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A Bad Winter

When someone refers to winter as a bad one they usually mean a winter with a lot of snow. Snowmobilers instead view a bad winter as one with no snow. It would be like the winter we just had.



Too often snowmobilers must listen to TV weather forecasters expressing sorrow or disdain for an approaching snow storm. The news they bring apparently must be bad. It is of course their opinion and it is one shared by many.

The large majority of the population does not appreciate a good 'ole' snow storm. It may mean a difficult drive to work or a lot of work clearing the snow from the driveway. If school is cancelled, parents have to scramble to find child care. For the elderly, aches and pains sometimes increase with the coming storm.

Others find the snow a welcome sight. It can brighten up a dreary landscape, a real winter wonderland. Children look forward to a day off from school and a chance to play in the snow. Skiers cannot wait to carve downhill through fresh powder. Snowmobilers take to the trails and zoom along the winter countryside.



Will there ever be a fair representation for the snow lover? Perhaps but do not hold your breath. Educating the masses on what is available and how to get involved is our only hope.

Those who get out and enjoy the winter weather know how to make the most of it. Show your non-riding friends and family how you do it.

Dressing for the cold is most important.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Snodeo Old Forge	8 Snodeo Old Forge
9 Deer hunting ends	10	11	12 Club Mtg Elks Lodge Esperance, 7pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Begins
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve					

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Mtg Maple Inn East Berne, 7pm	10	11	12
13 International Snowmobile Safety Week	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 MLK Jr Day	22	23	24	25	26 Club Ride
27	28	29	30	31		



Club News

The Club is actively looking for another class C groomer. If you know of a good deal on a new or low mileage used Arctic Cat, Ski-Doo, or Yamaha workhorse snowmobile, please contact any club officer.

With the increased trail mileage the club now has, another groomer will help with the coverage. Not only that, but as the groomer fleet ages, the older models will have to be replaced.

Wanted: Webmaster, some computer skill useful but not required. Duties include maintaining the club website, oversight of content, updating articles and pictures. No pay with limited benefits, mostly the thanks of a grateful club. Training available. Email Secretary Rich Egan anytime.

Look for a new trail map to be available on the club website soon. Please remember that the map may not be 100% accurate. Changes to the trail system occur year round.

30% grant funding from the 2011/2012 season have been paid to the club by all sponsors except one.

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Turner Road bridge needs decking installed. Bridge by Maple Inn extended 7 feet and ready for use. Routing still being worked on to Thacher State Park.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Reroute of C7B near Westfall Road is mostly completed, just need to sign and install rope line. Need to check for windfall since the Sandy Storm. Pipeline to be used again this season as logging will be on going next to C7B near Rt 146.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Need to put up arrow signs. Otherwise trails in good shape.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Work on routing of C7E still on going, hoping to maintain present location.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - Inspected the Route 7 bridge near Duanesburg Post office on trail S70 and found to be sound. Scott's Printing bridge needs to have supported decking installed as old bridge not yet replaced. All signs up from Acorn Dr down to Cole Rd. Cooley Heights section of C7E will need to be rerouted off to the side as new house construction is beginning on the road. This project will require many hands.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Trail work progressing.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Bridge to go in on new section of C7B down to Shellstone Rd. All signs going up. Look for improved riding conditions through the swampy section near Mariaville Peat. The trail was widened and culverts installed to eliminate the water hazards.

Remember if you want to help out on a weekend work party, all you have to do is call one of the trail bosses. They will let you know what is happening that weekend.



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You cannot have a good time while being uncomfortable. Pick an easy area which has no hard challenges. Do not over do it. Get them into the winter thing slowly. Too much and too fast can scare prospective participants away. Let them discover the fun, just guide them to it.

The more people exposed to the 'good winter', the more likely perceptions will change.



Is this a good or bad winter scene?

Winter weather can be bad or good, it just depends on how you look at it.

So the next time you hear someone say 'it looks like we're going to be hit with a bad winter', smile and know that your smile is contagious just like your winter sports.



The Unofficial 2012/2013 Winter Forecast for the Frontier Sno Riders area.

(This is unofficial as it is my own personal speculation and my guess is as good as anyone's.)

I base my forecast on trends indicated by the ENSO or El Nino/La Nina effects. Our current conditions are very similar to the following winter seasons: 1968/1969, 1976/1977, 2003/2004

While none of these winters were outstanding for snowfall, they were all slightly above average.

Each had a period of deep freeze extending from 12 to 16 days where the temperature high for the day never got above 32°F all in the month of January.

2003/2004 season had a very snowy December, 10th snowiest on record for Albany with 28.5".

I forecast that we will have a snowy December, perhaps late in the month, followed by a period of deep freeze in January. Snowfall for January and February will be at or slightly below normal.

So if you have not prepared your snowmobile for riding yet, get going because winter maybe early and you won't want to miss it.



Joel Church

Forecast for snowfall?

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The **36th Annual SNODEO** provided by the Central Adirondack Association will kick-off in December at the Hildebrant Recreation Center Pavilion in Old Forge.

In the 36th year, Snodeo has become a permanent fixture in Old Forge. Generating the consistent local following with the influx of snowmobilers and winter travelers alike.

All four manufacturers will have the 2013 snowmobile models on display.

During the weekend, you will find there's so much to do for the entire family. From the vintage snowmobile show to the Kitty-Cat/120cc races and a special appearance by Santa & Mrs. Claus on Saturday afternoon. There's plenty to see and do so stop by during your stay in the Old Forge area.

Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet on Sat, Dec 8th. Trophies awarded in 17 different categories including a People's Choice Award. Registration begins at 8 am, awards at 2 pm. Judged show with dash plaques. \$5 per sled, 3 or more \$15. For more info contact Ed Staab at 315-942-9911.

Free Admission, Free Parking & Shuttle Bus.

Annual 120cc & Kitty-Cat Races starting at Noon on



Saturday. Free registration in the pavilion from 10am to Noon. Rules of youth races; knees can't be touching the handle bars, must provide own snowmobile and helmets, boots & gloves required. Races will be divided into categories by age & make/model of sleds. All participants will receive t-shirts & trophies. Sponsored by the Old Forge Camping Resort. For more info please email Mike Ross at brook-sidelodging@live.com.

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NYSSA NEWS

NO 2012-2013 Season Membership Cards

In order to save money and resources, we will not be mailing membership cards and kits to our members this season. The kits were expensive to prepare and mail out and there was nothing in the kit needed to receive either the registration voucher or to receive discounts at select businesses.

Rather than raise dues, as an austerity measure we are working on a way for members to print out a membership card if desired.

In the meanwhile, the voucher is proof of membership. It can be printed any time, out of the NYSSA Online Membership System, at <https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org>.

PINE BUSH, NY - Snow has begun to fall in parts of New York State, and snowmobilers will begin getting excited for the upcoming season. The New York State Snowmobilers Association (NYSSA) encourages snowmobilers not to wait until trails are declared open to join their local NYSSA Club. Snowmobile season does not officially begin until after big game hunting season, and riders are reminded to check with their local clubs at that time to ensure trails have been opened.

"The snow forecasts are encouraging and now is the best time for snowmobilers to renew their membership and prepare for the 2013 winter season," said Dominic Jacangelo, Executive Director of NYSSA. "Club memberships allow NYSSA and the local clubs the ability to provide safe and well maintained trails for our members statewide."

By joining a club, members will save money on their snowmobile registration and receive a wide variety of member benefits from local and national sponsors. Local clubs and NYSSA partner with local businesses to ensure services are available to all of its members, giving additional benefits to each paid member. Clubs are always in need of additional volunteers to run their yearly endeavors as well. From fundraisers to trail work and grooming, it's the club volunteers that maintain the more than 10,000 miles of snowmobile trails that New York State has to offer. NYSSA invites club members to become more involved with their club and "their sport".

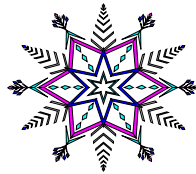
Now is also a good time for snowmobilers to register their sleds. New York State DMV allows for online registration renewal that is quick and easy for all snowmobilers. Visit <http://www.dmv.ny.gov/snorenw/default.html> for more information. Snowmobilers are encouraged to visit www.nysnowmobiler.com for information on local clubs, to join online, as well as the latest news on snowmobiling in New York State.

Snowmobile Safety Courses A date has been found for a January class, the details are being worked out. Please check the club website for updates on time and signup information. The class will be held at the Duanesburg Fire House. A second class will also be held in Knox. Details to follow.

Notice: Next club meeting is December 12, Wednesday night, 7pm, Esperance Elks Lodge, Esperance. Located right on US Route 20 on the west end of the village. Take the long driveway up the hill to the end.

Trail Boss Contacts

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