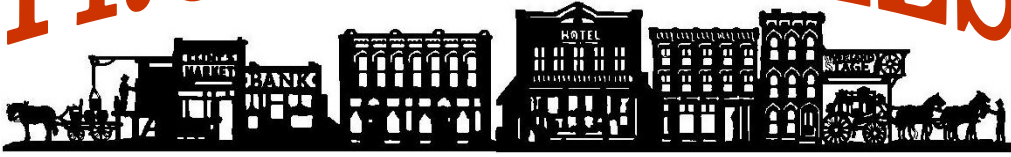


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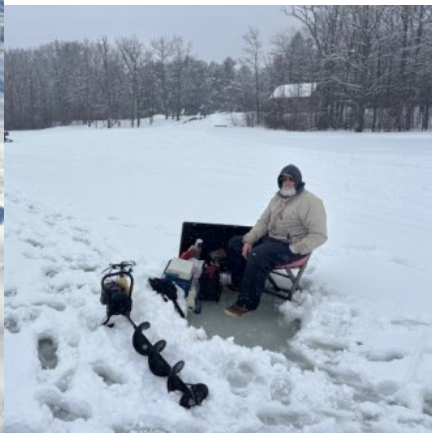
Thacher Park Hosts Events

Three events were successfully enjoyed by many

Frontier Sno-Riders were able to support both the Thompson's Lake Ice Fishing Contest and the Take A Veteran Snowmobiling Ride, plus host the Frontier Vintage Rally and Ride, all at taking place at



Thacher State Park.



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Top left to right, night time grooming, veteran snowmobiling, vintage Polaris, ice fisherman, Photo credits: Trail Capt Matt Lord, Daniel McCoy, Pres Gerry Lenseth, Thacher State Park FaceBook.



Trail Log



Club membership as of March 8 2026: 288

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

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

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

Bob Korosec rehired as Trails Coordinator was announced in December.

Statewide as of January 7, 2026. 1,530 students certified having successfully completed a Safety Course, so far this season.

Schenectady County 70% trail grant check received.

Landowner mailing of insurance certificates and vouchers has yet to be completed.

The Frontier Board decided to provide two annual \$250 scholarships in mechanical, auto body and construction disciplines for a five year period to BOCES. This is an opportunity to support both the Albany (auto body and mechanics) and Schoharie (mechanics and construction) BOCES campuses.

Trailside donations received at MRR/FSR C7B kiosk event on February 1st were donated to MRR.

Trail grant submission closes on March 31st. Please submit all trail work logs and grooming logs directly to Terry McCarthy.

End of season banquet needs a date and venue to be scheduled. Recommending a Wednesday evening in April. Terry McCarthy volunteered to coordinate the attendee list.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - **Mariaville C7B - Seeking trail boss** - John Cisko is proposing reroute on current L/O Fazzone property in the off season to avoid new house construction off North Rd. Bob Frost posted signs on Stafford/VanWoert bridge for proper crossing. Just received a new L/O denial regarding a property on Shellstone Rd. Will have to seek a reroute with several new landowners on the north side of Shellstone. **Sloansville C7F** - Scott Claus - Club #456 - Stockyard trail will be reviewed in the off season for potential reroute to state forest land to streamline trail if establishments and connection to Forest Preserve can be completed.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - The '06 Skandic is being utilized by Ray Walters. **Delanson #463** - Lance Martineau - **Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Rob Kreitzer - Weaver Rd to Rt 7 clearing brush. Proposed new establishment at Old Quaker Inn location for future club trail option. **Wright C7B - Seeking trail boss** - Trail reroute connection between Knox and Duanesburg via the Beebe Rd area remains a high priority for Frontier to secure. Request local residents provide assistance.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - **Knox C7B** - Barak Stroock - **Warner Lake S73** - Don Bauer - **East Berne/Thacher C7B/S72** - Matt Lord - Willsey property will require small trail improvement in off season. '26/'18 Skandics, '26 Ranger and PB100 all utilized for grooming in Albany county.



**Club Meeting
March 11th
7 pm
Helderberg Mountain
Brewery**

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.

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.

Want to help shape the future of the Club? Run for office or a seat on the Board. Nominations are being taken. Your voice matters!

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Continued from page 1 On February 21 more than 110 anglers took the opportunity to get offline, get outside, and enjoy New York's ample wintertime recreation opportunities as a part of the Thompson's Lake Ice Fishing Contest. Acting Commissioner Kathy Moser welcomed those who braved the cold and took to the ice to reel in trout, pickerel, and perch. (NY State Parks & Historic Sites, Feb 24)



Our Ice Fishing Contest was one for the books! Thank you to all who came out, competed, volunteered and hung out. Special Thanks to Frontier Sno-Riders for coming out to measure fish, At First Bite, LLC for providing delicious food, and Traina's Fishing and Tackle for providing bait on site for the contest. Thank you to all staff for your hard work making this such a great event, and Thank You to our Acting Commissioner for attending and can't wait to see you all again next year! (Thacher State Park, Facebook)



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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*

Drags - Five of six Skandic drags completed goose-neck retrofit and required follow-up reinforcement. Jeep drag trip blades repaired by Skip Murrell and repositioned to Tyler Walters.

Actuators experiencing issues in cold temps. Skip Murrell determined moisture a cause. Looking into a weather resistant cover to be utilized to prevent motor failure.

PB100 8.5'x16' drag requires both rear wheel hydraulic ram seals to be replaced in off season.

Custom window lettering to be completed by Bryan Schaeffer for several groomers.

Trail Grants

Club Trail Grant completed and recorded to date for:

Albany - 88%
Schenectady - 72%
Schoharie - 9%
Montgomery - 07%

Deadline for work and groomer logs is March 31.

2000 PB100 - Two 900cca batteries being replaced.
1989 PB070 - Prompt attention provided by the Vadneys addressed many outstanding issues and general maintenance.

1998 Jeep - Tyler Walters chased repetitive engine and suspension issues recently.

2026 Polaris Ranger UTV - In service and operating nicely. Hitch issue being looked at.

2012 JD Gator - Operating reliably in Duanesburg/Delanson.

2011 JD Gator - Operating in Esperance to Sloansville. A few minor electrical bugs addressed.

2026 Skandics - One machine is experiencing a periodic engine code. Seymours willing to support as needed.

2018 Skandics - Matt Lord updated tow ball to 2" – Yancey Zimmer's machine will require the same.

2013 Skandic - Drag control switch changed out by Matt Lord. Currently positioned in Mariaville.

2008 Skandic - Has limited traction without studs. Questionable seized motor - Ray Walters operating currently to determine reliability.

2006 Skandic - Carbides possibly needed.

2003 Skandic - Choke cable to be fixed. Battery is questionable.

2009 CanAm ATV - Club planning to sell vehicle.



Snowmobiles awaiting riders at Veterans Ride.

Trail Marshal says...

Remember to have fun while out on the trail and always carry out what you bring with you. A clean trail, is a happy trail!



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Club Members Meet Up

Saranac Lake Winter Carnival Parade

Through a chance meeting, Newsletter Editor Joel Church and Trail Captain Yancey Zimmer met up along a street after the parade through town. Church reenacts with the 118th NY Volunteers and was marching in the parade. Zimmer was spending the day riding his snowmobile in the area.



Joel Church and Yancey Zimmer pose for the camera.



Note the State Police snowmobiles behind Yancey....

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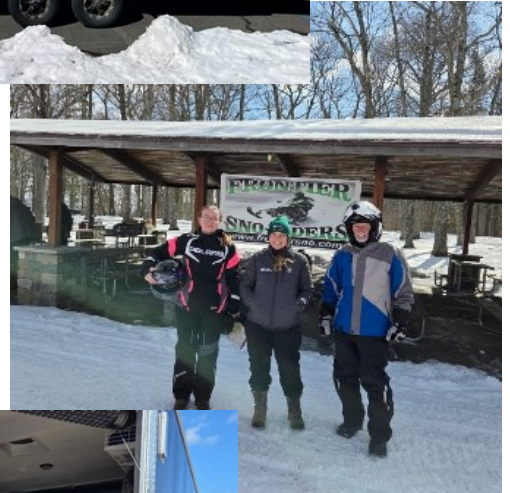
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March 1, Scott Leslie, Director of the Veterans Service Bureau, partnered with Frontier Sno-Riders to deliver an exciting day of snowmobiling for Veterans and their families at Thacher State Park. This event gave our Veterans and their families a great opportunity to enjoy mother nature in another beautiful corner of Albany County. We enjoyed having Jackie Jones, commander of the North Albany American Legion Post for coming out to join us! (Daniel McCoy, Albany County Executive, Mar 2)

groups went out on a ride around the park to see what it's like to go snowmobiling, and in between, a group of our vintage show sleds went out for a ride around the park, a nice but little bit chilly day, and a good turnout for both events. (Chris Bukowski, Frontier FaceBook Manager)



Snowmobiles arriving at Thacher Park
Frontier had a well attended double event today at Thacher State Park.
We held our annual vintage show and ride and were actually able to ride this year, we also partnered with Albany County Veteran Service Bureau for the first Take A Veteran Snowmobiling event, overall 4



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Frontier Club Ride—On Sunday, February 22, Frontier held a club ride. Riders were encouraged to find their way via Frontier trails to the Back Barn Brewing Co. in Delanson. Cousins Maine Lobster food truck was there to offer riders food for sale. Of course those wishing, the brewery had beverages available as well.

Pictures from the club gathering at the Back Barn.

Photos by FSR Vice Pres. Mary Ann Nickloy




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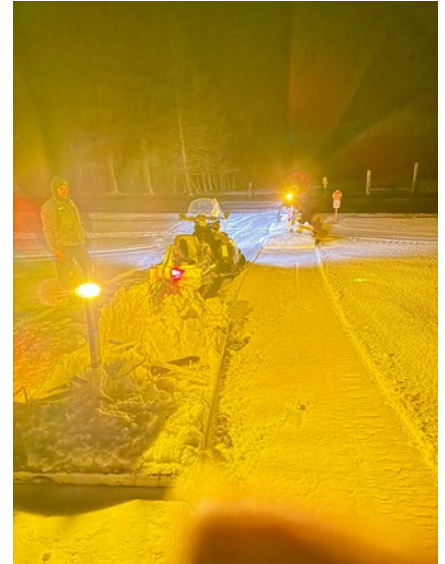
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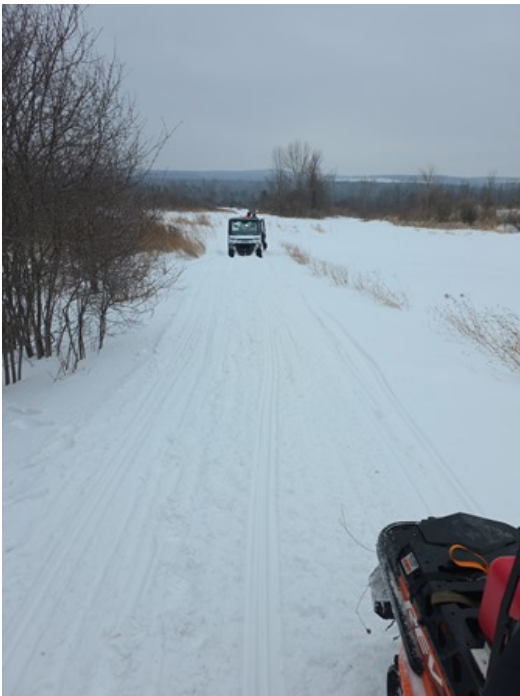
Trail Captain Pics - Charleston



*Night ops are the standard in the Charleston area.
Photos by Trail Captains Yancey Zimmer and Scott Claus.*



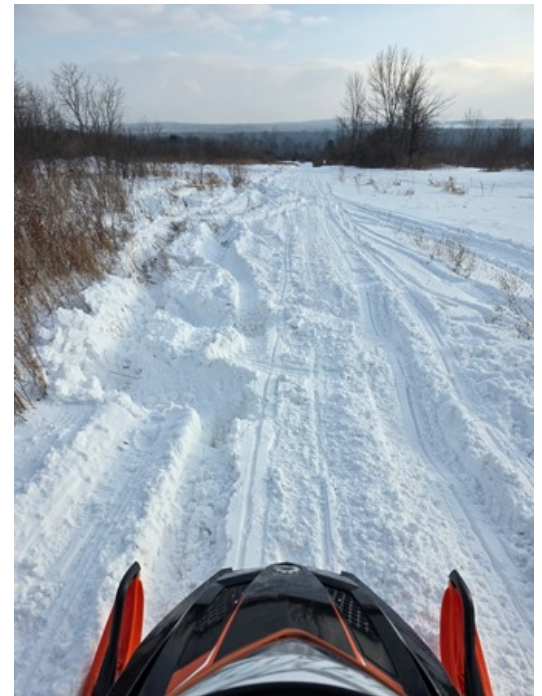
Renegade Riders



Caught stuck in the snow on snowmobile trail C7E.

In case there are people who do not know, ATVs and UTVs can only be operated on trails where the landowner has given permission for ATVs and UTVs. The ruts left by the UTV are very apparent. And thus you can see why ATVs and UTVs do not belong on snowmobile trails generally.

Photos by Rob Howard.





Carley Kiernan - Thacher Park Mgr on Mike Riek's Sno-Jet!



Photos by Trail Capt Matt Lord, FSR Pres Gerry Lenseth, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, and New York State Park Police.



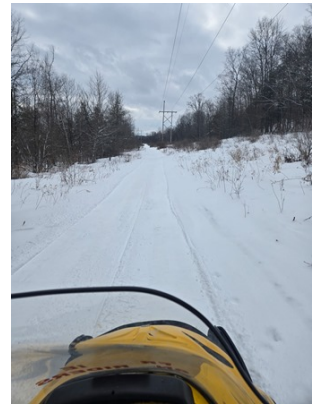
Trail Captain Pics - Duaneburg



Night time grooming. Looking great! Photos by Rob Kreitzer.



Back Barn trail being kept in great shape. Photos by Lance Martineau.



Trail Captain Pics - East Berne

photo by Matt Lord



NYS Park Police patrolling the snowmobile trails in East Berne. Photos by NYS Park Police





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