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An Early Snow

There is nothing like an early snowfall to get folks thinking about snowmobiling.

While the trails are still more than a month away from opening, snow on the ground can sure look inviting.

Unfortunately the trails are closed at this time. There are a number of reasons for this.

First much of the property is held by land owners who hunt. Snowmobile clubs in New York have a rule that trails will remain closed until the end of regular deer hunting season. Some trails are closed until after late bow hunting season, (the week after regular deer).

Second reason for not opening trails early, is they are not yet ready. Signs may not be up yet, or the trail brushed and cleared. Some bridges have yet to be installed or repaired before the opening of the trails. If the early snowfall is wet and heavy, there may be many tree limbs blocking the trail. Just finding the trail could be tough!



Thirdly the ground has not frozen and will actually melt the snow from beneath. This will make for a muddy ride and could damage the land. Some of the land we ride on is working farm land and it must be protected.

Fourth a minimum of six inches of snow must be

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December 2008

Schedule of Events

- Dec 10 Club Meeting 7pm Elks Lodge, Esperance.
- Dec 17 Club/Board Meeting, 7pm Maple Inn, Berne

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Club Meeting Esperance	11	12 Full Moon	13
14 Regular Deer season ends	15 Trails will open if snowfall allows.	16	17 Club/Board meeting Berne	18	19	20
21 1st Day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

January 2009

Schedule of Events

- Jan 10 Snowmobile Safety Course, Duaneburg Firehouse, 8:30am to 4:30pm
- Jan 14 Club Meeting - Esperance, 7pm Elk's Club.
- Jan 21 Club Meeting, 7pm Maple Inn, Berne.
- Jan 28 Board Meeting, TBA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Snowmobile Safety Course, Duaneburg
11	12	13	14 Club Meeting Esperance	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Club Meeting Berne	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board meeting	29	30	31



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Club News

Safety and Education Safety course posters are going up in local businesses and schools to promote the upcoming classes. The first class completely filled up, so be sure to contact Tom Rulison to reserve a spot for the second class on January 10th, it is free!

Adopt A Highway The East Berne Adopt A Highway cleanup went well for its initial run. The two mile stretch of road is now clean for the winter season. The Duanesburg Adopt A Highway was rescheduled for Sunday November 23rd at the Duanesburg Mobil Mart. It was cancelled due to a new rule from NYS DOT that does not permit cleanups from Nov 1 to Apr 1. Look for the next cleanup in April or May.

Insurance Issue The Club is looking into coverage for members who work on the trails. Previous years all members were covered whether they were riding or working. NYSSA went with a new carrier this season and the policy has changed. There seems to be some question now as to whether or not trail workers are covered under the policy. We should have an answer soon as to the coverage.

Congratulations Are Due Many local officials are very pleased with the level of professionalism that Lisa K. shows while working with them on our trail grants. The Club is very lucky to have her working for us.

Memberships Membership signups are up versus this time last year. Many folks are using the NYSSA website to join our Club, more than half. We are one of the leading clubs statewide for this type of signup. Remember to register before Dec 1st, NYS uses the number of registrations to determine funding for the coming season!

Grant Money

Money is starting to come in from various towns and counties. Town of Berne released \$600 and Schenectady county turned over the 30% funds, \$1470. This money is vital to the Club and will help with the coming winter trail maintenance.

Raffle Tickets The annual Club fund raiser is about to kick off. Be sure to come to a Club meeting and pick up tickets to sell. The Club gets half of whatever it sells. Lots of prizes, easy to sell!



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(continued from page 1) on the ground before the trails open after deer season. This may seem like a lot of snow, but depending on the type of snow, once it is compacted by a snowmobile, it may only be an inch or two deep. Many rocks will bang away at your skis and track.

If you do get the itch to ride, either stay in your own yard or get the landowner's express permission before hitting the trails early.

Failure to stay off closed trails will likely lead to the trails being lost to all snowmobilers.

To find out when the trails are officially open, either call one of the trail boss' or check the Club website for information.

Otherwise just enjoy the beauty of an early snow and check the website often to see when the trails officially open!

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Equipment All groomers are up and running in Berne, just waiting for the snow. One groomer in Duanesburg has an issue with its starter. It is scheduled to be looked at soon. The tow hitch on the 08 groomer needs to be moved, it sticks out too far. Some of the drags need new warning lights. The Club could use another groomer up in the Burtonsville area, as it is a long trail for only one machine to cover. Tom Rulison has signs at his house, if you need any, please contact him.

Trail Log



Berne A house trailer frame is being prepared for use as a bridge frame. A big work party is being planned for Dec from Benninger Rd to the Knox Airport on Trail 7B. Check the website for date and time. A couple of work arounds remain on the trail near Rt146, but once landowners have been contacted, work should continue. Much of the trail work is on hold until after hunting season. Then look for signs to go up.

Duanesburg/Esperance The bridge behind Esperance Auto was rebuilt in early November with a lot of help from John Scrima. John donated a lot of time and effort. The Club will be thanking John with a gift. Next up for trail work will be the bridge on Trail 7B towards Mariaville, near Rt20. A couple of culvert tubes are needed near Alexander Rd and Gage Rd along the powerline. Volunteers will be needed for signing in December!

Esperance/Burtonsville Couple of reroutes are needed and land owners agreements signed, but the trail is shaping up.

Mariaville The bridge at Rt30 near Mariaville Motorsports was repositioned and can once again be used. This will allow for heavy equipment to cross and brush hog the trail. Many signs are up already and more to go up soon.

Club Members If you know of a trail issue that is troubling one of our land owners, please contact a trail boss ASAP. We rely on our land owners for their generosity, and they rely on us to take care of trail issues promptly.

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NYSSA NEWS OPRHP Designates certain trails as New York-Vermont cross-border trails
Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (OPRHP) Commissioner Carol Ash has issued an order designating certain trails as New York-Vermont cross-border trails.

This designation allows for snowmobiles registered in Vermont to use these trails without registering them in New York.

This allows snowmobilers from Vermont to access food, fuel, lodging, and repair services in these New York border areas without being cited for not having their snowmobile registered in New York.

Support Your Club — Merchandise Available

The Club is now selling baseball caps with the Club's logo on it. Two styles available: high-rise and lowrise. Both styles come in 4 colors; Black, Navy, Royal & Red. Each sells for \$12. Sweatshirts sell for \$20, knit caps (navy or black) sell for \$12.



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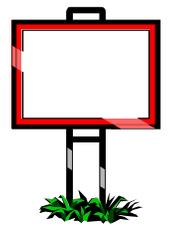
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To date we have done three "B2B"s, and our fourth is set for **February 7th, 2009**. The ride takes place in Vermont, but its proceeds help the patients right here in the Capital District, at Albany Medical Center through the Donna Crandall Memorial Foundation.

A total of 500 riders participated in the first three rides and raised an astounding **\$180,000!** Its just one of many ways how snowmobilers give back and make a difference in their communities. I hope its something you can participate in. Please our website for more details, www.vtb2bn24.org

Thank you,

Tom Potanovic (Frontier Sno Rider member!)
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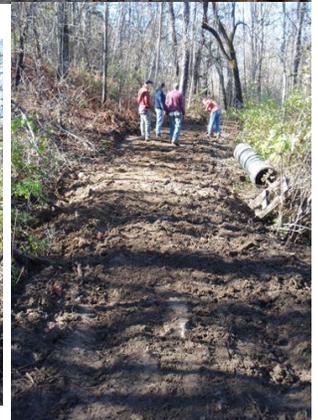
Left Rich Valletta and Mike Boni, and not shown, Tom Rulison, John Scrima, Jack Dowling work on the new bridge in Esperance.



Right Brian Buchardt and Jim Mann install a new culvert tube in East Berne



The trail system is shaping up nicely this season. A lot of hard work goes into this Club, all done by volunteers who ride snowmobiles.



Trail Boss Contacts

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Jerry Schoening	Mariaville	864-5576
John Scrima	Burtonsville	875-6078

January 10th, Snowmobile Safety Course, Duanesburg Fire House, 8:30am to 4:30pm, lunch served, free! Reserve your spot now!

Keep watch on the web site for details on the Club Ride. Weather will dictate when and if it will happen.

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