

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Trail Upgrade Coming Soon

With the recent news of new groomer equipment coming to Frontier Sno Riders, there will be a need to improve the trail. The riding experience on both C7B and C7E in Schenectady County will improve with the upgrade.



*Narrow trail C7B in Schenectady County.*

Trails are currently maintained by Skandic groomers pulling 4' wide drags. These groomers work well in tight trails and up steep hills. For years thick forests over varying terrain elevations have restricted the type of groomer to the small Skandic.

Unfortunately the smaller Skandic groomers are unable to produce a well groomed trail that can stand up to heavy use. The drags lack weight and width needed for generating hard flat trails.

Simply widening the trails will allow for larger grooming equipment. Large groomers pull drags that cover more



*Wide trail S70 in Albany County.*

surface area and apply greater pressure on the snow to form longer lasting smooth trails.

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# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 Club mtg and elections	10	11	12
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20 East Berne Adopt A Highway Easter	21	22	23	24	25 NYSSA Forum Rochester	26 NYSSA Forum Rochester
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# May 2014

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11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Awards Dinner-Maple Inn, E Berne
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25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



## Club News

The April club meeting will be held at the Township Tavern, Rt146, 5 miles west of Altamont. 7pm.

If you know of anyone who has a tractor trailer frame that would donate it to the club for a bridge frame, please contact the club. Heavier grooming equipment requires heavy duty bridges.

The New Holland groomer returned to service after suffering a major breakdown mid-season. Unfortunately we had no more snowfalls to use it with.

The Club has made a bid on a used groomer that is for sale, a UTV 7' groomer. Results of the sealed bids should be known by the club meeting.

A groomer purchase committee has been set with Ron Shultes as chairperson. 7 other BOD members are on the committee.

The groomer grant has a number of items yet to be fulfilled before a purchase can be made. The Club is looking for members to step up and help with this.

Super Raffle Drawing to be held April 26 2014 at the NYSSA Forum in Rochester.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Thacher trail S72 will need a bridge built over the coming months.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Sign pick up to begin when frost leaves the ground.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Need to replace a worn out bridge this summer.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - Ash Lane re-route was finally being used, will need work in the off season to widen and clean up some. C7E to undergo widening as well.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - A lot of grooming was done in this area over the season. More signage needed to help those riders not familiar with route.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Trails were in good shape while open, saw a lot of traffic this season.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Trail signs to be taken down soon. Work this summer on widening C7E east of Esperance.

If you want smoother trails near your home, now is the time to get involved. Take action now, come to the club meeting this month! Volunteer to help.

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*A Skandic groomer, in foreground, and the New Holland groomer on trail C7B in Albany County. A true case of size does matter!*

The Club will need your help to make this happen. From our landowners to the regular club member, all will need to be involved for this to occur.

Any bridges along the trail will need to be 'beefed' up or replaced with heavy duty framing. Tractor trailer frames are needed as the club has none at this time.

Some hilly areas may need to be rerouted. This will require much work getting permission from our landowners and cutting new trail.

As you can see, your club will need your help more than ever. We all want the trail riding to be very enjoyable. Smooth trails are a high priority for many.

Let's all work together and get this done.

**Trail Upgrade!**

# Adopt A Highway

Watch the website for the latest updates on dates and locations for the next Adopt A Highway.

Frontier has two sections of highway that it cleans at least twice a year. One is located on Rt 443 in East Berne, the other is on Rt 7 in Duanesburg.

Each section has a Mobil Mart located near the starting point and make for a good meeting location. Coffee, hot chocolate, or tea and donuts are on the club when you show up.

All members who take part in the cleanup must be briefed on safety and outfitted with a safety vest and helmet. Each member should bring heavy gloves, long sleeved shirt, and boots from home.

Care must be taken to not pick up any sharp or broken glass, needles, or hazardous materials. Large objects should be placed along side full trash bags for pick up.

Spring cleanups can be challenging as much trash may have been hidden under the snow and now is exposed. The cleanup needs to be done before the grass really starts to grow and hide the trash again.

The East Berne Adopt A Highway cleanup is scheduled for April 20, meet at 9am, Mobil Mart on Rt 443.

The Duanesburg cleanup date has yet to be set, again please check the website for the latest news.

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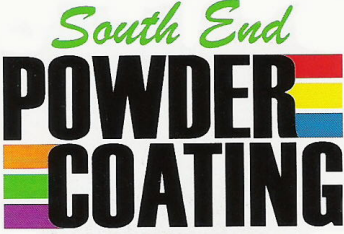
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## NYSSA News

### GOVERNOR CUOMO PARTICIPATES IN 2014 ADIRONDACK WINTER CHALLENGE IN LAKE PLACID

Announces Launch of 'I Ski NY' Bus to Bring Visitors to Upstate Ski Areas and Promote Winter Tourism in the Empire State  
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today attended the 2014 Adirondack Winter Challenge, snowmobiling on Kushaqua Trail in Lake Placid. The Adirondack Winter Challenge, an event highlighting winter tourism in Upstate New York, drew over 400 state and local elected officials, staff, and winter sports enthusiasts from across New York State. During today's event, the Governor announced the launch of the 'I Ski NY' Bus, a new, dedicated bus line to 13 Upstate ski mountains from New York City and Toronto to begin service for the 2014 - 2015 winter ski season.

"New York is home to some of the best winter resorts in the world, and with more operating ski areas than any other state in the nation, the region is the perfect winter getaway," Governor Cuomo said. "With some of the best ski slopes, snowmobiling tracks, hiking trails, and scenic views, we want New Yorkers to know they should stay in New York and all out-of-state visitors to feel welcome to partake in all that Upstate has to offer."



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo snowmobiling near Lake Clear,

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## 2014-2015 Club Elections

This month's meeting will include club elections for the officers and a couple of board positions.

The officers serve one year terms while the board positions are 3 year terms.

Nominations closed on April 1 2014.

It is important that club members take part and vote for who will lead the club for the coming year. To vote members must be present at the April club meeting.

### Candidates:

President: Chad Saddlemire  
VP: Ron Shultes  
Treasurer: Tammy Saddlemire  
Secretary: Rich Egan

### Board of Directors:

Chris Bukowski  
Joel Church  
Brian Hannan  
Gerry Lenseth (incumbent)  
Jerry Schoening (incumbent)  
Chris Smith

# 2013-2014 Club Membership 421

Thank you for being a member! Your support is really appreciated.

### Board of Trustees:

Chris Bukowski (incumbent)  
Joel Church (incumbent)  
Brian Hannan  
Gerry Lenseth  
MaryAnn Nickloy  
Jerry Schoening  
Chris Smith

Good luck to all the candidates!

**see you next season!**



## Club Survey

Please take the survey and email your answers to the Editor at:

cato79@peoplepc.com

1. Would you be willing to volunteer your time to help the Club?
2. If so, would you volunteer to do only trail projects, like bridge building, trail brushing and clearing, putting up trail signs, etc?
3. Or would you volunteer to join a committee and help with grants, memberships, website, newsletters, safety classes, fund raising?
4. Can you help with trail work this summer?
5. Do you know who the trail boss is in your area?
6. Would you volunteer if you were given an incentive to do so?
7. What activities would you like to see the Club promote? (poker runs, club rides, etc)
8. How important is it to have trails near your home to ride?
9. Do you trailer to other areas to ride?
10. Overall how would you rate your club, Frontier Sno Riders on a scale of 1 to 10?
11. Did you have a good season of riding?



## Club Trail Map

Board member and trail boss Laudy Hoyenga has taken the lead on developing a Schoharie County snowmobile trail map.

This map will encompass all of Schoharie County and portions of neighboring counties. Being able to follow a trail from one club area into another is somewhat lacking around here.

Hard copy (paper maps) are very useful out on the trail. While cell phones and gps units are becoming more widely used, the paper maps travel well and always work.

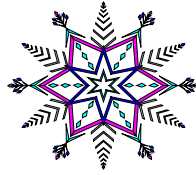
The Club will need to approve spending money on the initial purchase of the maps. Laudy will handle the sales of ads. Clubs within the map boundaries will have the opportunity to acquire maps directly from Frontier Sno Riders to disperse as they so desire. The Club will then sell the remainder at a set price to the snowmobiling public.

Action on the maps will be taken up at the April club meeting.



## Trail Boss Contacts

Brian Buchardt	East Berne	872-1878
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Rich Valletta	Duanesburg	895-2425
Jerry Schoening	Mariaville	864-5576
John Scrima	Burtonsville	875-6078
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**Club Meeting April 9  
Township Tavern. 7pm,  
come and vote!**

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