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Sound Advice

Before you purchase an aftermarket exhaust system for your snowmobile, think about how the sound produced will affect the trail you will be riding.

Sure you want the increased horsepower and performance that come with aftermarket exhausts. They are great for use in closed course competition. Out on the trail they may give you an edge over your buddy with a stock system. It may weight less and look neat. It may even sound really cool to you.



Sound limits are in place to keep the peace. The NYS Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to reduce the effect on the environment of excess noise. Laws have been passed to enforce this initiative.

Your actions on the trail determine if that trail stays open. If you decide to use an aftermarket exhaust system on your sled, you could be helping to close down the trail system. Louder than stock is bad for trails.

To help you choose to leave your snowmobile exhaust stock, law enforcement will be out listening to you. Hopefully they will hear those running illegal exhausts before the trail gets shutdown.

One of the state's snowmobile clubs biggest issue with trails is noise. When a noisy sled rides by a nearby residence, a landowner wonders why he/she should put up with that.

All too often in response, this happens; the club receives a call from the landowner shutting down that section of trail.

That one snowmobile could ruin the riding of many. Do not help close down trails! Do not use aftermarket exhaust systems for trail riding if they do not meet the following requirements.

OPRHP Law § 25.17, Equipment. (e) Mufflers. (excerpt)

No snowmobile shall be modified by any person in any manner that shall amplify or otherwise increase total noise emission to a level greater than that emitted by the snowmobile as originally constructed, regardless of date of manufacture.

New York State Snowmobilers Guide, page 10 #1 Equipment required. "Working muffler: The sound produced by a snowmobile manufactured after June 1, 1980 must not exceed 73 decibels on the A scale [dB(A)]."

Safety Class

December 12 2009 Berne Contact
Ron Shultes for more information.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Meeting Elk's Lodge 7pm	10	11	12 Safety Course Berne/Knox
13 Regular Deer Season Ends	14	15	16 Board Meeting TBD	17	18	19 Work Party Weekend
20	21	22 Bow and Muzzleldg Season Ends	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

January 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Club Meeting Elk's Lodge 7pm	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Board Meeting TBD	28	29	30
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Club News

Be sure your sled is legal this season. Carry your proof of insurance, registration, and place your registration sticker on the side of the snowmobile cowl, not the tunnel. Nobody likes getting tickets and you may if your sticker is on the tunnel.

Safety Cert. Course at the Duanesburg Fire House is postponed until 1/9/10. The Berne Fire House will accommodate the Course as scheduled on Sat. 12/12/09 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Contacts: Tom Rulison for Duanesburg & Ron Shultes for Berne.

Brian Sisson has solicited local businesses & obtained gift certificates from them as well as Sponsorships & Ads for the upcoming Club event.

Congratulations are due. Jerry Schoening introduced Tabatha Rein as our new Grants Writer to succeed Lisa Karbowski. A big thanks to Lisa for her hard work and a big welcome to Tabatha!

Brian Sisson reported that a vendor was willing to host his business to snowmobilers as a snack stop near the new trail just coming up out of Schoharie.

Trail Log

Duanesburg/Delanson: Rich Valleta reported that the bridge near Cole Rd. is completed, they posted signs on Jack Dowling's land. He altered trail C7B near Rt. 20 making it a wider arc for sleds to negotiate the turn much easier.

Esperance: Tom Rulison explained that the trail C7E from Delanson to Esperance needs brushhogging & widening, permission must be obtained to reroute the trail behind the new Hannaford Mall in Esperance.

Burtonsville: John Scrima reported that he needs to excavate an area on C7F trail towards the Meadowbrook.

Mariaville: Jerry Schoening built two (2) new bridges and another is scheduled. Featherstonaugh Park is impassable at this time due to logging.

Schoharie: Brian Sisson reported that he needs to install a bridge toward Schoharie. The Club will be unable to access the ball-field. Alternatives are being looked at.

Berne: Karl Pritchard reported that their workparty did work near Warner Lake.

At right is a new bridge near Gage Rd.



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Please note, it is not illegal to purchase aftermarket exhausts, or even install them on your sled. Just make sure that the exhaust is not louder than stock. Use a sound meter to be certain for legal trail use.



If you already have an aftermarket sound system installed, you could switch back to stock if you retained the original system.

This is the time to prepare for the coming season. Make sure your snowmobile is within the sound limit.

Trail washout in Berne at right.



New bridge in Delanson on left.



Wider turn at Rt 20 hwy crossing at right.

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NYSSA News - Snowmobilers Praise APA for Trails Guidelines Approval

November 14, 2009, Long Lake, NY – The New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) applauded the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for approving the APA/DEC Interagency snowmobile trail guidelines during yesterday's APA meeting. Following Thursday's presentation to the State Lands Committee, the committee approved a motion recommending approval by the APA Board. The APA resolution finds the guidelines consistent with the Adirondack State Land Master Plan (ASLMP).

"The APA action has finally allowed the UMP process to resume," said Dave Perkins, NYSSA Trails Coordinator. Perkins said that the guidelines include prescriptions for trail class designations, trail widths, and maintenance activities. The guidelines represent years of work that brought stakeholders together to seek solutions to issues and concerns about snowmobile trails. Perkins praised the efforts of APA project associate Walt Linck, and Karyn Richards of the DEC, for hammering out the details in the guidelines.

"Along with APA and DEC staff, representatives from the snowmobile community and environmental groups spent time walking trails during 'field trips'," Perkins said. It was during these trips that solutions to issues were identified, according to Perkins. The guidelines also address the use of tracked groomers, and off-season maintenance.

Speaking during the public comment portion of Friday's meeting, NYSSA president Mike Fischer commended the APA commissioners for striking a balance between the stakeholders. Fischer said that while logistical and safety concerns remain from NYSSA's perspective, the APA action gives snowmobile clubs a way to move forward. "We can start to move the UMPs forward," Fischer said, adding "that process will be where the rubber meets the road."

From NYSSA website.

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The Club is now selling baseball caps with the Club's logo on it. Two styles available: high-rise and lowrise. Both styles come in 4 colors; Black, Navy, Royal & Red. Each sells for \$12. Sweatshirts sell for \$20, knit caps (navy or black) sell for \$12.



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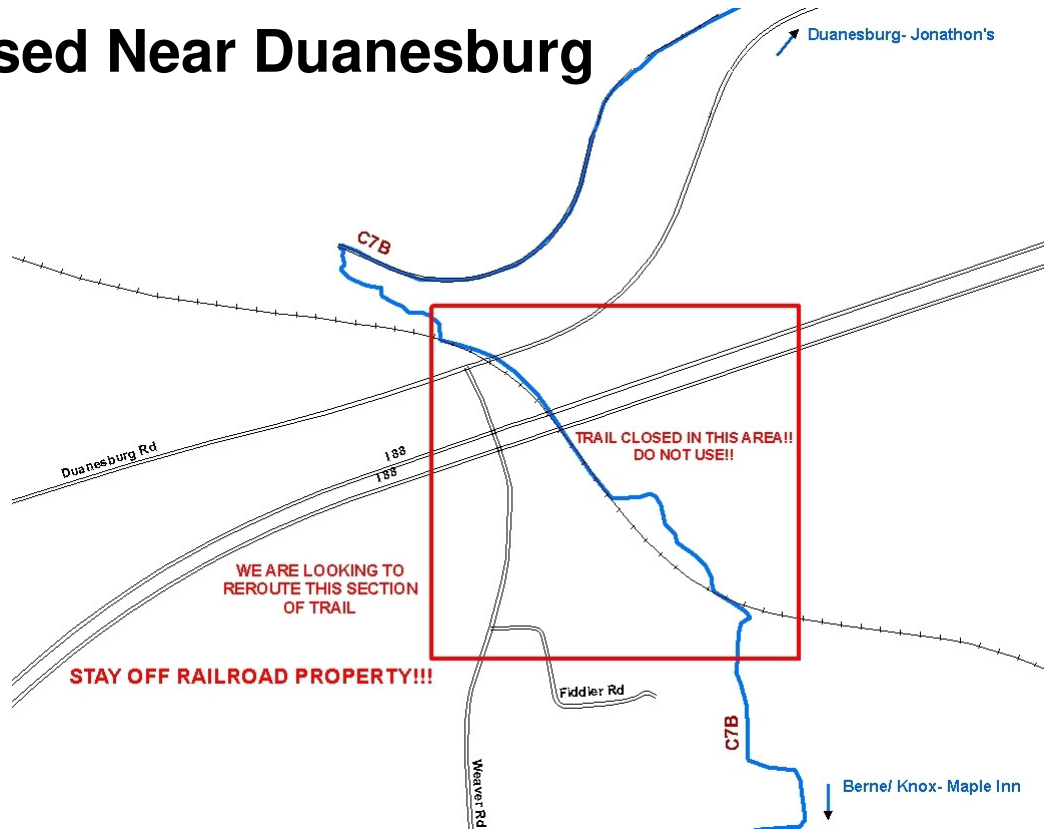
Trail C7B Closed Near Duanesburg

Trail C7B from Duanesburg south to the junction with C7E is closed and may not reopen this season.

The Club has been advised by CP Rail that anyone caught trespassing on railroad property, this includes farm crossings, will be subject to **arrest and confiscation of their snowmobile.**

All members are asked to spread the word among friends and family that riding on railroad property is dangerous and illegal. Do not ride past a trail closed sign. Do not remove signs!

The Club is looking at a possible reroute to keep the trail into Duanesburg open. A lot of work is still required to make this happen. We face many hurdles before this reroute is a reality. Any number of issues may prevent us from opening the reroute.



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Sponsored by: Onondaga County Snowmobile Association

1. The purpose of the Super Raffle is to raise funds to foster "The maintenance and development" of public snowmobile trails in New York State.
2. The Super Raffle is governed by the laws of NYS and the regulations set forth by the NYS Racing & Wagering Board.
3. NYSSA clubs can request tickets and posters by submitting the 2010 Super Raffle Ticket Request Form directly to NYSSA:
by fax 518-624-2441 or:
by E-mail membership@nyssnowassoc.org or:
by mail PO Box 612, Long Lake, NY 12847-0612.
4. Super Raffle tickets will be distributed to NYSSA clubs by members of the OCSA at NYSSA BOD meetings or by private shipper between meetings (UPS/FedEx).
5. Participating NYSSA clubs can distribute Super Raffle tickets as they see fit.
6. Super Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 per ticket.
7. Ticket stubs and payment (\$5.00/ticket) must be turned in to OCSA no later than 12 noon the day of the NYSSA Forum (April 17, 2009) or they can be turned in with payment *prior* to the Forum at a monthly NYSSA board meeting or by mail to: OCSA, P.O. Box 392, Syracuse, NY 13215
8. Acceptable forms of payment are only **CASH** or **CHECK** made payable to OCSA.
9. OCSA must receive \$5.00 for every ticket stub turned in.
10. Participating NYSSA clubs will receive a **DONATION** from OCSA after the raffle drawing is completed (Within 30 days).
11. Participating NYSSA Clubs will receive \$2.50 for every ticket stub they turn in to OCSA.
12. Participating Clubs **must** use their **DONATION** for "The maintenance and development" of public snowmobile trails in NYS.
13. Records of how the money is used have to be maintained just as you do for the Trail Fund.

Your 2009 Super Raffle Committee,
Chairman Richard Rozzi - Ernie Roosevelt - Anne O'Dell -
Don Roark - Roger McCabe - Jim Jennings
Members of the Onondaga County Snowmobile Association &
NYSSA

NYS Raffle License # nnnnn

Super Raffle Tickets

Come to the next regular Club meeting to pick up tickets. Take only the amount of tickets you think you will be able to sell. More are available upon demand. A prize will be awarded to the Frontier Sno Rider member who sells the most tickets this season. Remember this is one of the Club's biggest fundraiser events of the season. Please make an effort to help your club make the trails better by selling Super Raffle tickets for the Frontier Sno Riders!

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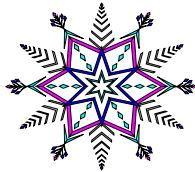
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C7B at Rt20 in Duanesburg. New wider turn.

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