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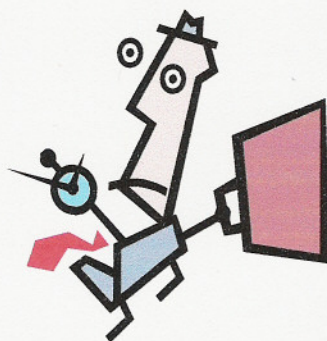
October 2008

## The Importance of Registering Before December

While a few months remain before the snow flies, it is imperative that all New York state snowmobile owners register their sleds before December. Delaying only stands to harm the amount of funding clubs receive for trail grooming and maintenance.

The Office of Parks and Recreation uses a December cutoff in registrations to determine how many people will use the trail system that coming season. Those who register after the end of November run the risk of not being counted towards the number used to determine the funding allotment.

These funds provide for most of the grooming of trails. Reduced funding directly equals less grooming.



Since you are receiving this newsletter, you registered your sled last season. That means that you planned on riding off your property at some point during the season. Thank you for registering.

However registering is only part of the picture, registering early helps ensure the funding is there to groom and maintain your favorite trail.

Some people wait to see if there is going to be snow before they plunk down the money to register their sled. This is fine in theory as a way to avoid spending money when they will not ride that season. How often is there a season with no ride able snow? Rare. Even last season had ride able snow, short but sweet.

Other folks may just decide that the snowfall won't come or be enough to ride. They figure that they may only ride once or twice at best. Hopefully that once or twice will not include a run in with the law. Riding an unregistered snowmobile is risky and if caught, carries a stiff fine.

Beyond the fines, unregistered sleds actually damage the trails each time they are ridden. They supply no funding to help groom the trails. They supply no funding for the safety signs found along the trail. They contribute nothing towards the building materials required for bridges. Use without upkeep and repair equals damage.

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# October 2008

## Schedule of Events

- Oct 8 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Lodge
- Oct 11 Highway Cleanup 10am Mobil-Mart Duaneburg, rain date Oct 12, same time.
- Oct 15 Club Meeting - Berne, 7pm Maple Inn
- Oct 22 Board Meeting, 7pm Maple Inn.
- Oct 25 highway Cleanup 9:30am Mobil Mart East Berne, rain date Oct 26

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Work Party	6	7	8 Club Meeting Esperance	9	10	11 Adopt A Highway Cleanup - Duaneburg
12 Work Party	13 Columbus Day	14	15 Club Meeting Berne	16	17	18
19 Work Party	20	21	22 Board Meeting at Maple Inn.	23	24	25 Adopt A Highway Cleanup - Berne
26 Work Party	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

# November 2008

## Schedule of Events

- Nov 12 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Lodge
- Nov 19 Club Meeting - Berne, 7pm Maple Inn
- Nov 26 Board Meeting, 7pm Maple Inn.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Work Party Daylight Savings Time ends	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9 Work Party	10	11 Veterans' Day	12 Club Meeting Esperance	13	14	15
16 Work Party	17	18	19 Club Meeting Berne	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Board Meeting at Maple Inn.	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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## Bridge Damage

The summer rains have done massive damage to the Club's many bridges. Some have been completely destroyed, others buried or moved downstream. Work has already begun on rebuilding the bridges. The bridge on Corridor 7B near Mariaville was moved back into place on Saturday September 13, with the help of a few Club members and their own heavy equipment.



## Club News



**Tracked Groomer** The Club is looking into the possibility of acquiring a used tracked groomer. With some of our trails being upgraded to class A, we will have the width to run the larger groomer. The larger groomer will be able to cover more mileage and do a better job of packing the trails. (pic)

## Youth Program

The Club youth program is looking for interested youth. If you know of any, please contact the newsletter editor at [cato79@peoplepc.com](mailto:cato79@peoplepc.com). It would be great to get this program started this season.

**Newsletter Downloads** Is the Club newsletter taking forever to download on your dial-up connection? Contact the editor to switch to the mailed hardcopy. Note: mailed copy is black and white.



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**Work Parties** Work parties will begin every Sunday from October 4<sup>th</sup> until the start of regular deer season. When using the word work with party, it must mean the chore is fun. Be sure to check out just how much fun these parties can be. All Club members are welcome. Brushing is common work. Here is corridor Trail 7B near Westfall Road which will need brushing.



Fallen trees limbs and weeds block many trails.

There is a high probability that the owner of an unregistered sled is not a club member. He or she is a user only, and may contribute nothing toward the trails ridden.

Registering early means not having to scramble at the last minute when a huge snowstorm heads our way. It would be a shame to find a lot of snow on the ground and your sled not yet registered.

Tell all your friends who ride to register early and pick Frontier Sno Riders as the club to join!

### Safety Courses

Safety courses will be offered by the Club this season. Currently two 8 hour classes are being planned. More can be scheduled if the need exists. If a youngster you know wants to ride solo this season, here is a chance to earn a safety certificate. Plan now to attend by calling Ron Shultes or Tom Rulison to secure a spot.

**Landowners** Landowners who have Club trails on their property are entitled to free Club memberships. These landowners who also ride snowmobile should receive a voucher in the mail from the Club. Take this voucher with you when you go to DMV to register your sled. You may want to make a color copy of the voucher before going to DMV, in case you decide to buy a new sled after you register your current sled this season. Otherwise DMV will have you copy of the voucher. If you have any questions, call any Club officer or Board member and they should be able to help you.



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**Chairpersons** We currently have two positions still open in the Club, Elections and Fund Raising. If you are interested in helping your Club, this would be an easy way to contribute. As Election Chairperson you would be responsible for running the Club elections in the Spring. Securing candidates to run for each office is the main duty. As Fund Raising Chairperson you would be responsible for NYSSA raffle tickets being distributed to Club members and funds collected and forwarded to NYSSA. A report on sales should be submitted to the Treasurer on a monthly basis. Neither job is a difficult one, they just require a desire to help the Club. Apply at any Club meeting.

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## NYSSA News

### 2008 – 2009 Safe Trails Education Program

NYSSA's Safe Trails Education Program (STEP) is taking shape for this upcoming season. STEP is a two-part program: Signage and Grooming. STEP is the Association's risk management program designed to provide education to clubs making snowmobile trails in New York as safe as possible, recognizing that the ultimate responsibility for safe snowmobiling rests with each individual operator.

The administering agency for snowmobile trails in New York is NYS OPRHP. The Agency has set guidelines for signing snowmobile trails. STEP helps educate clubs of these guidelines so that signing consistency can be achieved.

Classes located nearest to Frontier Sno Riders:  
 All classes start at 6:30 PM

21-Oct	Cooperstown - Otsego Co County Complex
22-Oct	Andes - Delaware Co Andes Hotel
29-Oct	Johnstown - Montgomery Co Holiday Inn

Pre-registering is not required, however it would be helpful so materials can be planned for. If you can make one of the classes, please let the Club know. We have to have someone from Frontier Sno Riders attend this class. For sign up, contact:

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Rain date: Sunday Oct 12th.

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