

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Where's The Snow?

Here we are January 1st and not a lick of snow to be found anywhere locally. The ground is not even frozen!



*Barren earth*

The pattern of above normal temperatures for November and December may be set for a major change over the next two months.

Forecast models are indicating a return to more seasonal temperatures and snowstorm potential. This is a good thing for getting our trails open.

Currently we are about to move into a period of cold air in the first week of January with little chance of any snowfall.

If this cold spell happens, then the ground should freeze up nicely. Then with luck a good noreaster will bring heavy snow to finally start our riding season.

Another indicator of the recent warmth is the water temperature of Lake Erie and Ontario. Both of these lakes are running about 6°F warmer than last year. This could mean a longer time period that the lakes remain open and free of ice. That in turn creates the chance for significant lake effect snow.

Our area does not receive a lot of lake effect snow but once in a while some heavy snow bands reach our trails.

There is a chance we will have a good riding season yet. Certain elements need to come into play and conditions are favorable.

So where is the snow? Certainly not here. Just be ready to ride if it does arrive because you never know how long it will stay.

**Check the club website to see  
if the trails are open  
[www.frontiersno.com](http://www.frontiersno.com)**

This year is shaping up to be a very skinny year for

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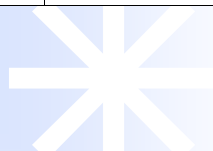
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# January 2012

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

# February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8 Club Mtg Elks Lodge, Esperance. 7pm.	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22 BOD Mtg TBA	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			



## Club News

The National Grid permissions have been granted and signed. The Club recognizes past Pres. Bob Meyer for his work in helping get this completed before the start of the season. Thank you Bob!

Safety and Education chairman Kevin C. reports that Snowmobile Safety Certification Course was a complete success and that 25 students were certified. Mike R. will start instructing the next class with Kevin.

Albany County Deputy Sheriff Chris was in attendance at the safety class and will also be patrolling the trail this season.

The next class will be toward the end of Feb or early March in the Duanesburg area.

The new tracks for the New Holland groomer have been bolted together and installed along with a cruise control.

One battery is needed for a Skandic. 2 Skandics need new seat covers. Five new hydraulic actuators have been ordered and awaiting arrival.

Rich V. reports that a landowner donated an 11 HP engine to the club for use on the stump grinder the club can use. He will be able to install it for little cost.

The club kiosk at the intersection of C7E and C7B is now in place. The other kiosk will be set out soon at the Knox Town park.

Ed G. the club sign maker, will make a number of signs for the club. *(see more Club News on p7)*

## Trail Log

**East Berne** - Brian B. reported that signage is mostly done along C7B and all brushhogged. S70 trail to Thacher Park will not open this season due to a landowner refusing to give permission. Many options were given to the landowner, but he would not have it. A way through this area will be looked at this coming spring.

**Knox** - Look for a new route that C7B will take this winter just south of the village of Knox. This trail will eliminate the swamp section and allow for the trail to be groomed by the New Holland in this area. Township trail to be signed shortly. All other signage is up and Viscio's airport has been roped off, stay on the trail here or else.

**Esperance** - The bridge behind Esperance Auto has been fully repaired and now ready for snow. A small reroute is needed near Alexander Rd. Laudy H. explained that the Sloansville bridge is complete and the trail needs to be signed by the club.

**Duanesburg/Delanson** - Joe Z. used his equipment and removed stumps near Alexander Rd on C7E and the trail was widened and straightened over on Cooley Heights. The property near Schoharie Turnpike has been sold and we now have new landowners allowing passage. A big thanks to them! The bridge on the Barr property near Weaver Rd has been reset and repaired. New ramps were built going up onto the raised bridge. All signs are now up.

**Burtonsville** - John S. reports that signage will be happening over the next week. C7E north of Burtonsville is closed due to a landowner no longer allowing access. No reroute has been found and status unknown at this point if C7E will be open for getting into the Lost Valley State Forest. This is a major hit for the trail system.

**Mariaville** - Jerry S. reported that finally the route near North Rd is open. A landowner who had agreed to open her land this fall, changed her mind so a slight reroute was needed. C7B will run about 200' of North Rd then

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snow. Remember some years we're ahead and some years we're behind.

Your club has worked hard to prepare the trails this fall, please do not ride on the trails until they are reported open on the club website, [www.frontiersno.com](http://www.frontiersno.com). If trails are ridden on before enough snowfall, damage may occur to the ground surface. Know the snow before you go! (ILSNOW.com quote)

### Mohawk Valley GIS and the NYSnowmobileWebmap.com Project

Mohawk Valley GIS commits to returning 60% of Premium Account subscriptions for the 2011-2012 season back to each participating club. Checks will be issued in April, with complete accounting.

47 clubs are participating this year, 2421.885 miles of trails total.

The more riders that use the website, the more riders that will get a premium account, resulting in higher profit-sharing for everyone.

For those who have wondered, I truly do not know why NYSSA chose to go with Jimapco. It certainly has made things complicated and more challenging esp. since I didn't find out until October. I will continue to maintain a positive working relationship with NYSSA, we will see where this all goes.

Don't forget to e-mail me events you would like announced on the website's Facebook fan page. I'll take trail changes any time throughout the season and get them in as soon as possible.

Thanks everyone for your continued support. I've gotten some wonderful feedback from riders in New York and surrounding states, including Maryland. We are well on our way to making this project an amazing resources and revenue generator for New York snowmobiling. I have lots of ideas already for next year. Now, we just need the rest of the state's clubs to join.  
Happy New Year!  
Linda Rockwood

Editor's Note: Frontier has been a member for a couple of years now and last year we received payment from the project! Visit and use the website!

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### New Club Shirts

An order of new logo club shirts may be available at the next club meeting. Sizes range from small to extra large. All feature the new logo.



### 2012 Super Raffle Tickets

are now on sale. Please come to a club meeting and pick up yours. They are easy to sell and half the proceeds go to the Club.

1st Prize Choice of 2012 Polaris Rush 600 or 2012 Ski-Doo MXZ600 or 2012 Arctic Cat F570

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3rd Prize Remaining snowmobile

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### President's Report:

I would like to thank all those club members who gave their time and use of their equipment this fall. The damage to the trails was severe. Record rainfall caused extreme flooding in the high country before becoming a major problem down in the river valley.

The count now stands at 9 bridges damaged by Hurricane Irene. Most of the bridges are big and long. Many large trees came down and sections of the trail were changed. Rebuilding all these bridges was accomplished along with the regular fall season trail preparations. Brushing and clearing is done each fall, cutting open reroutes, signing the trails, and new landowner negotiations are among the tasks to be completed.

I am amazed at how well the Club came together and responded to this emergency. Having snowmobile trails open may not seem like a big deal with regard to all the local area devastation that occurred after Irene, but snowmobiling is very important right now for the local economy. What we have done this fall really will make a difference in many lives locally.

All we need now is for Mother Nature to cut us a break and send some ride-able snow January and February.  
Joel



*On left, the Esperance Auto bridge restored higher than before.*

*On right, the December club meeting at Jonathan's, the work party meeting.*



*On left, Jack, Rich, Tom, and Joel pose after resetting the Barr bridge.*

*On right, days after Irene washed away the long Rt146 bridge. We've come a long way from that day.*



## Notice:

Watch the Club website for announcement of a Club Ride. It will happen if the snow allows and will likely be on short notice. This year we are hoping to ride up towards Charleston and Burtonsville. Stay tuned!

### Club News *continued from p3:*

A new club trail map is being updated and should be available on the website shortly. Another edition is nearly finished for the kiosks as well, it has a higher level of detail.

Ski-doo VIP Demo Event. Register now at [www.frontiersno.skidoodemo.com](http://www.frontiersno.skidoodemo.com) or call your local dealer or 1-855-2-SKI-DOO This event is space limited, so act now. (Wonder if they can handle 278 club members?)

Rich E, our webmaster, reports the website is running tip top and the hit counter is ahead of last year. Lots of great work party pics!

The Club is considering opening a page on Facebook, which may allow more members and visitors to make connections.

Club Administrator Gerry L. checks in with 278 members signed up for the 2011-2012 season so far.

Landowner permission letters went out in December to those landowners on the Sloansville trail. When all are returned, the trail will officially be part of Frontier Sno Riders. With luck, this will set this section of trail on its way to becoming a funded corridor trail again.

From our Fundraising chair, Chad S. he reports that 300 Super Raffle tickets have been distributed and he has ordered an additional 100 tickets. Mike R. leads the sales with 60 so far.

Chad is also trying to pick up new sponsors for the newsletter and website. He will also distribute the donation boxes at the Maple Inn, Jonathan's, Altamont Oil Co., Lakeside Store Mariaville, and the Hillview Tavern. Let's hope they fill up fast!



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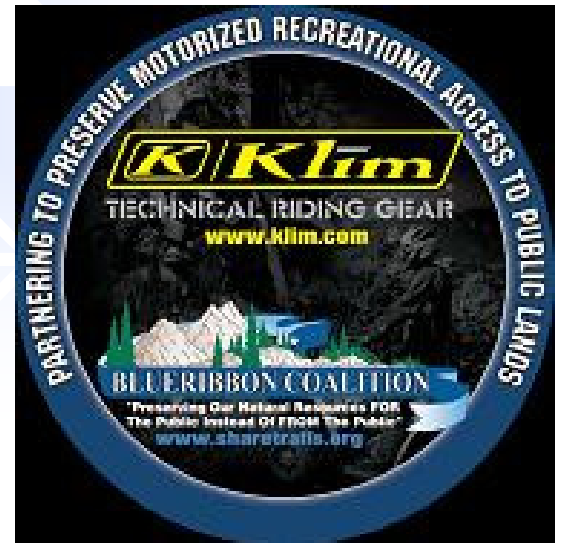
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### NYSSA NEWS

NYSSA sent out a questionnaire for clubs to fill out regarding the trail grant process. It requested info on number of members, hours spent grooming, types of groomer the clubs have, total funding received, funds spent on fuel. It also covered how well of a job the clubs think NYSSA and Parks and Rec do with the grant funding. Plus our interaction with the club's sponsors, usually the counties or towns in the club's area. Frontier has 5 sponsors, most club's only have one. Hopefully NYSSA will use the responses wisely.



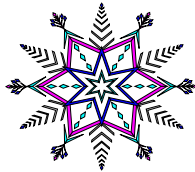
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