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Club Infrastructure

Where do we as a club stand? Who makes this Club work? How has the Club impacted the local trail riding experience? What resources are available to the Club? All good questions, and all tie into infrastructure.

Club infrastructure includes trails, bridges, culverts, and grooming equipment. Infrastructure is also made up of landowner cooperation, state organizations, grant funding, and member involvement.

A nice smooth and wide trail should not something to take for granted. All the above parts of infrastructure must be present at some level or there will be a less than desirable trail to ride.



New Holland groomer on Knox ball field bridge.

Trails are laid out on mostly private property. Ownership can change hands and require new partnerships to be formed. New growth and storm damage can impede the path of the trail. Yearly maintenance is required on all trails, some demand more work than others.

Bridges wear out, due to weathering, floods, and heavy use. Replacement or repair operations

are an ongoing job. Building stronger and better bridges allows for less frequent servicing. The Club maintains a policy of pursuing higher quality structures.

Grooming equipment goes through very harsh conditions requiring periodic maintenance and replacement. The Club is always looking to upgrade the fleet of groomers to larger machines. Bigger machines can groom more and do a better job with fewer passes.

State organizations lend support to the club through membership services and trail improvements. NYSSA, OPRHP, and DEC all contribute to the trail system. Grant funding is how much of the trail improvements are accomplished financially. Counties and towns distribute the funds to the clubs.

**Club Meeting
December 8th, 7pm
Elk's Lodge, Esperance**

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December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Club Meeting- 7pm Elk's Club	9	10 Old Forge SnoDeo	11 Old Forge SnoDeo
12 Deer sea- son southern zone ends - SnoDeo	13	14	15 BOD Meet- ing- 7pm TBA	16	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter. Late bow hunting season ends	22 Trails open if at least 6" of snow.	23	24	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve - X-County Trail Riders Snowmo- bile Club hosts Snow Ball, Mt Morris, NY	

January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Club Meet- ing- 7pm Maple	13	14	15
16 Internation- al Snowmobile Safety Week	17 MLK Jr Day	18	19	20	21	22 Winterfest - Walton, NY - Drag Racing
23	24	25	26 BOD Meet- ing- 7pm TBA	27	28	29
30	31					

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Club News

The Club has been very busy this fall. A number of bridges have been built, trails brushed and widened, and new trail opened. Thanks is due to a very small but dedicated core of club members who are busting their butts to make the trails better. Hopefully there will be plenty of snow to enjoy these trails.

December is a big month for members to renew their memberships and register their snowmobiles. Do not wait, get your paperwork in order now before the snow arrives.

Super Raffle tickets are on sale now. Come to a meeting and pick up tickets to sell. Remember half the proceeds go to helping the Club maintain the trails. There are many prizes and tickets only cost \$5 each. Very easy to sell. Very easy to help the Club. (\$40,000 worth of prizes!)

Now is the perfect time to get your snowmobile in for pre-season service. Please use one of our sponsors, they can have you ready when the snow flies.

Please note the Club is awaiting a volunteer to come forward and host the Snowmobile Safety course this year. Contact Vice Pres Ron Shultes for info.

Trail Log

East Berne - A washed out bridge on S70 has been replaced and moved upstream to prevent future problems. Decking the bridge was completed the weekend following Thanksgiving. Two small bridges near the airport will either be rebuilt or replaced with culverts. Signs going up.

Knox - A new bridge frame is in place on C7B near Rt 146. It replaces old pallet bridge sections. The decking should go on shortly. A new local trail to Township has been brushed and opened. Signing is underway.

Esperance - Work is slowly beginning in this area. More help is needed, please contact trail boss Tom Rulison.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Brushing and clearing is 90% complete. The local trail connecting Duanesburg with C7B has been brushed heavily. Signing is well underway.

Burtonsville - DEC will rebuild a bridge on trail C7F in the Charleston State Forest. Signing the trail is on going.

Mariaville - Due to continuing land owner issues in the Mariaville area, snowmobiling may be restricted in this area. Please check the club web site for the latest on whether the trail will open this season. If you live or ride this area and can help reopen this section, please contact trail boss Jerry Schoening.

Schoharie - No report, trail boss needed.

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Building a new bridge in Duanesburg...



and one in East Berne on S-70.



Club members/landowners using their own equipment to help the club in Duanesburg.

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Relationships are formed with all these organizations.

Our most important part of infrastructure is the club membership. Without members willing to help the Club, all other areas will fail. Members build bridges, install culverts, seek landowner permissions, apply for state grant funding, and coordinate member benefits and communications.

To improve and grow infrastructure many things need to happen. Trails need to be wider, bridges larger and stronger, grants pursued and members jumping in to lend a hand.

Without more members helping the Club, club infrastructure will begin to suffer. Certain parts of the infrastructure will disappear when not properly supported. It is vital that members support their club through volunteering.

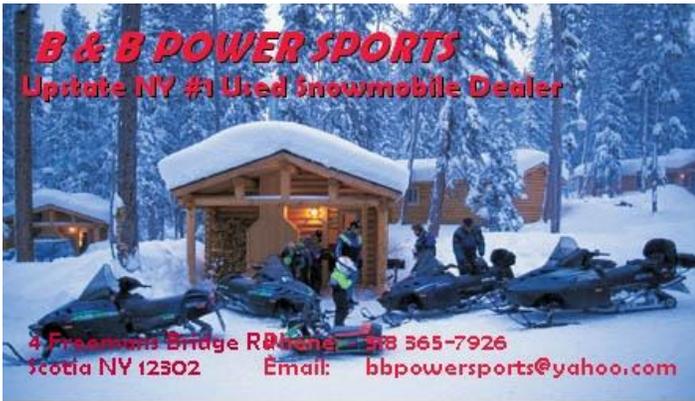
Members do step up to volunteer which helps sustain the operations of the club. More help is always welcome. Members may need to initiate contact by either coming to a meeting and finding out who is leading the latest work party, or checking the website for where and when. Chair positions are also available and waiting for members to take charge.

Come be apart of the infrastructure and expand not only the club, but your experience in snowmobiling.



Trimming tree limbs and brush along trail C7B in Knox while grooming.

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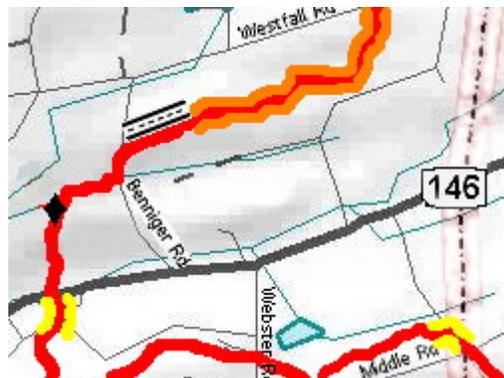


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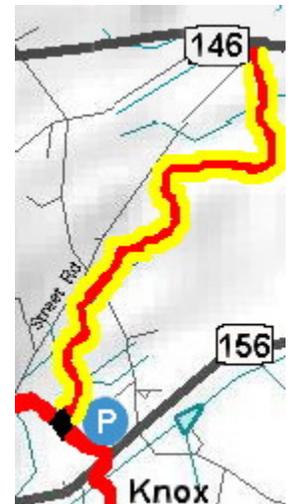
C7B Mott Rd and above I-88

November 6 2010 C7B Duaneburg:
Rich Valletta
Bob Lamp
Jack Dowling
Joel Church
Matt Church
Christian Church



C7B near Rt146 in Wright

November 12 2010 C7B Knox/Wright:
Karl Pritchard
Brian Buchardt
Ron Shultes



New club trail
from C7B to
Township

November 27-28 2010 S70 East Berne:
Brian Buchardt
Mike Dunigan
Ed Galvin

- █ Orange section of trail indicates prior work.
- █ Yellow section of trail indicates current work.



S70 near Rt443 and
Brookhaven Rd



Notice: Stay off all railroad property, stay on the trail or we will lose that trail. Nearly all trails run on private property, respect our landowners, we are there by invitation only. Please do not wear out our welcome. Use your head, ride right!

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NYSSA NEWS

Trail Coordinator Search Begins

NYSSA's long time Trails Coordinator, Dave Perkins, will be retiring in May 2011. The search for a new Trails Coordinator has begun. Send resumes to resumes@nysnowmobiler.com

This is an hourly position with associated benefits such as vacation time, personal time, etc. as determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the BOD. This position is authorized under Article VIII, Section 1(b) of the NYSSA Bylaws and reports to the Executive Director. The job description lists the duties of this position.

NYSSA ASKS GOVERNOR PATERSON TO RETURN LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS

Thursday, 28 October 2010 10:47

The Division of Budget is at it again. Recently it was learned that the snowmobile law enforcement budget was hit for \$29,900 as the DOB withheld 1.1% of those funds. Many local assistance payments were affected. Capitol Group was contacted and provided the following explanation: The state budget included \$1.1 billion of anticipated federal Medicaid money. Because that amount began to look like it may be overly optimistic, the Governor insisted the Legislature create a contingency fund that would have enough money to offset reductions in the federal aid number, while still having a balanced budget. The contingency is funded primarily by cuts in healthcare and education, but also by reductions in member items, local assistance and special revenue accounts. It is across the board with few exceptions. In order to meet the contingency targets, the comptroller was authorized to take money from these funds, in the case of Parks, from the snowmobile law enforcement account among other programs. About \$30,000 was cut from law enforcement, reflected in the 1.1% reduction in these local assistance grants. It is not expected that this will impact the trail fund further--unless Parks intends to use other trail fund local assistance money to make law enforcement whole.

Enjoy the trails, and please note the following:

State law prohibits riding on State highways (except at crossings)

Obey speed limits.

Observe and obey all traffic and snowmobile signs.

The use of any lake for snowmobiling is **NOT** recommended as there is no way to determine their safety.

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