

FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

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Safety Class Success



Photo courtesy Chad Saddlemire.

Snowmobile Safety Course Instructor Dave Harrington reported that all the students were successfully certified at the end of the day last Saturday, January 19th.

30 Certificates will be issued by the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to those attending the eight hour Snowmobile Safety Certification Course.

Dave was assisted by Mike Riek during the course and Tom Rulison provided a Groomer (snowmobile with a drag to groom the snow on the trails) demonstrating the safety features and purpose of each component. Chad Saddlemire also assisted Tom setting up and cleaning after the class. Thank You to the Duanesburg Volunteer Fire Department

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Frontier Sno Riders



February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Speculator Poker Run
10 Take A Friend Snowmo- biling Week	11	12	13 Club Mtg Elks Lodge Esperance, 7pm	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13 Club Mtg Maple Inn East Berne, 7pm	14	15	16
17 St Pat- rick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						



Club News

What is with this weather? Until Mother Nature and Old Man Winter decide to give us some descent snow, the **Club Ride** is on hold. If it does snow a lot, please check the club website for news on when the ride will happen. Otherwise we will look ahead to next season for more favorable weather.

Please help the club sell super raffle tickets. This is our main fund raising event for the year. Come to a club meeting and pick up a few tickets, just to see how easy it is to sell them.

When the trails are closed due to no/low snow conditions, please stay off of them. If you know someone who is riding the closed trails, please tell them they are doing a lot of harm to the trails and may cause the trails to be closed for good.

A new 2013 Skandic has joined the Frontier grooming fleet. A brand new drag has been built by trail boss Laudy Hoyenga to go behind the Skandic. The Club extends a big thank you to Laudy for building the drag. Hopefully it will see some use this season.

The Club is still pursuing another class B groomer, a Centaur. The grant is in the application process.

Randy Stein has taken over management of the website and is looking for club members who would like to help with the website and newsletter.

The Club has new welcome/leaving signs being made for usage at the boundaries of Frontier's responsibility.

22 members attended the last club meeting at the Maple Inn. Let's try and get that number up for the next meeting at the Elk's Lodge.

Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt reports a blade had to be repaired and a tire tube replaced on the New Holland groomer. See page 4 for Cole Hill Rd update.

Knox/Wright - Ron Shultes says some road edge riding will need to be done near the Berne/Knox line due to landowner request. In Wright the roped off areas around some fields are working out well.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga explained that the trails are ready for the snow. About 20 feet was added to the swamp bridge up on the topline. The trail from Sloansville up to C7E junction has been approved for funding and will be C7F.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta advises the reroute near the Schoharie Turnpike is working out fine.

Burtonsville - John Scrima has put in a couple of small reroutes so watch for signs directing you which way to go.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening reports signs are being stolen from the trail and snowmobilers are drifting off the marked trails. Also local riders are using the closed trails and risking permanent closure.

Esperance - Tom Rulison says sleds are accessing the Citgo gas station directly from C7E.





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matter the
skill level.



*Dave Harrington leads the class.
Photos courtesy Chad Saddlemire.*



Students gather around the sled.



Tom and Mike explain the equipment

Trail C7B Mud Hole Near Cole Hill Road Is History!

The Trail Boss in E.Berne worked with a crew and eliminated the mud hole problem on the trail. Karl Pritchard, Mike & Brian Buchardt were able to get the job done by installing an 18" x 14' culvert to direct the water down stream last week. The photo at right depicts the area after the installation. The area is subject to flooding after heavy rains and small bridges stand little chance of staying in place.



*Fresh dirt covers the culvert.
Photo courtesy Brian Buchardt.*

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6th Prize: 2-day sled rental (Village Rentals) for 2 with 2 nights lodging at Village Motel, Speculator, NY

7th Prize: Woody's Complete Traction Package, Gear Bag & Golf Balls - Woody'sTraction.com

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50 Total
Prizes!

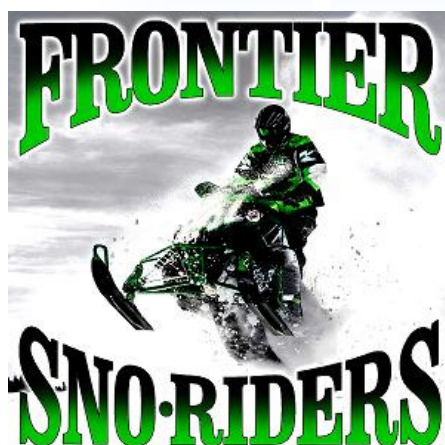
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Ride If You Can

You will find the snowmobile ride enjoyable most of the time. Only once in a long while will it be a negative event. In these seasons of low snow, it is important to get out and go when conditions permit.

Recognizing when the conditions are good for riding can be difficult. There is more to ride-able snow than what you can see from the window of your comfortable living room.

Many times work and family obligations prevent simply getting up and going riding. Finances can also factor into whether you can go or not.

Beyond those reasons and a few others, what is holding you back from riding? Could it be a lack of snow?

Sure looking out the window at home and seeing no snow or not enough snow can cause depression and immediate dismissal of any



*Low snow? Maybe time to trailer to the snow.
Courtesy of the world wide web.*

chance of riding.

Before reaching that conclusion, you should do some easy research.

Your first action should be to check the club website www.frontiersno.com/ for the latest conditions and closures. If the trail condition boxes are green, you are good to go. However if they are red, you will have to trailer to reach the snow.

While not an option for everyone, trailering to the snow happens a lot in our area. If you have web access go to www.endless-belt.com/neweb/html/camarama.php to view current web cams of snow conditions in New York's snow country. This will give you real time pictures of snow depth and coverage.

You could also check www.ilsnow.com/board/ for trail conditions.

Next you need to decide to actually go riding. Risking the chance to ride and finding trails in poor shape can weight heavily on the decision making process.

Time after time you will hear from riders that conditions were better than they thought they would be. How often have you said that yourself? A famous quote sums it up best "The worst day of riding beats the best day at work." All the snowmobilers needed was a little motivation to go and ride. Editor.

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Frontier Sno Riders have been approved for funding on new trail C7F from Sloansville to the junction with C7E northwest of Esperance as 4 miles of class B corridor.

The Club was also approved for taking on a 3 miles section of C7B in Montgomery County.

Secondary trail S70 to Township has been approved for funding as well.

The new Skandic groomer will be used right away to help meet this added trail mileage.



Next Club Meeting

to be held at the Esperance Elk's Lodge. February 13, Wednesday. The Lodge is located at the west end of the village, up a long driveway. Please come and see what goes on at a real snowmobile club meeting. 7pm is when the meeting is scheduled to start, don't be late!

NYSSA NEWS

Snowmobiling in the News!

The sport of Snowmobiling and its impact on NY's economy was recently featured in a four-page insert in the **Legislative Gazette**, a NY political newspaper featuring state government News.

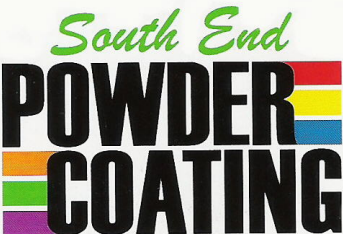
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<http://www.nysnowmobiler.com/images/pdf/2013/LegislativeGazette2-1-13.pdf>

New **Frontier Sno Riders trail map** is now available on the club website. Look for it under Trail Map on the home page.

Please visit our sponsors listed on the map. They support the club and you should support them.

Changes do occur, so be sure and follow all trail signs as the map may not be 100% accurate.



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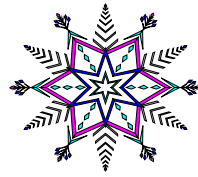
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