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The No-Storm of the Century

Whenever there is a historic or epic storm, weather experts call it the storm of the century. The same should hold true if there is a lack of any snow storm for a season.

There have been large snow storms this season, but none have tracked over our area. Coastal regions have had numerous storms as well as the great lake areas. El Nino is the number one reason for this lack of a snowy landscape. Westerly storm tracks are more likely. Instead our area has gotten many heavy rain events quickly followed by deep freezes of short duration. We have seen a lot of flurries. It has been a cycle which continues without change.

The last time this area experienced a lack of snow was the season of 1912/1913. Only 13.8" of snow fell that year in Albany. That season was just over a century ago. So perhaps we were due for a no-storm of the century. So far we have had less than 10" of snow up in the hill-towns. This is shaping up to be the first time Frontier has not opened the trails at all for a season. Hopefully it will be 100 years before we see a season like this again.

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Maple Ski Ridge(ROTTERDAM NEW YORK) will be invaded by racing in a slightly different nature. Snowmobile riders and teams from the Northeast will compete in the Snomageddon Snowmobile Challenge & Expo, Racers and teams will have a chance to Race three different types of Snowmobile Racing in One Weekend. There will be A Cross Country & Snocross on (Saturday) & Hill Drag on (Sunday) .Not a Racer? No Problem



Frontier Sno Riders

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Club Mtg	10	11 Maple Ski Ridge- Snowmagedon	12 Maple Ski Ridge- Snowmagedon
13 Maple Ski Ridge-Snowmage Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19
20 First day of spring	21 BOD meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28	29	30	31 All Trail Boss work logs due		

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Club News

2016 Heldeberg Partnership meeting for cross country skiing etc would like to link to Frontier trails for 4 wheelers, horses and skiers. Ron Shultes will attend the meeting.

Feb 20th Schoharie County snowmobile clubs met at the Stonehouse Restaurant in Sharon Springs. Laudy Hoyenga and Gerry Lenseth attended.

The 70% trail grant checks are coming in from the sponsors, Schenectady and Montgomery Counties are "in the mail".

The Club Ride was cancelled for the season. Also the Knox Winter Festival was cancelled due to no snow.

With the low snowmobile registrations this year, next year grant funding will be much lower, regardless of how much snowfalls. Club funds will be used to supplement grant funds. This still may not be enough to keep grooming going all season.

End of year dinner may be scaled back in an effort to conserve club funds. Pizza and wings?

RTP grant payment has been held up by the state once again, wearing down the resolve of the Club.

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - trails ready to go. Ron will do trail boss duties on the Maple on the Lake trail.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - trails ready to go.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - trails ready to go.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - trails ready to go.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - trails ready to go.

Township - Skip Murrell - trails ready to go.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - trails ready to go, even if Tom is in Vegas.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Aaron Nickloy - ready to go.

Super raffle tickets are still available to be sold by club members. Please come to the club meeting and pick some up to sell. They are easy to sell and really help fund the club's trails. If every member sold just 10...

The new sprockets are on the Bombi, 16 hours spent working on the tracks and new cleats. Laud's cleat extensions worked well, thanks again. Still need to mount tools box, weld brackets etc, almost done. We may need new idler wheels and to buy the piano hinges for next year. But how can it wear out if it does not snow? (Thanks to Bob Meyer for this report)

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(continued from page 1) There will be a Vintage Snowmobile Show & Expo, both days where local and National Vendors will be set up to Find Snowmobile & Related Apparel. Admission is \$12.00 per person. Children 10 and under Free.

For more information about Snomageddon Snowmobile Challenge & Expo or to register for the event, visit www.snomageddon.com, call The Snomageddon Hot Line @ (518) 361.5912. A portion of all Proceeds will go to Patrick Whiting age 10 that has Arnold Chiari & Scoliosis he has had Brain Surgery at age 7 and has to wear a upper body cast on and off till age 13 where he will then get a growth rod in his back. Patrick will be at all events.

Adopt A Highway

April will be here before you know it and that is when the Club has it's first two Adopt A Highway cleanups. One takes place on Rt 443 in East Berne. Gerry Lenseseth is the coordinator for this section.

The other cleanup is on Rt 7 in Duanesburg and Tom Rulison is the coordinator.

Please keep a watch on the club website for news on when these events will be scheduled. Last fall we had a super turn out for the East Berne cleanup and finished in record time. Let's hope this spring goes as well.

Club Elections

It is the time of year that the membership elects the leadership for the club. The club is now accepting nominations for all the executive positions, president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. There are four board positions to be voted on as well. Club elections will take place during the April meeting. Be sure to attend to take part in the voting.

Club officials and board members guide the direction and progress of the Club. Having a strong and active executive board is key to the club being productive.

If you or someone you know would be willing to take on the responsibilities, the rewards benefit not only you but all club members.

Frontier Sno Riders are extremely fortunate to have a strong base to draw from. The Club is looking to continually bring new members into the workings behind the scenes. Everyone brings something different to the club. We all share a common goal of having the best and safest snowmobile experience. We all do what we can and hope more members come out to join us.

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Sans Snow Trails

Frontier Sno Rider members are snowmobilers of course, however many own ATVs as well. All club members understand that there is no riding of ATVs on snowmobile trails unless they have express permission from the landowner.

This is a no brainer and should not be an issue for any club member.

There are of course members of the general public who may not be aware that it is against the law to operate an ATV on snowmobile trails without landowner permission.

Only through education can we hope to reach these wayward folks.

The club website can reach the general public but word of mouth is the best method. Talking to non-member friends can go a long way to preventing trouble for all involved.

For those who cannot be reached easily, barriers can be useful. Many gates are located around the trail system. These gates help control the illegal use of ATVs on snowmobile trails but not all sections are protected.

The last resort is to bring in law enforcement. It is in the club's best interest to protect the landowner's property, this may require contacting local law enforcement.

With no snow or low snow, ATVs need to **stay off** the snowmobile trails.

Trail Boss Contacts

Brian Buchardt	East Berne	872-1878
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Aaron Nickloy	Duanesburg	844-6820
Jerry Schoening	Mariaville	864-5576
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40-Mile trail being eyed by Kyle Adams (Schenectady Gazette, 3-3-2016) Schoharie Area Long Term and Schoharie County planners have begun exploring the idea of creating a nearly 40-mile mixed-use trail along the Schoharie Creek.

The trail would connect the village of Esperance to the hamlet of North Blenheim, meandering from the creek to the downtown centers of the communities it passes through, according to SALT project director Jerrine Corallo. "This idea of a multiuse trail in the valley here has been around for a while," she said, "We saw it as something that held a lot of potential to assist with the economic revitalization of the area, particularly post-flood, and also to focus on the creek and the assets here in the community." The county received a roughly \$150,000 grant from the federal Environmental Protection Fund for a feasibility study, which it began early this year with University at Albany graduate students helping to draft a conceptual plan for the trail. The study is looking at what exactly the community wants from the trails-from kayak access to educational stations-as well as things like whether the landowners would be willing to cooperate. Reach Gazette reporter Kyle Adams at 723-0811.



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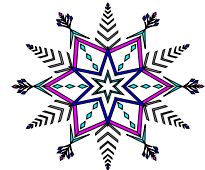
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