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Club Season Review

Seasonal snowfall finished above the average which pretty much says how things progressed for the Club as well.



New bridge on Trail S70

Looking back over the last few months, we have been very busy. Trail brushing and clearing, culvert and bridge building, new signage, opening a new club trail, grooming, club ride, and snowmobile safety course, just to name some of the activities the club has undertaken.

As a club we are very lucky to have some very dedicated members. They put in a huge amount of work. Thankfully we are seeing more members step up and lend a hand which really makes a difference.

Milestones reached this season include web hits over 15000! Club membership stands at 483, an all time high for Frontier. A large

Above average snowfall equals above average snowmobiling and club activities. It was great to finally get a snowy season. The last few were real lean for snow. The forecast worked out for snowmobilers this time around. Hopefully all our members got a chance to ride, there certainly was opportunity.



Club VP Ron Shultes out grooming on C7B in Knox.

number of snowmobiles took part in the club ride, perhaps our largest turnout ever, on very short notice.

Adopt A Highway
April 9 and 10
E Berne and Duanesburg

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April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Adopt A Hwy 9am East Berne Mobilmart
10 Adopt A Hwy 9am Duanesburg Mobilmart	11	12	13 Club Mtg. Elk's Lodge, Esperance 7pm	14	15 NYSSA Forum	16 NYSSA Forum
17 NYSSA Forum General Mtg	18	19	20	21	22 Good Friday	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28	29 Club Awards Dinner. Loca- tion TBA.	30

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Watch web- site for future events!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Club News

Adopt A Highway roadside cleanups are being held this month. April 9 club members will meet at the *East Berne Mobilmart on Rt 443 at 9am*. Get some free coffee and donuts before heading out to clean the roadside. April 10 will see the Duanesburg edition of the roadside clean up take place. Meet at the *Duanesburg Mobilmart on Rt 7 at 9am* for free coffee and donuts before starting the cleanup.

All Super Raffle tickets should be returned by the next regular club meeting.

A club member is willing to donate use of his tractor next season to help with grooming. The club would provide fuel and a drag.

The Skandic groomers will get new seat coverings over the summer.

The new equipment committee is recommending the club purchase a ASV Scout for grooming as it would best fit the needs of the club. Next will come the search for the needed funding.

Next season look for new looking donation boxes to appear at the local businesses. They will be more secure and allow for a more trusting deposit site.

Chad Saddlemire has stepped up and volunteered to chair the Fund Raising and Awards committee. This is a big relief to the board and will help the club run more smoothly.

Kevin Connolly has been nominated to chair the Safety and Education committee. He and Mike Vincent have done a super job with the safety course.

Trail Log

East Berne - Work continues on a reroute for S-70. It is hoped that the landowner will change his mind with proper signing and markers to guide riders.

Knox - Gates will be installed on landowners property to the Town of Wright. This will help dissuade ATV use of the trail.

Esperance - The new section of trail C7E northwest of the village has worked out well, keeping snowmobilers off a section of roadside.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Gates will be installed above Cooley Heights to control illegal ATV use of the trail.

Burtonsville - Bridge replacement in the Lost Valley State Forest will be looked at in the coming months. Due to a reroute by the Sloansville Club, the intersection of C7F and C7E has moved north of Conover Rd.

Mariaville - Signs are being picked up at this time. The landowner on North Rd has decided to close off his property to the Club. This will pose a great hardship in the Mariaville area. Trail boss Jerry S. is looking into a re-route, but this area is tough to get permission.



Newly built DEC bridge on Trail C7F in the Charleston State Forest, Burtonsville.

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Left: Karl Pritchard and VP Ron Shultes unload bridge frame near Rt 146.



Right: Fresh groomed trail in East Berne.



Left: Brian Buchardt and Gerry Lenseth groom C7B.



Right: Club ride came to Township Tavern.

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The Club is now selling baseball caps with the Club's logo on it. Come in 5 colors; Black, Navy, Royal, Red & Camo. Each sells for \$13. Sweatshirts sell for \$20, knit caps (navy or black) sell for \$12. All available at Club meetings. Get'em quick! (new caps and shirts will be coming.)



New signs were posted this season showing distance and direction to local businesses.

A new culvert is installed on Trail C7B near Panis Rd.



Brian B. and Mike D. stop while grooming Trail C7B near Doctor Rd.



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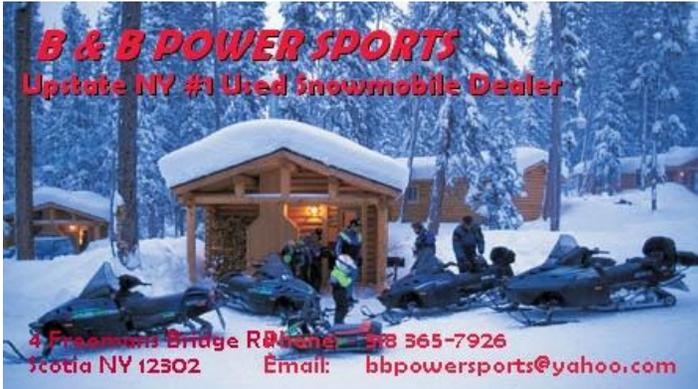
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Snowmobile Safety Course Great Success



Mike Vincent leads the safety course class while Kevin Connolly assists at the Berne Fire House on March 19.



Mike explains the operation of the snowmobile to the students. The 2008 Skandic groomer was used to demonstrate the controls.



A student checks the view from the seat as Mike and Kevin look on.



The students are listening carefully during the course. Lunch was served and all students passed the class. Well done!

Notice: Club Elections this month at Elk's Lodge, Esperance, April 13, 7pm. The following offices and board seats will be voted on:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. 3 Director seats, and 2 Trustee seats. Club officers serve for one year, board members hold position for 3 years. Joe Carl resigned his position to let someone else who could be more active, finish his term.



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NYSSA NEWS

Much is happening within NYSSA. As we speak, plans are being made to take the snowmobile registration process private. This will in effect keep New York State from stealing funds collected for snowmobile trails and using it for other purposes.

There is a lot of work to do before this occurs. There are many questions as to how NYSSA plans to distribute the trail funds. There is concern that clubs in the 'high snow' areas will collect even more funding. While keeping these areas operating is important, many of the snowmobilers who ride there, also ride from their homes on local club trails. Without the current funding stream, many of these little clubs will not be able to continue their work. Also the prospect that the local sponsors will no longer have much say in trail development. Some sponsors have held back trail funding for unknown reasons and removing them from the funding stream is being sought.

Other questions such as who will manage the trail fund and for how much money? Will it be cost effective to do this?

Election of NYSSA officers will happen on April 17 at the forum. This is will be an important vote.

These issues and more should be heard by members at this year's forum in Liverpool. (Frontier Sno Riders can send 16 delegates to the forum this year. Hopefully we will have many members attend.)



Trail C7B near Mt View Lane.



Brian, Matt and Rich install snow fence near Duanesburg Elementary.



Mott Rd section of Trail C7B.

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Club Elections

Club Elections This Month! Come out to the Elk's Lodge and Vote! April 13, 7pm, Esperance.



Think Snow!
Hey next year is coming.



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