

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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### Global Warming or What?

I will not attempt to answer this question, I will merely point out that most people only remember epic snowstorms of yore.



"When we were little kids we had really hard winters, snow piled high, and blizzards really did strike." "We walked 10 miles thru deep snow to school" or similar statements are commonly heard being told to children.

It is easy to remember the snowy winters as long ago and the low snow winters as something seen only recently. It does not help that the Weather Channel is now naming snowstorms as it further diminishes truly historic snowstorms. Do common snowstorms really need to be named?

I am not going to say those epic winters did not happen, but perhaps we have embellished our memories for some nostalgic reasons? To our credit we some how survived those big storms and lived to tell about them. We must now honor the memory of them justly if we are to view history correctly.



Before we begin to write this winter off as another terrible one, as another low snowfall season in a recently long string of warm winters, I will offer some evidence to shed light on the truth about old time winters versus recent winters.

In 2010 we had one of the biggest snowstorms on record in the hill towns.

In some places over 4 feet fell in 3 days. In 1888 a similar storm dumped even more snow over a larger area.

While 2007 was an average snowfall season, it had cold

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# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Adopt A Hwy cleanup- Duanesburg 9am
7	8	9	10 Club Mtg Elks Lodge Esperance, 7pm	11	12	13 Adopt A Hwy cleanup-East Berne 9am
14 Schoharie Co Clubs Mtg at Summit, 5pm	15	16	17	18	19 NYSSA Forum - Lake Placid	20 NYSSA Forum - Lake Placid
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# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Installation and Awards Din- ner-Jonathans
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30	31 Phase I grant deadline	

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## Club News

Club signs and caution markers will be added to the grooming fleet for next season where needed.

2002 Skandic had a bad voltage regulator which put it out of action for a few weeks as the issue was worked on.

The groomer fleet is currently in process of summerizing and going into storage.

Safety classes are on the schedule for next December and February.

Look for a few more groomer donation boxes in local businesses next season. While not a lot of funding comes from this source, it all helps.

Work has begun on a large area trail map that will hopefully be available next season. Perhaps 3 or 4 counties will be covered.

Next year look for the final club meeting of the season to be held in a more central location. This should allow for more members to attend and vote for the leadership of the Club.

Travis Stevens, Albany County representative, visited and addressed the club members present at the March meeting. He will bring the issue of our 2 town sponsors before Albany County in hopes that we can get Albany County to become the sponsor. This will eliminate some of the grant filing work.

No movement yet on the grant application for the new Centaur groomer. Hopefully this spring it will be accepted for submission.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Trails were open, but gates have now been closed due to low/no snow.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Trails were being ridden a lot after the last storm, but no grooming. Some reports of dirt bikes and ATVs on trails.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - No problems at present time. Talks are in progress with landowners to try and open the trail to Charleston Four Corners/The Stockyard.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - Did not open after last storm, due to thin conditions. However the trails were being ridden.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Need work logs and land owner permissions in area. Looking for volunteers to help out.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - Trails were open after last storm and a lot of sleds out riding.

Esperance - Tom Rulison - Groomer equipment being moved to storage and signs to come down soon.



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weather which extended the season until mid April in the Adirondacks.

2003 was recorded as having the highest snowfall for the hill towns in the last 18 years.

1971 offered both cold spells and many snowstorms, that winter saw 112.5 inches fall in Albany.

In 2001 over 100" fell in the hill towns, making for some great riding all season long.



Photo courtesy of the world wide web. It does kind of look like Gage Rd in Knox...

So you can see many of the recent years have had some snowy times. Now looking back many years in history and we will find periods where there was little snowfall in the Albany area. From 1928 to 1938 there was only one year with more than 50" snowfall in a season. In 1913 only 13.8 inches of snow fell for the whole season.

Not looking back too far, we have last season's dismal amount of 23.3" and 2006 saw only 30.2".

Are we trending for another 10 year span of low snow winters? Or are we overdue for an epic winter snowfall season? The law of averages say we are overdue.

So be sure and buy your snow shovels now, do not wait until the Weather Channel says Snowstorm Bob is coming on Friday. As for the milk and bread that so many run out and buy just before a storm, you may want to wait...

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New Knit Caps are available now! They are really warm and easy to bring along on a ride, only \$15 each.

See this logo on the new long sleeve tee shirts. 4 color choice for the lettering on black. Come to a meeting to purchase yours!

## Looking For:

Trail workers, must be ready for good hard work in the woods and fields. Fun times await those who seize the chance. Contact a trail boss listed on page 8 to sign up today.

## Wanted:

### Newsletter Editor-in-training

Like to work with computers? Good with finding news articles? Your Club needs you. Please contact Joel at : [cato79@peoplepc.com](mailto:cato79@peoplepc.com) or call 895-5451. If interested.

## Club GPS Training:

Want to learn how to take GPS data to turn it into OPRHP arc files? Your Club needs you. Please contact Joel at : [cato79@peoplepc.com](mailto:cato79@peoplepc.com) or call 895-5451. If interested.



Reach the snowmobilers in this area. Advertise in the newsletter and on the club website. A lot of people will see the ad.





## March 20 2013 Frontier Trail Riding Conditions

While all but the northern area of Frontier trails were closed, I rode out to inspect the central area to see what conditions were like. I also wanted to be able to say I had ridden Frontier trails in mid March! The pictures tell of the conditions I found.



*Junction of C7B and C7E, near Chadwick/Knox Cave Rd.*



*S70 to Duaneburg near junction with C7B.*



*C7B crossing the Schoharie Turnpike.*



*On the pipeline above Rt146, C7B, near Gallupville.*



*In the woods alongside the pipeline, snowy limbs.*



*Smooth conditions at the Blue Heron Airport.*

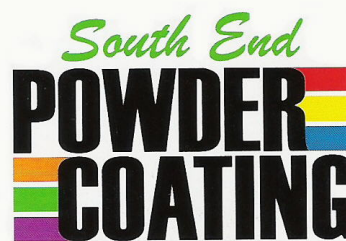


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## NYSSA NEWS

Some issues that should be considered in the proposed NYSSA by-law change and resolution that will be voted on at the NYSSA Forum.

If you join a second club in January, say Salisbury so you can park there, why should you be penalized with a late fee?

If you are new to snowmobiling and buy your first sled in mid Dec. and join a club to save the \$55 on registration. Should you have to pay a late fee?

It adds complexity in handling memberships sold before Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and entered after that date such as memberships sold by dealers or mailed in.

Clubs that have a higher dues for a family membership would need to reconsider their dues schedule. For example if a club charges \$25 individual and \$35 family, would you want to charge \$35 AND \$45 respectively after 12/1?



**Notice:** Adopt A Highway, 9am on April 6 Duanesburg old Mobilmart and on April 13 East Berne Mobilmart, doughnuts and coffee. Please come out and help, we need you.

## Club Nominations

Nominations close at the beginning of April.

At the March club meeting, Pres Tom Rulison was again nominated for Pres, but has declined due to health issues.

Chad Saddlemire was nominated for Pres and has accepted.

Ron Shultes, Chris Bukowski, and Joel Church were nominated for Vice Pres and have accepted.

Tammy Saddlemire was nominated for Tres and has accepted.

Rich Egan was nominated for Sec and has accepted.

All officer positions are 1 year terms.

Mike Riek, Ron Shultes, Karl Pritchard, Bob Meyer, Matt Harper, and Rich Valletta were nominated for Board of Director/Board of Trustee positions.

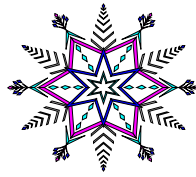
These are 3 year seats. There are 4 seats up for election, however if Chad Saddlemire is elected Pres, his current Trustee seat would become available for the rest of the term. This seat would be up for election in 2014. So there could be 5 seats up for election.

This is your club, be sure to come vote in the election on April 10 2013.



## Trail Boss Contacts

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John Scrima	Burtonsville	875-6078
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