

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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## Tropical Storm Irene Creates Havoc

The effects of Tropical Storm Irene have been devastating to the local area. Homes, roads, and lives have been swept away by the storm rains.



Many volunteers have come to the aid of local residents. Together they are slowly working on bringing the hard hit areas back toward normal. Even the recovery of the snowmobile trails has begun.

Early assessments of the snowmobile trails within Frontier's area, are shocking. Most culverts and bridges have been washed away. Some of these fixtures having only been installed this summer.

There are about 25 bridges and 30 culverts along the trail system. To replace or repair many of these prior to the start of the season will be a huge task.

The Club is asking all members that are able to volunteer with rebuilding, to contact a trail boss. Not only will man power be needed, but building materials as well. A lot of lumber goes into a single bridge. Old trailer frames serve as excellent bridge frames. Do you know of one that could be donated to the club? How about heavy equipment? We need the donated use of dozers and track hoes.



*Location of former bridge near Rt146 near Gallupville.*

Many trees have fallen across the trail and will need to be cut up and removed. Washouts have cut away the trail where there never had been any stream

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Club Meeting  
Wednesday September 14  
7pm Maple Inn, E. Berne

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Club Meeting at Maple Inn, 7pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Fall begins	24
25	26	27	28 Club Board meeting. Location TBD, 7pm	29	30	

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12 Club Meeting at Elks Lodge, 7pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Club Board meeting. Location TBD, 7pm	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					

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## Club News

### Adopt A Highway

The fall session will be on the calendar very soon. Please make an effort to attend this worthwhile activity. The more people who turn out, the easier the task is to complete. Besides, coffee and doughnut are on the Club!

Please check the website for current work party dates and times. Your club really needs you this fall!

### Snowmobile Safety Course

The first of at least two safety courses are now being planned. December 3rd is the date, the location is being worked out and will likely be held in the Knox area. Please contact Safety & Education chairman Kevin Connolly to reserve your place in the class at 861-8289.

### Trail to Sloansville

The trail that used to be C7F running from Esperance west to Cave Country has been under private maintenance for the last few years. An effort to bring this trail back under state grant funding is underway. All landowner permissions need to be gathered for this trail to open as a local trail this winter. In the future Parks and Rec may provide grant funding for the maintenance of the trail.

### Trail to Township

This trail opened this past season as a local trail and grant funding will be pursued for the 2012-2013 season.

### Trail C7F

Trail C7F in Montgomery County is now known as C7E where it passes through Frontier's area.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt is trail boss in this area and is requesting volunteers to help rebuild lost bridges. Please call him at **872-1878**.

Knox - Ron Shultes is both VP and trail boss in the Knox and Wright area. He is looking for volunteers to help rebuild lost bridges in this area. Please call him at **872-2526**.

Esperance - Tom Rulison is trail boss and club equipment boss. Bridges have been lost or damaged and need replacing. Volunteers are asked to contact him at **875-9299**.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta is the trail boss in this area and he is looking for volunteers to help rebuild lost bridges in this area. Please call him at **895-2425**.

Burtonsville - John Scrima is the trail boss in this area. A lot of damage occurred and he is looking for volunteers to help get the trail ready for the coming season. Please call him at **875-6078**.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening is the trail boss in this area. He is looking for volunteers to help get the trail back in shape in time for this season. Please call him at **864-5576**.

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*Culvert newly repaired at Heldeberg Airport in East Berne.*

**NEWS**

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before.

All this will require much more help than is possible with the few who regularly maintain the trails. Please consider volunteering your time. Your Club needs you now more than ever.

There will be plenty to do before the snow flies, come help rebuild our trail system.



*Location of former bridge on S70 near Joslyn School Rd.*

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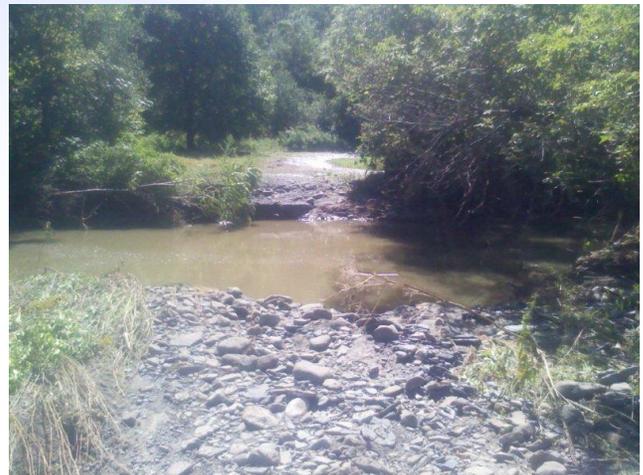
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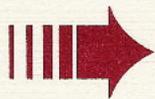
The Club is now selling baseball caps with the Club's logo on it. Come in 5 colors; Black, Navy, Royal, Red & Camo. Each sells for \$13. Sweatshirts sell for \$20, knit caps (navy or black) sell for \$12. All available at Club meetings. Get'em quick! (new caps and shirts will be coming.)



The bridge washed downstream from C7B near Maple Inn, East Berne.



Location of former bridge on C7B near Maple Inn, East Berne.



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## Trail Work Is Starting Soon

Your club needs your help, the trails are not ready due to the heavy rains of Tropical Storm Irene. Many bridges were washed away during the flooding and need to be replaced.

Over the last few years the Club has systematically replaced worn out or installed new bridges and culverts. Many of these bridges were built to carry the weight of the class B New Holland groomer the Club purchased in 2009. The bridges were made of steel frames with heavy wooden decking. They are now gone. This leaves the snowmobile trail fractured into many small segments, with no way to cross streams.

The bridges need to be replaced before the trails can open. Both manpower and materials will be in short supply. Please donate your time and or materials to help the club over come this major setback. Materials needed include old house trailer frames, rough cut lumber for decking, and culvert tubes of varying size. Please contact Brian Buchardt or Ron Shultes if you can help with this.



## Grant Funding Update

Phase I and II are complete and have been submitted to the town and county sponsors. Phase I deadline was June 15<sup>th</sup> and covers new and rerouted trails. It serves as a pre-approval step to Phase II. Phase II deadline was August 15<sup>th</sup>. A lot of hard work and long hours go into the grant funding process. A big thanks goes out to **Nancy Valletta** for getting this task completed! The Club should receive notification in September on the status of what trails will be funded and how much.

**Notice:** In an effort to save funds for grooming the trails and rebuilding bridges, the newsletter will be available only on the Club website or sent to members via email.



The annual cost savings of not mailing the newsletter will really help. If you currently have a printed copy mailed, and would like to start having the newsletter emailed to you, please forward your email address to [cato79@peoplepc.com](mailto:cato79@peoplepc.com). If you are without computer access, please phone the editor at 895-5451.

**Notice:** Please come to the September Frontier Sno Riders club meeting to be held on September 14th, Wednesday, at 7pm in the Maple Inn, East Berne, NY. There will be trail bosses there looking for volunteers to help re-build the trail system. You can find out how you can help your club!

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Karl Pritchard and VP Ron Shultes install a new gate on the trail.

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In July, a new bridge frame is lowered into position along C7B in Knox.



A load of dirt is dropped on culvert tubes earlier this summer.

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