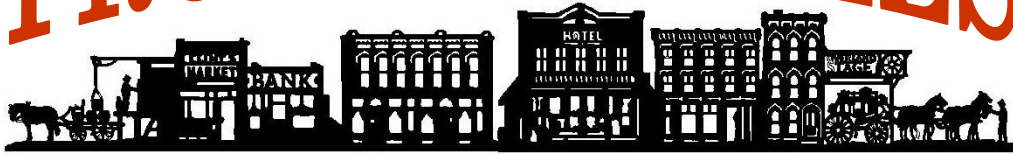


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Trails In Jeopardy

The ugly problem of off trail riding is once again threatening the Frontier Sno Riders area.

Reports have been coming in that snowmobiles have seen riding in places not designated as trail. Landowners have been contacting Trail Bosses with their concerns.

This problem has caused a section of C7B in the Town of Wright to close. Snowmobiles were going around a closed gate off of Rt 146 above Gallupville. Perhaps this was done as a means to reach the trail from the snowmobilers home? The snowmobilers had not contacted the landowner to find out if permission could be granted.

In order for snowmobiles to traverse private or public lands, permission has to be given. If snowmobiles are on an open snowmobile trail, they can know that permission has been granted to the club.

It is very simple for snowmobilers to determine if the trail is open or closed by using the NYSSA online map, app or social media. Green is open and red indicates the trail is closed.

Areas that have no trail shown on the map, can only be crossed with the landowner's permission. That means the snowmobiler must go and ask the landowner personally if they can cross the land.

If snowmobile tracks lead off of the trail, do not follow them unless you have already been granted permission from the landowner. The person who made those tracks may have permission only for themselves and not others.

Club maintained trails can be opened for snowmobiles when sufficient snow-fall is on the ground. Go to the NYSSA online map or use the app to check the status before hitting the trail.

Responsibility is upon the snowmobiler to make this check before riding.



*Snowmobiles were riding an old section of S72 in East Berne, which has not been used for a couple years.
Photos by Trail Boss Brian Buchardt.*

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 334 as of 3-2-2023

Terry McCarthy is interested in volunteering to assist Christine Rulison with work log and grooming data entry.

Secretary Position Open

Frontier Sno Riders are asking the membership for a volunteer to take on the Secretary office. The club Secretary is an important officer and is needed to record the business of the club at meetings. If you or someone you know can attend most meetings, please volunteer. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Trail Boss Position Open

Town of Wright Trail Boss Joel Church is stepping down as he has moved out of the area. The Club is looking for an individual who can oversee the maintenance of C7B from the junction of C7E in Schenectady County south to Gage Road in Albany County. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

As of this writing no one has stepped forward for Secretary or Trail Boss in Wright. Please volunteer today!

Gerry Lenseth to request needed landowner forms for scanning into club records in Google Docs. Currently have ~30% of forms.

Take a Friend Snowmobiling event scheduled at Lawsons Lake in Albany County on Saturday, February 18th looks questionable due to current weather conditions.

NYSSA Raffle tickets need to be sold and proceeds/stubs need to be turned into Tammy Saddlemire in March.

Nominations to be accepted during March for Officer (4) and Board (2 Director, 2 Trustee) positions during March.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - North of Hughs Rd watch for huge water hole.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Use extreme caution at Mariaville Materials. Trail has been moved out to the road for the time being, and we are working on reestablishing a trail through the property. Mariaville Lake is not safe, there is thin ice and open water

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga -

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Trails are groomed but running water everywhere with major mud holes.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Casey LeClair -

Wright C7B - Joel Church -

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell -

Knox C7B - Zach Simeon - Large water hole along Pleasant Valley Rd, follow reroute. Zach, Matt Lord and Gerry Lenseth are looking at a proposed club trail to the Babbling Brook off C7B near Litts Rd to Route 443.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - riders not staying on trail near Old Maple Inn and Dollar General.

Club Meeting
March 8th 7 pm
Maple On The Lake



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Landowners may withdraw permission for snowmobiles to cross their land at any time. Riding off trail may lead to trail closure. Please think carefully before riding off trail.



As seen here in East Berne, more than one snowmobile rode off trail. Snow fencing was required to be put up in an effort to stop the wayward traffic.

Berne Public Meeting Held Discusses ATV use on roads.

The proposal in question would identify several dozen town roads that ATV riders could use to move between trail systems, which is legal under state law. The town does not currently have a system of trails in place for public use, although some private landowners do allow riders on their land. The town is hoping to create a system of trails across private land, like the system snowmobilers use. *Albany Times Union Feb 21 2023.*

As of this time no one from the ATV club or the Town of Berne have contacted the Frontier Sno Riders about the proposed law.

Setting up a trail system requires building relationships with each landowner. This is critical to the development of the trail. Snowmobile clubs work very hard to maintain these relationships. ATV clubs will have to do the same to make this work.

Linking permission approved private land with public roads expands riding opportunities. It may also bring ATVs into areas which do not currently see them.



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Groomer Locations 2022

Charleston/Burtonsville
Skandics (2)

Mariaville
Gator 825i

Sloansville
Jeep

Duanesburg/Wright
Gator 825i + Skandic

Esperance/Delanson
Pisten Bully 70

Knox/Township
Pisten Bully 100

East Berne/Thacher
Park
Skandics (2)

Note: many locations will
overlap coverage.

PB100 requires mice eradication, cleaning
and deodorizing in the cab.

PB070 will need new track belting in the off
season. Quotes for belting material and hole
placement will be required for Board review.

2012 JD Gator to have Mattracks second
rear track replacement. Randall Implements
provided best quote. Track received February
3rd. Invoice forthcoming.

Board discussion regarding consideration of
off season update to Camso track system to
be conducted after receipt of quotes for re-
view.

Frontier is looking for an additional lightly
used JD Gator 825i with cab, heat and
tracks.

Additional KYB actuators for groomer drags
need to be sourced for club inventory.

2013 Skandic needed track adjusters re-
placed after failing.

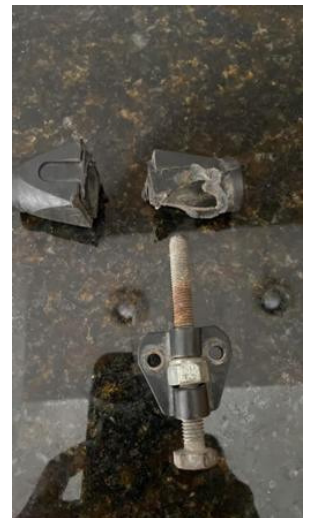
Replaced wiring in club 4 place aluminum trailer.



Justin, his son Eric and Skip Murrell also replaced
the damaged stake and ramp pockets.



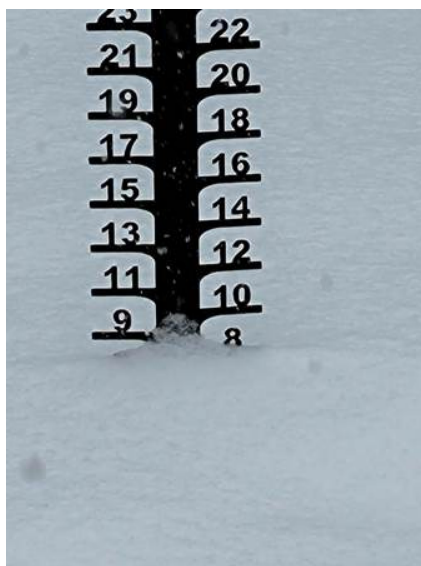
Track tension adjusters
failed on the 2013 Skandic.



Mariaville Detour



Trail C7B in Mariaville will require riding the edge of the highway due to unsafe trail conditions on Mariaville Materials property. This was caused by heavy equipment ruts left from the fall. Photo by Mark VanWoeart.



Charleston Scores Snow

The first of two late season snowfalls dumped over 8" of fresh powder up in the high country of Charleston.

Lower elevation areas like Esperance and Duanesburg received only 3".

Photo by Yancey Zimmer.

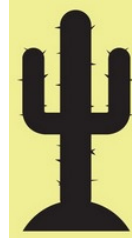
Trail Marshal says...

As the riding season winds down, please take care to leave behind a clean trail. If you pack it in, be sure to pack it out.



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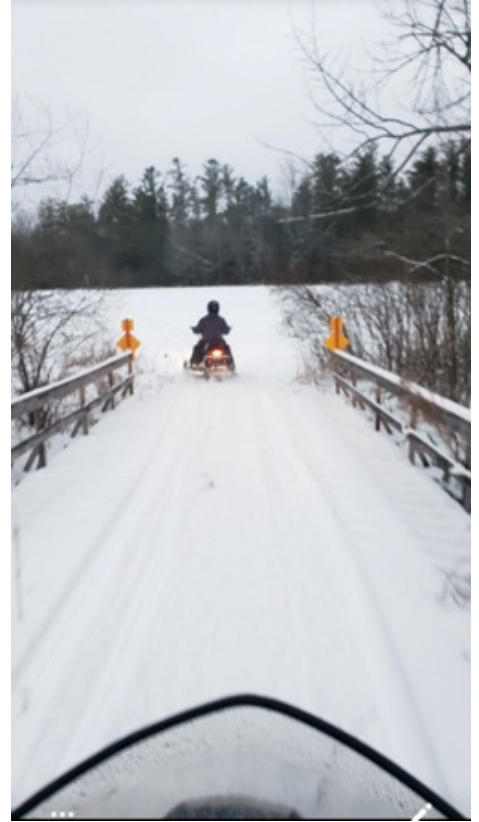
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Frontier Trails Recorded In Albany County



GPS officer Matt Lord and Club President Gerry Lenseth took advantage of the recent snowfall to ride all the club trails in Albany County. Every three years all the trails in the club's system must be updated by GPS and submitted to the NYSOPRHP for trail grants. In a low snowfall season as this one has turned out, opportunities for recording the trails on snowmobile are slim. Next season another of Frontier's counties will be updated by GPS. In addition, any trails rerouted or new trails that are planned to be used in the future, must also be recorded by GPS and have the data submitted. The two rode more than 50 miles to get all the trails recorded. Photos by Pres. Gerry Lenseth.



Frontier Trails Open Briefly



Skandic laid down a white ribbon to Thacher Park via S72.



The PB70 smoothed out C7E in Delanson.

After two back to back snowfalls, Frontier trails opened for use. However it was to be a short open period.

No frost in the ground and warm temperatures following each storm, meant the melting snow was going to create a lot of water holes.

With the second storm hitting early Saturday morning, the start of a free weekend, many folks were eager to hit the trail.

It did not take long for the water holes to be revealed and then the mud to show up.

Trails stayed open only a day after each snowfall.



The first signs of the trails starting to fall apart.

Water holes appear anywhere there is a low spot in the trail.



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Even up in Charleston, a large water hole developed. With no way around, one could get wet.



A section of C7B along side the Pleasant Valley Road in Knox flooded and became impassable. Zach roped off the Pleasant Valley Rd water hole. A reroute along side the road was so marked. Sometimes it is better to turn around and go back. With conditions only deteriorating, Frontier trails have closed once again.



One snowmobile did not quite make it across the water hole!



Signs and rope close off the section of C7B along Pleasant Valley Road. Stay to the road edge, do not ride in the front yard.





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Club Meeting
March 8th
7 pm
Maple On The Lake, East Berne



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