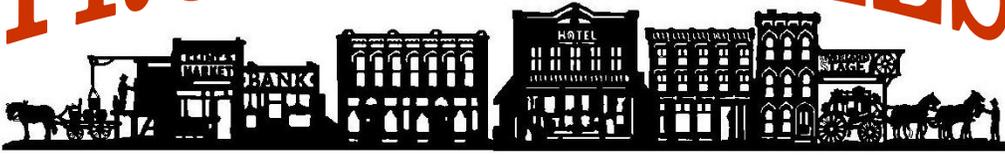


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Pushing Into New Frontiers

After the three latest snowstorms, the Club's biggest groomer, the Pisten Bully 100, has been able to reach the hill before Panis Road on trail C7B for the first time.

This is due to the continuing work to widen the trails. It is the long term goal of the club to bring all trails up to Class A trail standards.

Trail improvements require coordination with the landowner. Cutting trees, placing culverts, and relocating the trail are sometimes part of the process.

Our landowners are the club's most valuable asset. Without their support, we would have very limited riding opportunities.

To make these improvements, once the landowner is on board, is to have the manpower to help work on the trail. This is where club membership really counts. Working with the landowner, club members can really make a difference in how trail riding will be improved. The payoff is safe, wide, and smooth trails when the snow flies.



Filling water holes with logs.



PB100 on C7B near Westfall Road, Delanson.
Photo by Chad Saddlemire.



Crossing a creek in the PB70 near Duanesburg.
Photo by Casey LaClair.

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The Bombi Steering band broke, \$478.73 Invoiced and will be shipped out

All Skandics are ready for snow – New sleds have winches wired and drags lowered

Possible interest among board members in purchase of stump grinder and wood chipper.

The Middleburgh Ridge Runners have a wooden surplus bridge that it will no longer use. Built for sleds only. 60' long. 8' wide. Approx 8 years old. Stringers are three 60' long locust logs. All other lumber is pressure treated. Bolted and screwed together. The club is offering the bridge as -is to other local clubs.



Frontier Sno Riders



Trail Log



East Berne - Brian Buchardt - Turner Rd. Bridge needs to be updated

Sloansville - Laudy Hoyenga - Grooming went fine. We have to put a new bridge on trail to Charleston Four Corners (Stockyard) It disappeared last summer. Had to do a lot of trim work - things bent down all over the place, even in places that were quite wide.

Mariaville - Jerry Schoening -

Burtonsville - Jeremy Stoliker -

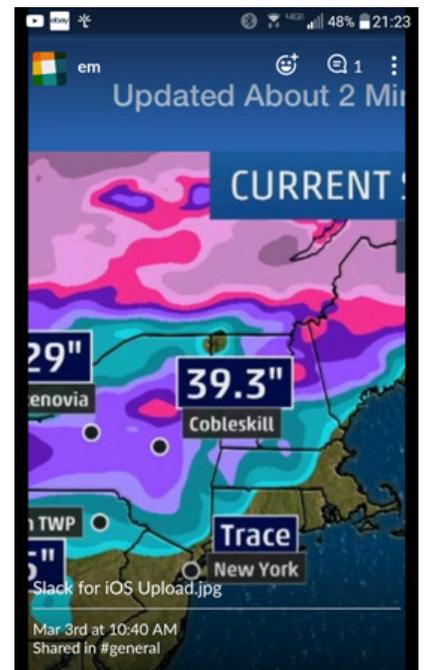
Knox - Ron Shultes -

Wright - Joel Church - Some issues with individual trails from Schoharie which are non-funded trails

Township - Skip Murrell -

Esperance/Delanson - Tom Rulison - Cole Rd. – Ice took out bridge support

Duanesburg- Aaron Nickloy -





A sled gets pulled from the beaver swamp.

Snowmobile Rescue

“Cant believe the response from these guys! We went out today and ended up getting stuck! After wrestling for 2 hours left the sled and went home. Made one call to the club and they put things in motion. One hour later my sled is on the trailer- Amazing! My family and I are members for life! Thank you Chris (Bukowski) and Chad (Saddlemire)!” S.Alvey-Motto
 The Club’s PB 100 was used to rescue the stuck snowmobile. Be careful on the trails! Major mud holes in many spots due to the warm weather the last few weeks. Near Pleasant Valley Road crossing please ride along the road about 100 yards to get past beaver swamp area. We went out tonight and pulled a sled out that was stuck after it broke through the ice.



Trailer parking in Duanesburg, next to the Diner.



Pics to Left:

Trail hazards on trail C7E. Very tight conditions just above the village of Esperance. Brushing and clearing is needed on this section of trail. If you live in or near the village of Esperance, please help the club out by lending a hand and trimming these trees back.



Snowmobile parking at Jonathans in Duanesburg.



Water holes like this one have shown up all over the trail system. Use caution.



When sleds don't stay on the trail, trail closures will follow. Stay on the marked trail.





Night time grooming with the PB100.

FRONTIER SNO RIDERS NYS CHAINSAW CERTIFICATION CLASS



Event: Frontier Sno-Riders
NYS Chainsaw Certification Class

Date: April 7th

Time: 9:30 am- 3:30pm

Place: Knox Town Hall
(2192 Berne-Altamont Rd, Altamont, NY 12009)

Cost: \$42 per person (Includes lunch - pizza, wings, soda)

Please pre-register and pre-pay. Call 315-727-1919 first to make sure there is still room and get your name on the list, then send check, made out to Frontier Sno Riders to Frontier Sno Riders Inc., PO Box 133 Duaneburg, NY 12056. A received check will confirm your spot.



Vintage snowmobiles at the entrance to the Frontier Sno Rider trails at Thacher Park.
Photos by Gerry Lenseth.



In Thacher Park, easily reached via the Frontier Sno Riders trail S-72.



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Instant Winter

Just add snow, a lot of snow and it looks like deep winter should. Three back to back Nor'easters put Frontier trails back in the "green" for open status.

Besides having to deal with breaking open two plus feet of snow, riders encountered holes filled with water. Before the snow flew a warm spell lasting nearly two weeks had taken the frost from the surface of the ground. So after the snow fell, the ground, which was warmer, began to melt the snow from below. This melted snow ran to the lowest spot it could find. Unfortunately the snowmobile trail had many of these catch basins for the melted snow. Low areas in open fields become ponds. Every depression on the trail filled with slushy water.

The second and third storms, while not as intense did drop more layers of white gold.

With very little cold air around and the Sun getting higher in the sky each day, the snow won't last.

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Groomers In Action



Casey LaClair and the 2018 Skandic groomer above Esperance



Tom Rulison grooming up C7E towards Acorn Drive, Delanson



Tom Rulison on C7E in Delanson driving the PB70.



Skip Murrill leveling a 12 foot snow bank at Township trail head in the Bombi.



Brian Buchardt empties snow from the drag behind the PB100 on S-72 trail to help climb a steep grade.



Gerry Lenseth fjording the standing water on the Cole Hill flats near East Berne.



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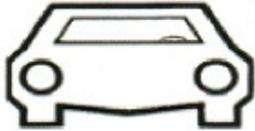
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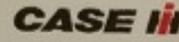
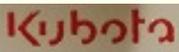
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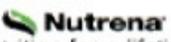
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