

# FRONTIER SNO RIDERS

## FRONTIER TIMES



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### Year Round Snowmobiling

With the snowmobile riding season just about wrapping up, is this really the end of your snowmobiling season?



For some snowmobilers, riding season is the culmination of a whole year's work for the sport. The payoff for a job well done is having a chance to ride the club's trails.

Even the club's most active members work full time at other jobs. Somehow in the midst of all the everyday activities they still find time to donate their help to the sport throughout the year.

As spring arrives, club members will start the removal of signs, kiosks, and close gates. Groomers will be summerized and repairs made before moving to storage. Prior to the end of March, all work logs will have been submitted to the club grant writer.



In April the focus shifts to the state level and the club sends delegates to the NYSSA Forum to vote on new officers and agenda items. The Forum allows club members to meet and exchange ideas on a grand scale. There are many classes offered to directly benefit members in how they can best help their club. April is also when Frontier holds it's club elections. New officers and board members join the leadership of the club. Following the election, the installation and awards dinner is held. The spring Adopt a Highway is completed.



Frontier Sno Riders

Late spring brings the end of the trail grant cycle. Much work is done making sure all the forms are correct and filed on time. During this time the coming year's trail grant cycle is just beginning.

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# 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						

# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Club Mtg Elks Lodge Esperance, 7pm	11	12	13
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## Club News

Bob Meyers and Gerry Lenseth are co-chairing the election committee again this year.

Tammy Saddlemire has joined the website team of Randy Stein and Rich Egan.

Super raffle tickets are still available, but the drawing is not far off, so get them quick and help support your club.

The 2002 Skandic has been in the shop (Mariaville Motorsports) running down electrical gremlins.



*The 2013 Skandic and brand new drag with wheels is ready for its first run in the snow!*

200 map/fliers were printed up by Scott's Printing to be distributed at local sponsors. Be sure to ask for one when visiting our sponsors.

Club Welcome signs got delayed and another shop is being looked for to make the signs.

The club is looking for members who would like to get involved in some of the functions within the club. Areas include the newsletter, GPS of trails, grant writing, and membership admin. Each of these functions are currently staffed, however the knowledge to make them work is to be passed on.

## Trail Log

East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Section of C7B that was pushed out onto a road due to landowner concerns is being worked on. Groomer donation jugs are working well. S70 Thacher Park trail is looking to be ready to go next season.

Knox - Ron Shultes - Area in good shape.

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Swamp bridge extended 20', trail widened to allow class B groomer. Signage in area is very good.

Duanesburg/Delanson - Rich Valletta - Plans are being made to install a culvert on C7B near Weaver Rd with landowner permission.

Burtonsville - John Scrima - Trails have been ready and are marked well this season.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening - ATV's have been running on the trails. This is very damaging to our trails. If you know who is doing the riding, please let them know they are helping close down the trails. Very sad as we put a lot of work into making snowmobile trails, not ATV trails.

Esperance - Landowner is upset with people crossing thru his fields and not staying to the edges. Signs are up, please follow the directions.







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Trail reroutes, new bridges and culverts are logged by GPS and converted into proper data format. Landowner permissions are finalized and phase one of the grant process is submitted.

Summertime and the heat is still on snowmobiling. Work parties are formed for big projects. Trail sign orders are made. New equipment is reviewed for possible purchase in the future. The Board will meet for the first time since the installation dinner in late August. During this meeting plans will be drawn up for the coming season. Phase 2 of the grant process is completed. New trail and reroutes are approved or disapproved by the state with notification to follow.



Now with fall fully underway, local trail brushing and clearing begins. This is the work involved with cutting fallen trees and trimming back brush. Summer storm damage repairs are made to bridges and culverts. Ads are sold for the newsletter and website during this time. Tickets go on sale for the Super Raffle which support club activities throughout the year. The fall Adopt A Highway is held in Duanesburg and East Berne.

Late fall is when the trail signs go up. Each road crossing, junction, and bridge is marked for safety. The kiosks are put in place.



With the close of hunting season, the snowmobile season kicks off with the first big snowfall. Grooming commences with adequate snow coverage and finally we ride.

Trail Boss Pic



Has Trail Boss Brian Buchardt found a new groomer for the club? Not this time, but perhaps in the future.



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2nd will choose next; 3rd will choose next; and  
the 4th prize winner gets the remaining prize.



5th Prize: \$1,315 2013 Triton Trailer XT-10-101 - Fisk Distributing, Lyndonville, NY

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

Drawing: April 20, 2013 Winners announced @ NYSSA Educational Forum, Lake Placid Convention Center, Lake Placid NY

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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.



## Why Alcohol and Snowmobiling Do Not Mix

On Saturday, March 2 2013, about 6:30pm, on Indian Lake in the Adirondacks, two snowmobilers were killed when their snowmobiles collided head on.

One of the drivers had a blood alcohol level of 0.13, for comparison a 0.08 level is legally intoxicated. The other driver was sober.

According to an eye witness, the alleged drunk driver veered directly at the opposite direction snowmobile.

The eye witness was returning from having dinner with his wife and father after a day of riding. He was leading his group of three snowmobiles across the lake while three other snowmobiles approached at high speed. He saw one sled break off from the other two and seemed likely to pass them when suddenly the lone sled turned right at them. The witness and his wife barely missed being struck but his father never had a chance. He and the other driver were killed in a massive collision.

Please consider how much you are drinking before riding. Your actions may cause events unintended. Please folks, think before drinking and riding. Good innocent people are dying due to bad choices. This must stop now! None of us wants to be the next victim. Help make a difference. Help save lives, don't drink and ride. Save the drinking until after the ride is done. Remember you don't need alcohol to have a good time on a snowmobile.

Editor

## Club Elections

It is time once again to elect our club's leadership. All members have a vote to determine who holds each office.

How the voting is to be done has been established in the Constitution. You must be present at the club meeting in April in order to have your vote counted.

At the February meeting a discussion began on the use of an internet based vote for the club's leaders.

Concerns raised included the need to change the Constitution to allow this type of voting, it does not encourage member participation at club meetings and how will the online voting be conducted.

The main reason behind the push for an internet based vote is it would allow for more members to vote without having to go to the actual club meeting.

Other issues to consider with the internet voting would be how to confirm the person voting is a club member and what about club members who are not online and want to vote?

While not a requirement to be a candidate, it is a requirement after being elected to attend club meetings. This was done to ensure that officers, directors, and trustees stay informed and take an active interest in club activities.

Be sure you come to the next club meeting if you want to be heard on this issue.

Nominations are currently open, so please step up to volunteer if you would. Contact Gerry Lenseth at 872-9374 or Bob Meyers at 355-9537 to get your name on the ballot.



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**NYSSA NEWS** Forum delegates this year will be looking at the following By-Laws revision. The revision was submitted by Michael Fischer on 1-17-2013. The proposed wording change is the underlined section below:

- (a) NYSSA Member - Dues \$5 - Current Individual membership in an Association Club, or head of household of a current Family membership in an Association Club. One additional adult and any children under 18 years of age, residing in the same household, are recognized as family club members. NYSSA members joining on or after December 1 of the membership year shall incur a late dues surcharge of \$1.

The additional \$1 will generate approximately \$30,000 based upon current membership trends. Establishing a late fee for membership dues will also encourage early renewals and possibly result in early registrations. While these efforts will not directly benefit NYSSA, they will have a positive impact on cash flow for the clubs.

Please come to the next club meeting if you would like to comment on this proposed By-law change.

## Club GPS Training:

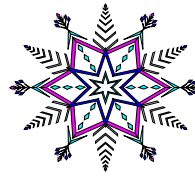
Want to learn how to take GPS data to turn it into OPRHP arc files? Your Club needs you. Please contact Joel at : [cato79@peoplepc.com](mailto:cato79@peoplepc.com) or call 895-5451. If interested.



**Notice:** Club meeting to be held this coming Wednesday, March 13, 7pm at the Maple Inn, East Berne. Please come and support your club.

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