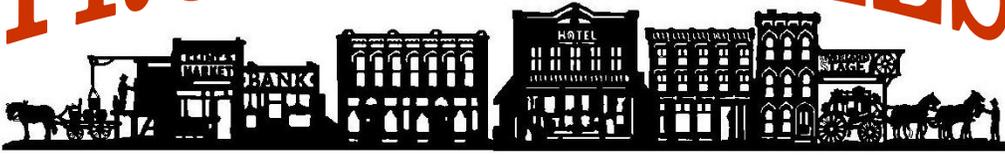


FRONTIER TIMES



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Frontier Buried In Snow!

First Big Snowfall in Two Years

Finally we got dumped on! The drought has ended but alas so has the season. With the strong spring time sunshine, the snow could not last long this time of year. It was a short stint of open trails but a sweet end to the season.



Day of the storm, March 14 2017, Trail C7B, Blue Heron Airport, Town of Wright.

Most parts of the Frontier trail system got 24" of snow on March 14. Blizzard conditions were predicted yet never quite happened in Albany. A blizzard is a storm with "considerable falling or blowing snow" and winds in excess of 35 mph and visibilities of less than 1/4 mile for at least 3 hours. (National Weather Service)

The snow was deep however and this presents a challenge to opening the trails, let alone grooming them! A few brave riders got out early during the storm and began riding through the fluffy powder. Sections like C7B from Duanesburg to Knox were broke open from the beginning. Yet trying to go west on C7E from the kiosk to Delanson was not attempted until the following day. Other areas like C7F from Sloansville

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Out in the snow in Knox, Jimmy McDonald breaking trail.



Car stuck on Chadwick Rd, Delanson, near C7B/C7E Jnc.

Adopt A Hwy

An annual rite of spring is the Frontier Adopt A Highway cleanups. The East Berne cleanup starts at 9am, Saturday **April 22**, East Berne Mobil Mart. The Duanesburg cleanup starts at 9am, Sunday **April 23**, Duanesburg Valero.

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The Take a Friend Snowmobiling event was cancelled this year due to the snow not cooperating.

Schoharie County Snowmobile Clubs meeting said sign making can be counted as trail work, the Amish make stakes 6' with points for \$1.25 per.

The '03 Skandic keeps blowing headlights.

The Charleston State Forest permit should be good for next year, but the Featherstone State Forest permit has expired and needs addressing.

Gerry Lenseth will investigate hosting a chainsaw/groomer class for the coming season.

A new route for C7E into the Charleston State Forest is in the early planning stages.

Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - working on a large re-route this summer. Will need at least 10 volunteers.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Area is all set.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Area near intersection of Routes 159 and 30 has a steep drop off and is a problem area. We need to figure out a way to raise the grade.

Burtonsville - Jeremy Stoliker - Grooming was done when we had snow.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes - We had an issue at Wellman's property, area was fenced off

Township - Skip Murrell - Area is all set.

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - New landowner complaining, we may need to re-route trail.

Duanesburg- Aaron Nickloy - Area is all set.

WANTED

One area of the Frontier trail system that needs a trail boss is the Town of Wright. Currently Knox Trail Boss Ron Shultes works the southern side while Board member Joel Church works the northern side. No grooming equipment is stationed in this area, so while it is a heavily traveled corridor, it is usually last to get groomed. This lack of equipment causes C7B to get quite beat up on a regular bases. The Club is currently looking for a trail boss for the Town of Wright, interested?



Club Elections To Be Held

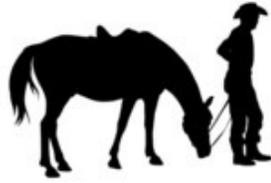
At the April club meeting elections will be held for the four executive positions, two board of directors, and two board of trustees.

It is important that club members turn out and vote as the elections determine who shall guide the club in the coming year.



Trail Marshal says...

When the snow flies, do your part and help break open the trail. The sooner the trail gets broken, the sooner the groomers can start to pave the smooth trails we love. Remember to ride with care and stay on the trail, it can be difficult to find your way with heavy snow coming down. Look for trail markers and signs to help guide you. Don't ride beyond your limits.



Your Club Could Use You

As the season wraps up elections will be held at the April meeting. This year our current President Chad Saddlemire will graduate to President Emeritus opening the office to a new President. As well Secretary Bob Meyer will be stepping down. Both men have done great work and have kept the club moving in the right direction.

Now is a good chance for some new blood to step up and become "active" members.

The Club needs volunteers for various club functions, such as Trails Coordinator, Trail Boss for Town of Wright area, Phase I GPS grant officer, and club fund raiser chair.

Snowmobile trails require volunteers. Please come to the club meeting and say "How can I help the club?". The more volunteers we have, the better our trails will be. It is guaranteed to work.

Message to New Executive Board:

Hi Maryann, Chris and Travis,

It's been a fun five years as Club President but I couldn't be happier of you three in charge starting after this Wednesdays meeting. I wanted to send over some forms you will need at times and I will send you the agenda to-night when I finish it up. Travis, I will also have Tammy's old computer for the secretary position that we just got back from Randy after he cleaned it up and update all the software. Tom, Joel, Gerry and I will be here for your support so just let us know what help you might need as you three take on your new role.

Thanks again for stepping up and taking the club to bigger and better things in the future!!

Chad

Help Wanted: Trails Coordinator

1. Keeps club informed of major trail improvement plans.
2. Coordinates grooming operation needs with the equipment boss and trail bosses.
3. A second point of contact for landowners along with specific trail boss for the area.
4. STEP inspector. Verifies proper signage on the trail system.
5. Maintains list of current landowners with contact information.
6. Point of contact for special land use areas, state forest, rail road, National Grid.
7. Helps coordinate trail work notifications with webmaster, Face Book chair and newsletter editor.
8. Apply at club meeting.

A Salute to Club President Chad Saddlemire

The Frontier Sno Riders club president for the last four years, Chad Saddlemire, has worked very hard to bring the trails up to their current state. The role of president is one of motivator, negotiator, coordinator, and very much hands-on in the field. Chad has performed each of these extremely well. Through the support and dedication of volunteers in the club, he has overseen major projects to completion. The Club has been very fortunate to have had Chad leading the way.

The list of improvements under Chad's leadership:

1. RTP Grant awarded the Club for \$59200 toward purchase of groomer, PistenBully 100 and drag.
2. Trail widening, bridge and culvert upgrading:
 - a. C7B near Panis Rd, near Schoharie Tpk, near Ostrander Rd, and near North Rd.
 - b. C7E near Cole Rd in Delanson, Burtons-ville, and on Cooley Heights.
 - c. C7F in Sloansville.
 - d. S70 (Township).
 - e. S72 (Thacher).
3. New trails S73 (Maple on the Lake), Duanesburg airport access trail, plus bridges.
4. C7E reroute behind Hannaford in Esperance, plus bridges.
5. C7B rerouted near Turner Rd.
6. Bombardier Ski Dozer and PistenBully 70 groomers purchased.
7. New Holland groomer sold for purchase price.
8. System wide signage upgraded to STEP standards with orange colored posts plus custom signs made in-house.
9. 4 new kiosks added to trail system.
10. Trail maps printed and sold.



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to C7E above Esperance were snow bound until two days after the storm!

After breaking open the trails, grooming operations were underway quickly in the south, Knox to East Berne to Thacher Park were being worked on Thursday and fully opened by Friday.

By Friday most of the club's trails were broke open and working on being groomed. Come Saturday the trails were mostly ready for the onslaught of snowmobiles to kick off the final weekend of the season.

After Sunday the powerful Sun was doing its best to melt away the snow, many bare spots began to show up Monday and by late afternoon the call was made to close the trails. With no supporting arctic blast, two feet of snow could not last a full week in mid-March.

Hope you got to ride!



Laudy Hoyenga used his Ranger side by side groomer to break trail C7F Sloansville and C7E north of Esperance. Not even 2 feet of snow could stop this man and machine.



A Skandic breaking trail.



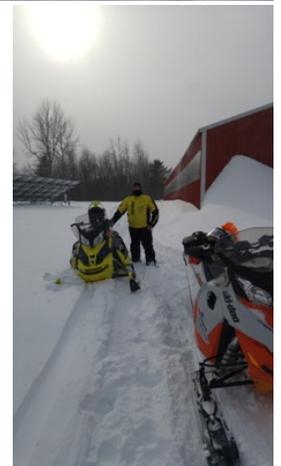
Trail S70 to the Township freshly groomed!



C7B near Simons Rd in East Berne.



Nick Morrison in the Charleston State Forest working on trail C7E.



Andy Fielding out breaking trail C7B near Schoharie Turnpike.



A Skandic and the PB70 grooming C7E Esperance to Delanson.



Nearly a week later, C7B near Doctor Rd, Town of Wright is starting to go bare.



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Club Folks



Work Party Pics



With the weather forecasting a coming blizzard, last minute trail prep was required to ease the opening of the trails. In East Berne and Town of Wright work was done only hours before the snow began to fly.

Knowing that Warners Lake was not safe, Brian Buchardt setup a barrier to block snowmobiles from venturing down a renegade trail to the lake.



E Berne Trail Boss Brian Buchardt and club member Tom Goodman removed fallen tree limbs from the trails.

Joel Church working to clear C7B near Blue Heron Airport.

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Vice President	Chris Bukowski
Treasurer	Tammy Saddlemire
Secretary	Bob Meyer

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Skip Murrell	Township	

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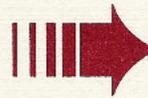
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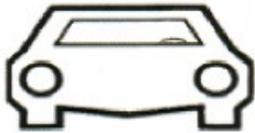
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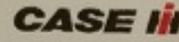
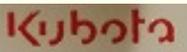
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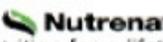
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