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Steep Hill No More

How do you remove a steep section of thick forest trail with a 30' change in elevation? Why you move the trail of course.

In the late fall the club became aware that one of our landowners had blocked off access to his land. We immediately went to investigate what had happened and discuss our options with the landowner.



Part of the old trail closed off at topside.



Split off of new trail to the left, topside field

It seems that during the warmer seasons, many ATVs were using the snowmobile trail. A common issue the club faces in many areas. In this case the trail climbs a very steep hillside. There are two different climbs to reach the trail above. Both sections are narrow and lined with



New entrance from field, on the topside. Use caution as trail narrows.



The trail just in from the field, topside.

trees. This situation creates a very worn path, subject to erosion. The trail is also under pressure from snowmobiles which can spin the snow away

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Club Meeting
March 9 2011
7pm Maple Inn, East Berne

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club mtg 7pm Maple Inn, East Berne	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St Pat- rick's Day	18	19 Safety Course, Berne Fire House 8am
20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23 BOD mtg 7pm TBD	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Last day for work logs this season		

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Club Mtg 7pm Esperance Club Elections	14	15 NYSSA Forum Syracuse	16 NYSSA Forum Syracuse
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24 Easter	25	26	27 BOD Mtg/ Dinner TBD	28	29	30

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Club News

The NYSSA Forum is rapidly approaching. If you are interested in attending this year's Forum in Syracuse, please come to the club meeting and find out more about it. This is a great opportunity for members on the board or chairing committees to learn more about NYSSA and how our club fits into the overall NY state snowmobile system. We could sure use more members attending this Forum. There is a lot to see and do, new groomers and drags, vintage sleds, chainsaw courses, new innovations, and more. Plus you get to see how other clubs handle different issues and share this knowledge.

A local Esperance family lost almost everything in an apartment fire in early February. They have 3 children, one being only days old when the fire took place. NBT Bank is accepting donations at 3 locations, Schoharie, Cobleskill, and Duanesburg.

If you live in the Esperance or Burtonsville areas and are able to help with the trail in your area, please contact either Tom Rulison or John Scrima. More help is needed here.

A groomer purchase committee has been formed to look into the purchase of new grooming equipment. The committee will report findings to the Club and board.

Club members are reminded to check the club website to see when the trails are open or closed. Do not ride when the trails are closed. You can do a lot of damage when the trails are closed.

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian B reports the area has been seeing a lot of heavy traffic this season. They are grooming whenever possible to keep the trails smooth.

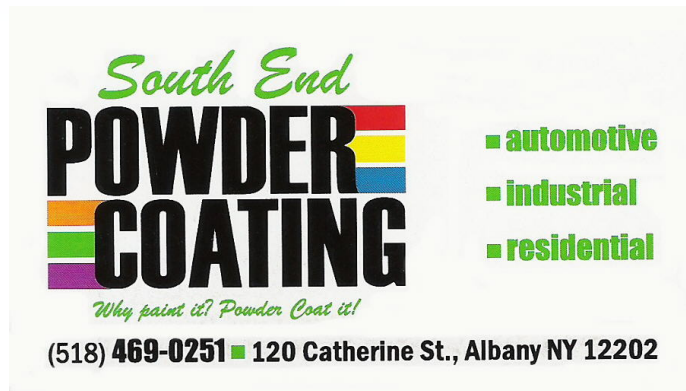
Knox - Ron S says grooming in Knox and Wright has been going good and they hit the trails multiple times a week.

Esperance - Please watch trail signs carefully while in the village of Esperance. Do not ride on sidewalks. Also watch for a rerouted section above the village, will keep you away from a road edge for a ways.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Grooming has been on going, but heavy traffic quickly removes the smooth trails. Remember the section of trail from C7B into Duanesburg is no longer funded, so grooming is not as frequent.

Burtonsville - John S has done a lot of work up here and it shows, trails are in good shape, just watch for the trail signs to keep on the trail. The new bridge the DEC built is working great and is a fine addition to the C7F trail.

Mariaville - As in Duanesburg, the section of trail between C7B and Mariaville Lake is not being funded this year. This has resulted in the trail not being groomed as often. During a recent warm up the trail was closed, yet ridden and tore up badly, please stay off trails when closed.



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Gentle slope of new section makes for easy climb.

during climbs up the hill. This leaves the ground bare to dirt and ice may form. Trying to ride up or down this hill can be tough with a studded track and near impossible without studs. After talking to the landowner, the club agreed to work on improving this section of trail, while being allowed to continue using the property.



Winding, twisting part of new trail, stay safe, go slow.



Intersection of new and old trail, bottom of steep hill. Watch for riders still using old trail on steep hill.

Early snowfall made locating and opening a new trail very difficult. Many fallen logs and limbs were frozen solid to the ground. In an effort just to get the trail open, it was left very narrow in spots. More work would need to be done during the warmer time of the year. Installing signs to guide



Trail narrows at the upper end of Cooley Heights, go slow thru here.

riders to the new section has been completed. Please go slow when using the new trail and avoid using the old steep hill trail.

This new section of trail will make it possible for all club members to safely travel between Esperance and Delanson.



The bottom of Cooley Heights.

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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!



Parking and Patronage

If you are going to park and ride from one of our local business sponsors, please give them your business. They are very happy to see snowmobilers use their parking lots, they are really happy to actually see you come inside. The businesses need customers during the long winter months.

Businesses located on the trail:

Maple Inn in East Berne

Highlands Restaurant above Altamont

Township Tavern in Township

Jonathan's Restaurant in Duanesburg

Hillview Inn in Esperance

Mariaville Motorsports in Mariaville

Frontier Sno Riders are lucky to have so many places to visit while out riding the trails. Stop in and say hi, you will be glad you did.

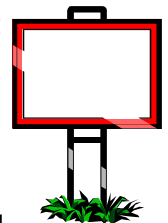
Advertising Opportunities

Do you have a business that you'd like to promote? Then, advertise with us!

- (\$35 fee) - 1 year subscription (8 issues)- Business Card ad posted in monthly Club Newsletter & same Business Card ad posted on Club website.
- (\$50 fee) - Your ad posted on Club kiosk on the trail. Great visibility for riders to see and find your business! (One time fee)

For more information on how to take out an ad through the Club, check out the "Sponsor" section of our website at www.frontiersno.com or contact the newsletter editor at cato79@peoplepc.com

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Sign Report

Club member and sign master Ed Galvin has done another great job creating signs that the Club needs.

Private Trail is used to keep riders from following tracks in the snow rather than the corridor or secondary trails they want to be on.

Hillview Inn is now signed on as a sign advertiser. Please follow these signs to the local businesses.

No Drag Racing - Stay On Trail sign was made especially for the Blue Heron, aka Viscio's Airport near Benninger Rd. Please do as the signs say or we will lose this important link in the trail system.



Frontier Sno Riders Launch New Logo

Look for this new logo to start appearing on all club related items. The design was submitted by Club Vice President Ron Shultes and approved by the board last fall. Be sure to attend a club meeting and pick up your own club sticker. Place on your favorite ride to show your club allegiance. If you would like to see this logo available as a sew on patch, please let the editor know.

Send In Your Favorite Pics

Look for a review of the season in next month's issue. Please submit your favorite pics from this season's riding. Shots from out on Frontier trails are welcome. Email the pics to pokey_cato@hotmail.com

Notice:

Club Elections are next month, if you are interested in helping your club, run for office or the Board. The Club needs more members to be involved, now is the best time to do just that. Nominations will be taken at the March meeting and up until the election in April.

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NYSSA NEWS

Attention all NYSSA members and club officers, NYSSA will be holding their annual election of Officers at the forum on Sunday April 17, 2011. At this time we are looking for nominations to hold a Officer position. This is open to all members in good standing with their respected clubs and NYSSA.

The time to bring new ideas and positive snowmobile issues are what you are seeking then you are encouraged to run. All (4) Officers positions are open and are a 1 year term. All strong organizations need members to step up and seek office to help with the exposure and growth that is needed. NYSSA is very strong association but members are their strongest assets that volunteer to continue our political strength and educational experiences.

If you feel that you can make a difference and bring a positive attitude to help your sport please fill out the application and return it by March 4, 2011 via email.

NYSSA Election Committee

All-Clubs,
Crisis averted for the moment!

I guess they re-thought the decision to eliminate the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants. Thanks,
JIM ROLF

"Earlier this week, we alerted you to a possible attack on trail funding, but we are pleased to share that **no cuts were made to core trail, walking and bicycling programs**¹ during this week's congressional amendment process! This is a heartening development, as our programs have been fiercely targeted in the past and many worthy programs are on the chopping block. We believe these programs were spared because of the groundwork you helped to lay over the past years to foster appreciation of trail, walking and bicycling investments. Thank you so much for your strong trail and active transportation advocacy!"
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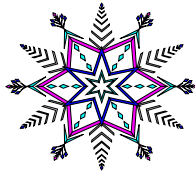


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Think Snow!

(Even if it is gone, there is a lot to
be done before next year.)



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