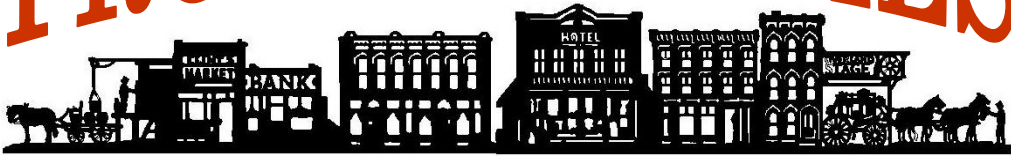


# FRONTIER TIMES



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## New Groomer Joins Fleet

### There's A New Ranger In Frontier Land

Frontier Sno-Riders took delivery in mid-January from Griffin Motorsports a new 2026 Polaris Ranger XP1000 Northstar equipped with Camso track system to be placed in service in the Albany county trail system.

This new groomer will primarily be utilized along funded C7B, S70, S73 and club trail #465 to provide support for our local establishments in low and medium snow conditions.

Frontier thanks Bob Griffin and staff for setting up the machine in quick order to allow for Frontier volunteer Skip M to complete final drag wiring and place the machine in trail service. Look for this and other grooming

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*Pres Gerry Lenseath at Griffin Motorsports taking delivery*

## Ridge Runners Meet Sno Riders

### Meet the volunteers that maintain your local trails

Middleburgh Ridge Runners snowmobile club held their first trailside social event this past Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and invited Frontier Sno-Riders to join up at the C7B/S72 junction kiosk in East Berne in collaboration to greet local snowmobilers and encourage riders to meet the local volunteers that maintain the Albany county trail section.



*Good times were had by all who attended the meet.*

MRR served up free hot dogs and water for all passerby's to partake from noon to 2pm. The weather was sunny and a bit brisk with a slight wind but everyone had a great time socializing. Thanks to those riders that made a donation to the clubs.

Frontier had our newly refreshed PB100 and drag laying out a smooth trail from Knox operated by club president Gerry L. Skip and Karen M were leading the way with our new Polaris Ranger trimming out the narrow sections of trail. East Berne trail captain Matt L

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# Trail Log



A date has been scheduled for Sunday March 1st for club vintage event at Thatcher Park, see page 11.

Frontier volunteers have stepped up in December and early January across our trail system in a surge of effort to prepare the trails and equipment for our operating season.

Fundraising via NYSSA raffle ticket sales needs to be accelerated as the season is well under way.

Board approved early account closure with penalty of NBT Certificate of Deposit in a Motion for purchase of 2026 Polaris Ranger UTV unanimously confirmed on December 18th, 2025.

Awaiting disbursement of 70% trail grant funding from Montgomery and Schenectady counties. Albany will withhold disbursement until season end as a 100% payment if our commitment is met. Schoharie short paid 70% in December 2025. 30% balance of payments disbursed in the off season if club's commitment is met in full pending audits.

Track Inc out of Newport VT has contacted Frontier to schedule a demo of the SnowRabbit 3X mated with a 14'x8' drag. Gerry L to respond with a date and invite other clubs to attend. Karl P will host the demo.

Frontier is seeking active volunteers to attend the 2026 NYSSA Forum in Binghamton NY in April.

## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Yancey Zimmer - cleared to Florida club junction at Rt 162.

**Mariaville C7B - Seeking trail boss** - John Cisko and family signed and cleared majority of trail from Mariaville kiosk to Merry Rd. Awaiting responses from several new landowners and seeking contact with several others.

**Sloansville C7F** - Scott Claus - Baker property properly signed per landowner request.

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tyler Walters - Lance Martineau and Ray Walters improved access to Rick's Feed and Fuel.

**Delanson #463** - Lance Martineau - Trail cleaned up by Ray and Denise Walters then subsequently signed by Lance Martineau.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Rob Kreitzer - Bryan Schaeffer and Rob Kreitzer signed all sections.

**Wright C7B - Seeking trail boss** - Babbling Brook trail - exercise caution at Line Rd approaching Rt 443. Talks on going regarding neighboring property for trail routing to reconnect Duanesburg and Knox.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Adhere to re-route on Scrima property approaching My Way Tavern. Renegade riders threaten trail closure.

**Knox C7B** - Barak Strock - Exercise caution at Pleasant Valley Rd swamp crossing.

**Warner Lake S73** - Don Bauer -

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Matt Lord - Brushing and branch trimming for proper clearance to prevent damage to new and newly reconditioned groomers.

**Thatcher Park S72** - Matt Lord - Bridge on Mann Property needs plywood sheathing replaced over steel grid decking.

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## Club Meeting February 11, 7pm Back Barn Brewery Delanson

### Help Wanted and More

**Needed** a windshield for a 2004 Arctic Cat T660, searched on the internet and came up empty. Any leads appreciated. Call RJ at 518-858-4425

#### Secretary Position Open



Frontier Sno Riders are asking the membership for a volunteer to take on the Secretary office. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

**Seeking** club volunteer to assume Wright Trail Captain responsibilities. North/South traffic corridor currently blocked. Contact Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

**Wanted:** Trail Captain for Mariaville. Interested parties please contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Looking for a club volunteer to take on advertisement revenue from business sponsors. Sponsors provide needed funds to the club through ads. Contact Joel Church at 315-384-4985 if interested.

**Club seeking** a volunteer to design and maintain online store for Frontier merchandise and promotional material. Interested parties contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Continued from page 1 equipment on a trail near you.



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New  
Groomer  
Joins Fleet

Transporting the new Ranger to the Frontier.



### Snowmobiling—A Family Sport

A recent 10 year old safety certificate recipient, Jaxson rode solo with his family on open state funded trails. His Dad is an active Board member with Frontier.





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## Groomer Locations 2025

Charleston/Burtonsville  
*Skandic '18, '26*

Mariaville  
*'13 Skandic +?*

Sloansville  
*'11 JD Gator*

Duanesburg/Wright  
*'12 JD Gator*

Esperance/Delanson  
*'98 Jeep*

Knox/Township  
*PB070 + '18 Skandic*

East Berne/Thacher  
Park  
*PB100 + '26 Skandic  
+ '26 Ranger*

**2000 PB100** - Coolant leak needs to be addressed and drag connections color coded.

**1989 PB070** - Diesel power plant needs attention to optimize power band. Ryan Vadney will address.

**1998 Jeep** - Tyler Walters completed receiver install and hydraulic fitting update.

**2026 Polaris Ranger UTV** - Paid in full and awaiting Camso track and accessory install at Griffin's Motorsports. Will require custom drag wiring to be completed by Skip Murrell.

**2012 JD Gator** - Repositioned to Duanesburg/Delanson.

**2011 JD Gator** - Rob Kreitzer replaced front CV axle. Repositioned to Esperance/Sloansville.

**2026 Skandics** - Custom hitch fabrication completed by Justin Bates and Matt Lord, custom wired for drags by Skip Murrell and club lettering installed by Bryan B.

**2018 Skandics** - Yancey Zimmer to complete oil and filter service - Matt Lord completed his machine.

**2013 Skandic** - Snow flap installed and machine cleaned for repositioning.

**2008 Skandic** - Questionable seized motor - will test machine at TAFS event.

**2006 Skandic** - Carbides possibly needed.

**2003 Skandic** - Matt Lord and Gerry Lenseth re-

placed fuel lines and fixed oil line leak. Choke cable to be fixed.

**2009 CanAm ATV** - Club planning to sell - Gerry Lenseth cleaned machine and is prepping for sale.

Six 4x8 Skandic drags - Justin Bates fabricated adjustable goose neck modification and repaired tow link bushings as well as a pan repair and increasing strobe light platform height on three units..

Jeep, PB070 and two UTV drags require retrofit to serrated cutting blades. Cutting edge blade material being sourced. Working on redesign of blade pivot modification to be completed in the off season. UTV

drags need wheel mount reinforcement and Jeep drag requires rear blade mount repair.

Shear pins are to be Grade 5 bolts only on Skandic drag couplers.

*The drag actuators are to be modified to help prevent water penetration when covered in snow and ice.*



## Trail Marshal says...

If you see someone riding off trail, take their picture and forward it to the local trail captain. Do not confront the violators. That job is for law enforcement. Be sure to include trail #, location, and time of day picture is taken.



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Continued from page 1 Ridge Runners Meet Sno Riders groomed in from Thacher Park on our new Skandic 900 ACE SWT. MRR had their local grooming equipment on showcase also.

Warner's Lake nearby off S73 had ice racing occurring which drew large numbers of snowmobilers to take in the events. Law enforcement were patrolling funded trails ensuring riders were registered properly to support our sport and operate in a safe and responsible manner.



A father and son on the trail.



Riders gather at C7B S72 Junction

Local families were out in abundance riding together and enjoying the smooth trails. This was evident from the sled traffic passing by the kiosk and while operating the groomer as depicted in the pictures. Other local club volunteers also took the opportunity to get out and ride their own sleds as we saw Chris B, Barak S, Rob H and son Jaxson having fun. Frontier Sno-Riders volunteers thank each of you for supporting our organization, riding responsibly and enjoying the winter sport we all share. We appreciate MRR president Bob Tanner and crew working in unison with Frontier to make the trails a better experience for all. See you on the trails at our next event...



Riders stop to talk with groomer.



# Trail Captain Pics - Delanson



*The Jeep and Gator getting the job done, through the night and falling snow.*

*Some issues with equipment, and quick repair work, results, smooth trails!*

*Photos by TC Tyler Walters and TC Rob Kreitzer*



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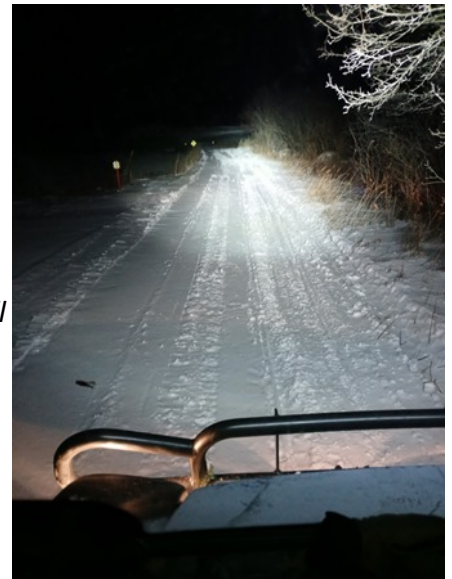
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# Trail Captain Pics - Duaneburg



TC Robby and Heidi out today. Weaver Rd, old rail bed, C7B.



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# Groomer Pics



*PB070 is off to the Vadney's shop for some well earned TLC.*

*Roller in action with the Ranger. Photos by TC Matt Lord*



# Trail Captain Pics - East Berne, Maple On the Lake, Knox



*TC Matt Lord, moving kiosk into position at C7B S72 junction.*



*Trail to Maple On the Lake, S73*



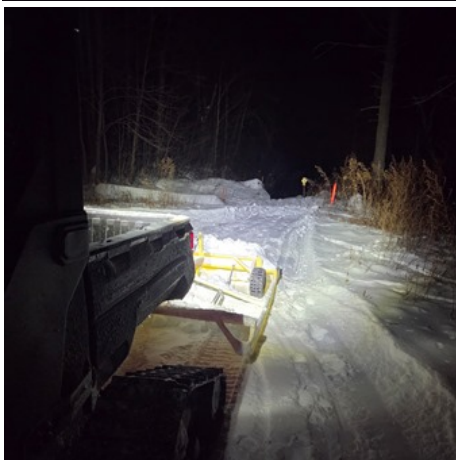
*PB100 in Knox, smoothing C7B. Photo by Chad Saddlemire.*



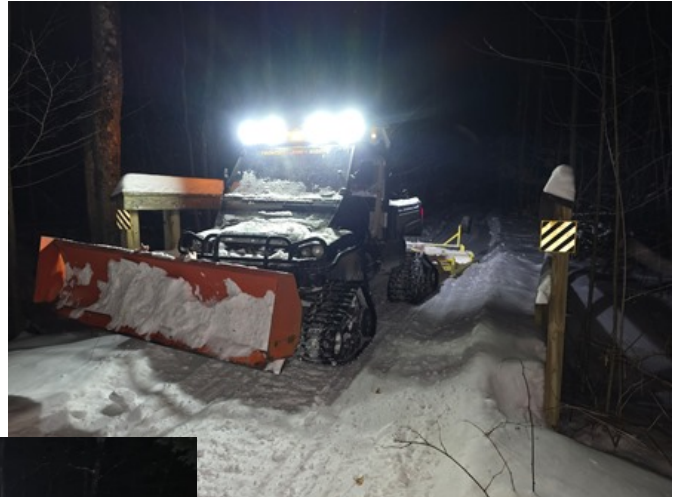
# Trail Captain Pics - Babbling Brook Trail #465



*Groomed for the very first time.  
The new Ranger  
Northstar made its maiden  
voyage to the Babbling Brook  
on this evening.  
Photos by Pres Gerry Lenseth*



# Trail Captain Pics - Charleston

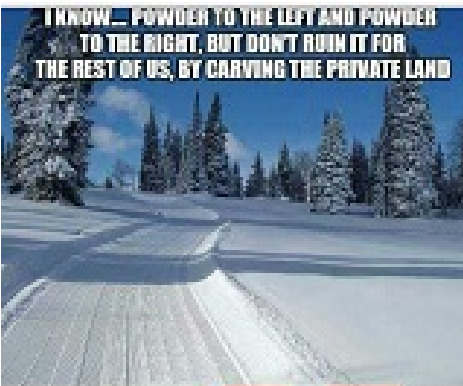


2011 Gator doing some night time grooming on C7E.  
Photos by Trail Captain Yancey Zimmer

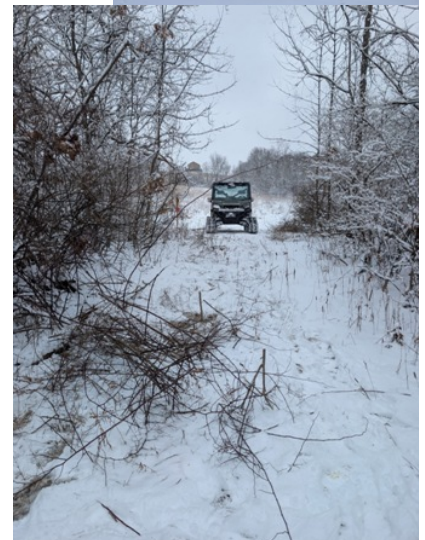


At one time, this was supposed to be turned in to a class A trail, they (DEC) even built this bridge..... they couldn't find a logger to cut it through. Gator fits though!!

# Trail Captain Pics - Mariaville



John and Michele Cislo clearing trail and updating signage on C7B from Mariaville Lake to Shellstone Rd over the past three weekends.



# Frontier Vintage Rally & Ride



**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**



John Boyd Thacher State Park, Pear Orchard parking and pavilion, on Rt 157 near East Berne from 10am to 3pm.



Rally will operate Snow or Shine... if snow is not sufficient for riding in the Park then vintage sleds will be on display in the parking lot. Event is free to the participants and the general public. – NYSSA raffle tickets available at the Frontier trailer.



Frontier volunteers will offer winter comfort food and beverage items – donations appreciated.



DMV registration not required to operate vintage sleds for special event.

The event will operate regardless of the weather. If we have enough snow, the trails will be open for the sleds to ride – otherwise we will have a vintage snowmobile tailgate party!



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