

Frontier Sno Riders

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## Super Storms Strike

The AccuWeather.com forecast on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February called for 12-26" of snow to fall between then and Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. At the time the



C7B looking south towards Westfall Rd

forecast seemed to be hard to believe. Two storms and six days later, I see that this forecast for snowfall was under by a lot.

41 1/2" had fallen by Friday evening at my house. Over the weekend another 6 1/2" fell, bringing the total to 48". Four feet of snow! This snow was

not light and fluffy, it was heavy water laden. When the light is right, you could see the blue water in the snow shadows.

On Friday there was a period of freezing rain that changed back to snow. Had that not been rain, who knows what the total snowfall would have been. The frozen rain added a hardened layer to the snow pack.



New Holland Sur-Trac approaches

While we needed snow to open the trails, this

clearly was too much snow. Initially the breaking of trails is a very slow process with snow of this depth. Most

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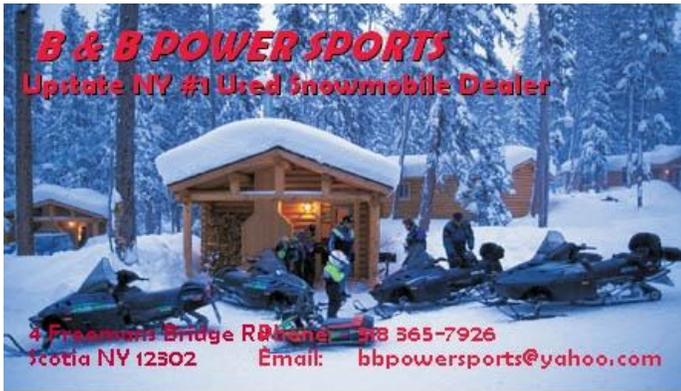
**Club Officer Nominations  
And Elections Are  
Upcoming! Get Active!!**

# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Club Ride
7	8	9	10 Club Meeting Maple Inn 7pm	11	12	13
14 Daylight savings begins	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24 Board Meeting TBA	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Work log deadline			

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Club Meeting Elk's Lodge 7pm	15	16 NYSSA Forum	17 NYSSA Forum
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25	26	27	28 Board Meeting TBA	29	30	



## Club News

The Club website continues to see growth in number of visits. The count meter on the front page shows the number of hits made since September 2009. Understand that your computer will only register one visit per day on the counter, no matter how many times you return on that day.

If you own a business that likes to get noticed by snowmobilers, you should advertize on the Club's website.

After the first big snowstorm hit the area on February 24th, plans were set to have the Club Ride on the following Saturday. Then came another, even bigger storm on Thursday. The ride was then pushed back to Sunday. Then it became clear that the trails would not be ready in time for the ride.

Looking ahead to Saturday, March 6th as the next possible date for the Club Ride. Hopefully the weather and trail conditions will allow for the ride to happen.

Our grant writer Lisa Karbowski has agreed to stay on the job until the end of the season. She will be helping our new grant writer take over the position.

Please return all unsold raffle tickets by the April meeting. All ticket money should be in by end of March.

## Trail Log

Duaneburg: Much needed snow has opened all the trails. Grooming will commence if the temperature drops.

Mariaville: Volunteers are always welcome to help maintain the trails. Please contact your trail boss.

Burtonsville: Work has been completed and the trail is now open, please follow all signs and watch for changes.

Esperece: Stay on the trail, and ride quietly through the village, our presence there counts on this.

Delanson: Watch carefully at each highway and railroad crossing for traffic. High snowbanks restrict visibility.

Knox: Here the New Holland groomer has been out and working to smooth the trail.

Schoharie: Progress halted on Club trail development, due to landowner permissions still in question.

Berne: As in Knox, the New Holland groomer has made its way over to the Maple Inn. This feat is due to the hard work of the trail boss and his crew.

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snowmobiles need to keep their skies up above the snow or else the machine nosedives into the deep snow. The track then acts as a digging tool rather than forward motion. The snowmobile then gets stuck in its own hole.



*Into the snow on C7B goes the groomer.*

New Holland Sur-Trac groomer with a drag. The New Holland was used not only to pack the trail but to bust open each road crossing. It handled the job with ease.

Other Club members heeded the call on the Club website to help by digging out road crossings near their homes. Lots of heavy snow to lift with shovels is hard work. One former board member even used his own tractor to bust open the road crossing near his home.

All of these actions allowed the Frontier Sno Rider trails to open for weekend use. By Sunday afternoon you could ride from East Berne to Esperance or Mariaville. Even the trail north of Esperance, C7F was open for the first time this season.

One warning, stay on the trail or stay on the gas, because if you do not you could sink out of sight!

Frontier Sno Rider crews were working in the Esperance/Delanson/Duanesburg area with two skandics and a couple of snowmobiles following to help with packing the snow down. Many down or low hanging tree limbs required removal just to get through. Then there were the road crossings, each one a near vertical mini mountain. Going over the top of one of these is tricky with a big snowmobile. First you climb then you drop nearly straight down to the road.

Further south in the Berne/Knox area the Frontier crews used two skandics, two snowmobiles, and the



*Busting a snow bank!*

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**Club Nominations** Calling all Frontier Sno-Riders members!

With over 400 members in our club this season, we **need** interested individuals to step and volunteer your time and effort regarding many club activities including guiding our club in the future. Nominations are now open during March for the 2010-2011 season for officers, directors and trustees.

Officer's:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Board of Director's:

Three year position (thru 2013)  
2 openings

Board of Trustee's:

Three year position (thru 2013)  
2 openings

Several incumbants will continue to run for re-election, however several positions including Treasurer will become vacant. Nominations will be confirmed by the committee and ballots created for the April 14th club elections meeting in Esperance. Please forward your nominations to our election committee by March 31st:

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**NYSSA Forum** April 16-18, 2010

The [Information Packets](#) for the members-only 2010 NYSSA Annual Meeting & Forum were mailed in mid-February to all Clubs in good standing. The packet includes course descriptions for the Forum, registration forms, and the proposed By-law changes.

Registration cost is \$70 before March 15; Late Registration is \$80. If you are attending the Annual Meeting only, as a voting Delegate, the cost is just \$15 (you must still pre-register). No registrations will be accepted after March 30.

If you are interested in attending, please coordinate with your local club. Last year's event attracted nearly 700 members and guests.

This year we will gather in the Holiday Inn, Liverpool's (Syracuse) newly renovated facility. 180 rooms are being held for our event; the cost is \$95 per room (a \$55 savings from their normal rate!).

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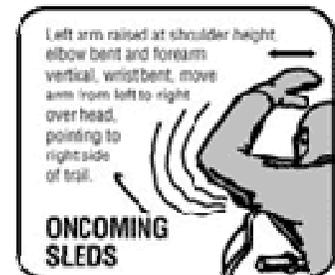
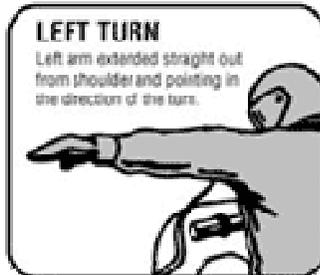
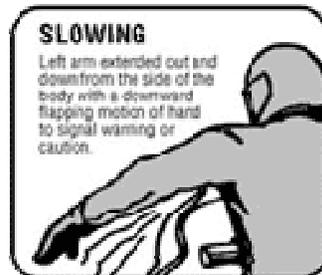
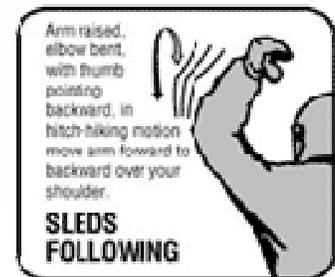
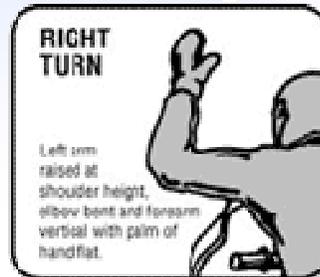
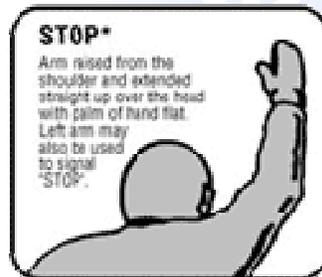
Many of you are already painfully aware that the Governor proposes to sweep \$1 million from the trail fund this current fiscal year! This unprecedented sweep, coming less than two years after a previous attempt to take \$1 million during the 2008-2009 budget process, must be rejected by the Legislature. It is another attempt to raid the Snowmobile Trail Fund.

NYSSA is further opposed to the language in Part HH of Budget Bill S6609/A9709 that would expand the allowable use of monies in the snowmobile trail fund to include "public safety activities," and urge that this language be removed from the budget. By allowing snowmobile registration fees to be taken from their intended use and transferred to the general fund under the guise of public safety, while removing any accountability regarding the use of these funds, the proposed budget would result in millions more swept from the snowmobile trail fund in the years to come.

I am calling on every one of our Club Presidents and their members to send a letter to their respective Senator and Assemblyman asking their help in getting our \$1 million restored to the Snowmobile Trail Fund and to oppose the language in Part HH of Budget Bill S6609/A9709. We are providing all of you with the attached model letters in order to ensure a

clear, consistent, and resolute message. Club members should make sure to sign their letters and include their home address.

# Snowmobiling Hand Signals



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Elections are approaching. Help decide how the Club functions, get involved today, run for office! Make a difference.

NYSSA Forum in April, want to go and see how your state association shapes snowmobiling in New York? Club meeting for info.

## Think Snow!

(Hey you never know!.)



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