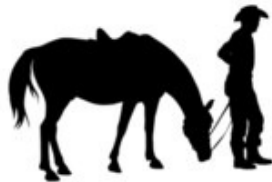
Pisten Bully 70 at Karl Pritchard's in Knox.



**Club Meeting !
Knox Town Hall
Wed March 10
7:00pm**

Trail Marshal says...

Stay on the trail. Simple rule to follow. Free riding can close down trails. Don't do it.



Don't Cross The Pond

Please folks stay off the pond crossing on Benninger Rd. I have put up snow fence and added signs so everyone knows they are not supposed to cross the pond.

A lot of folks are riding around the snow fence to cross the pond. I sat and watched a number of sleds do just that. Yes, the ice is holding up, but the land-owner does not want you crossing the pond.

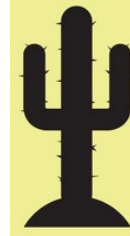
If you continue to cross the pond, he will close down his portion of the trail.

That will effectively stop all snowmobiles going between Duanesburg and the Knox/East Berne area. If you don't care, it will be closed.

Please use the road edge to bypass the pond. It's a very short distance. Trail boss Joel Church



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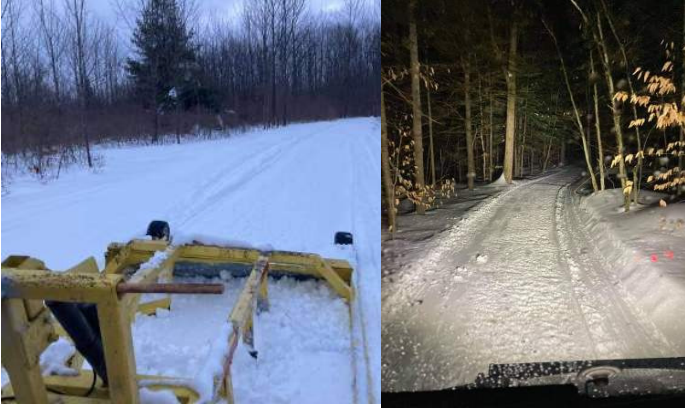
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Trail Boss Pics - Mariaville



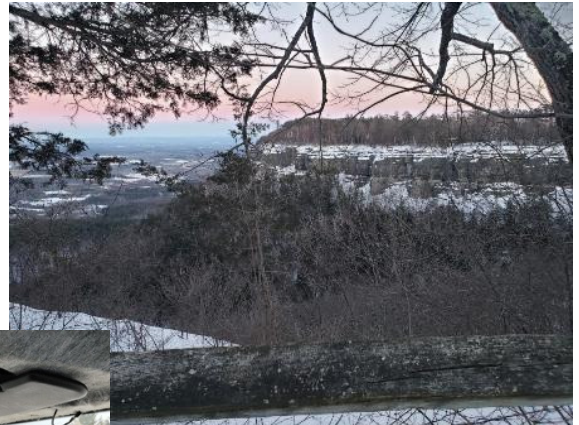
Trail Boss Mark VanWoeart smoothed the trails both day and night in Mariaville. He used the Gator, Skandic and his Ranger.



Trail Boss Pics - Wright, Knox, and East Berne



Club members stop to mark a broken deck board on the Knox Ball Field bridge.



Thacher Park as seen in the late afternoon by Trail Boss Skip Murrell.



The Pisten Bully 100 digs out after getting hung up on a corner berm on C7B near Dr. Road..



Club President Gerry Lenseth at the wheel of the Pisten Bully 100 in Knox.



Trail Boss Tom Rulison and the Pisten Bully 70 groom C7B after crossing Westfall Rd.

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Trail Control - The various methods used to curb snowmobilers who find it hard to follow the trail and also stay off the trail when closed.



Snow fencing had to be added across pipeline in Wright.



Signs weren't enough here, snow fencing was next.



S72 with gate closed in East Berne.

A lot of extra work is required by volunteers to try and prevent a few who cannot follow simple rules.

As snow becomes thin, trails are closed. The Club web site, FaceBook, and NYSSA web map are all used to alert snowmobilers of the trail status. This is not enough to keep a few snowmobilers from riding, so the gates have to be closed by volunteers.



More signs had to be added here on C7B in Duanesburg.



Blazing completely new trail had to be stopped near Weaver Rd.



S70 gate closed in Knox Town Park.



C7E Delanson Reroute

Due to landowner beginning construction on property used by C7E on February 15th, the club had to do an emergency reroute. Luckily another landowner was willing to help and provide a passage around the property now under construction.



Follow the well marked trail and you should not get lost.



Upper left, C7E now crosses Chadwick Rd east of old location. Above, routing thru woods is a nice trail. Above right, super views are found coming out of the woods on new route. At right, Skandic coming from newly routed C7E. At left, C7E at Schoharie Tpk and Chadwick Rd.



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Above, Mike Riek and Brian Buchardt meet up at the East Berne C7B/S72 rally pt.



C7B/C7E rally pt saw groups from Mariaville and East Berne meet.

At right; Groups of sleds parked at the Rulison's for food, drinks, and bon fire.



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**Club Meeting
Knox Town Hall
Wed March 10
7pm**



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