

Frontier Sno Riders

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A New Groomer Joins the Fleet

The Club has purchased a 2004 Sure-Trac equipped New Holland Tractor and drag. This groomer is of class B size and will smooth out and pack the trail like nothing we have seen on our trails before.

It has a six foot wide drag and smoothing pan. Out front on the groomer there is a blade for cutting mogul tops.

The groomer was previously used by the Town of Long Lake for about 750 hours. Before the Club picked up this piece of equipment, the Town of Long Lake repainted the front blade and the entire drag!



The Club was able to secure a loan for the purchase. The loan funded the majority of the price. This will allow the Club to have funds available for grooming. Pictured here is the groomer at the Town of Long Lake yard before the purchase.

The groomer will run at a speed of about 4 to 5mph. This will allow for the best possible snow pack to be created. It also means that it will take a while to complete grooming runs.

Out back on the drag are two large storage containers. Tools and other equipment will be carried here.

Only qualified groomer operators will be driving the groomer. The Club plans to have a qualification process established for those wishing to become groomer operators. The groomer cab is only large enough for the operator.

Club Meeting
September 9th, 7pm
Maple Inn, East Berne

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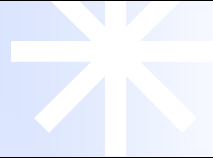
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September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Club meeting, 7pm Maple Inn, East Berne.	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Fall Begins	23 Board meet- ing 7pm TBA	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Work Party Berne	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Work Party Berne	12 Columbus Day	13	14 Club meeting 7pm Elks's Lodge, Esperance.	15	16	17
18 Work Party Berne	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Work Party Berne	26	27	28 Board meet- ing 7pm TBA	29	30	31 Halloween



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Club News

Grant submissions have been applied for the upgrading of trail 7B in Schoharie county. This will bring the entire trail from East Berne to Duanesburg to Class A status.

Early registration and renewing your Club membership helps the Club get funding for fall trail improvement projects. So get going and renew your membership today!

If you know of a neighbor or friend who rides the Frontier trails but is a member of another club, ask them to join the Frontier Sno Riders as a second club. Their support is greatly needed and your asking them to join can go a long way to making that happen.

Seasonal trail brushing and clearing has already begun. Your Club needs your help. This would be a great time to lend a hand. Call the trail boss in your area to find out what you can do to help.

The Club is looking for a member to step up and take the fundraising chair. The Club would like

to have multiple sources of funding for the coming season. Besides grants which support trail maintenance and grooming, funds are needed to cover other Club costs. Meetings, groomer insurance, and scholarships are some of the expenditures that the Club has. Some of the current fund raising the Club uses are 50/50 drawings held each meeting, a seasonal sled/prize raffle, and trail donation jars. Please consider volunteering for this important club function.

Frontier Sno Riders are participating in a new online snowmobile map for the Mohawk Valley area. NY Snowmobile Trails Interactive Map and Trip Planner displays corridor, secondary, and club trails. Points of interest and fuel stations are depicted as well. Visit <http://www.nysnowmobilewebmap.com> to see first hand how the site looks and works.

See some downed trees or a bridge that needs repair, please contact a trail boss and let him know about it. There are many miles of trails and Club members can help manage the trail system just by reporting problem spots.

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Seating is comfortable and the large windows allow for great visibility.

Steering is provided by a method called ram steering. This is done by hydraulic pressure pushing right or left between the tractor and drag. Turning the unit requires some planning ahead. Turning radius is on the large side, so sharp turns are difficult to maneuver in tight wooded sections.

Usage this season will likely be limited to the Knox area and expanded as trail conditions warrant. Tight trails will be looked at and studied for workarounds.

As with any project the Club is taking on, we will need your help to get this groomer out on our trails. Please come to a Club meeting or call a trail boss and ask what you can do to help.



(above) Checking under the hood.

(above right) Large storage containers on the drag.

(right) Grooming on sand?



Ram steering, a close up view.





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How to renew your Club Membership:

Some clubs will send you a renewal in the mail, others do not. You can renew your Club membership online and pay by credit card! If you were a Club Member in the 2008-09 season, click on the green button at top left, and you will be taken to the NYSSA Online Club Membership System.

Enter your six-digit NYSSA ID number and your password. Your six-digit NYSSA ID number can be found on your membership card or on last years' voucher; or you can contact your Club Administrator (click on 'Membership/Club Info' at left for contact info for your club).

If you've forgotten your password, enter your six-digit NYSSA ID number and click on 'RESET PASSWORD'. We recommend that you print one voucher for each sled you are registering (or make copies). Staple one voucher to each registration when you send it in. Print an extra copy for your file - in case you buy a new sled this year!

If you continue to experience technical difficulty, you may call or email the NYSSA Office at 888-624-3849 or member-ship@nysnowmobiler.com This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . Please include your full name and address if you do not know your membership number. Help is available between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
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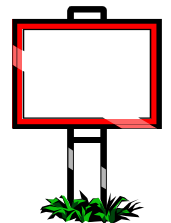


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Grant Writer Needed The Club is presently looking for a volunteer to take over the grant writing position. Lisa Karbowski can no longer continue working on the Club grants. No experience is required, just time to learn the process. It is an easy job to do. Lisa will work with you and get you up to speed.

This is an important job for the Club, as a large portion of our income is based on the grant funds to keep the groomers out smoothing the trails. Without the grants, grooming would be very limited.

We have no one at this time on the board that is able to take on this job. Many board members wear more than one hat within the Club. The bottom line is we need more Club members to step up and help out.

We know that all our members have busy lives and we ask that you take some time from your schedule and come to a Club meeting and volunteer to help. If every Club member got involved with the Club, even just attending one work party or snowmobile safety class, the Club could do more for its members.

Your Club has a great team working for you right now. Please join the team and help us continue to make Frontier Sno Riders even better.

We also have the fund raising chair open. Other Club Chairs that are looking for help are; GPS/GIS, Safety and Education, Newsletter, Trail Stewards, Webmaster, Nominations and Elections. Trail bosses are always looking for strong hands to help build bridges, clear trails, and groom.

Currently there are about 40 officers, board members, chairpersons, and trail workers working for 350 plus members. That is about 11%, which is not bad. If we could boost that number to 55 club members helping out or 15%, the Club could complete current requirements with ease.

While this is early for most folks to start thinking about snowmobiling, the season is fast approaching. Help your club get ready for the snow! We really need your help.

Please come to the next Club meeting at the Maple Inn in East Berne or contact

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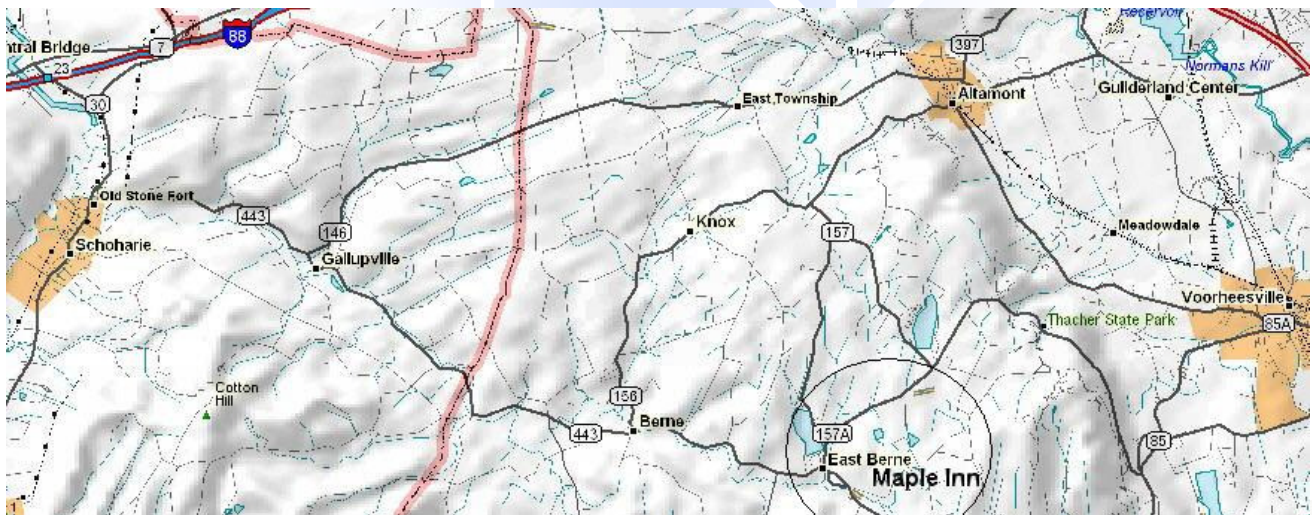
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Meeting Schedule Change

New this season, there will only be **one regular** Club meeting per month. Location will alternate between the Maple Inn in East Berne and the Elks Lodge in Esperance.

In years past the Club held two regular meetings per month at the above locations, plus a monthly board meeting.

This change will eliminate the necessity of Club officers having to travel so much. It will mean however that Club members have less options as to where they can attend the meetings.



Club Meeting Location. To help Club members find our meeting locations please use the maps or enter the address in your GPS to guide you there.

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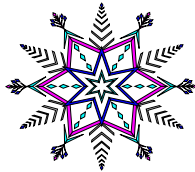
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Club Meeting: September 9th
7pm Maple Inn East Berne
If you can make it, GREAT!

YOU! Yes YOU, please help the
Club, volunteer your time. Hope
to see you at the next meeting.

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(Time to prepare!.)



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