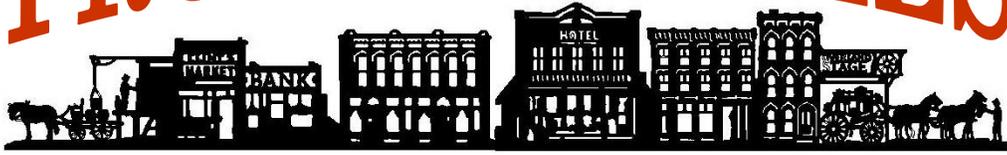


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STOP! Trail Closed Ahead

Charging hard through the deep snow the rider approached a slight ridge crossing his path. The snowmobile floated over the ridge with barely a bump felt. Just ahead a snow pile marked Benninger Road. With a quick blip of the throttle the rider traversed the freshly plowed road. Moments later he joined the corridor trail and headed toward Duanesburg.

This simple action has caused a major reaction, the closure of the very corridor trail this rider was trying to get to.

For years riders have used various routes across private property to gain access to the Frontier trail system from the Schoharie Valley below. The landowner had tried for many seasons to stop the riders from crossing his property. He put up signs to keep snowmobiles from riding through. Every year the tell tail tracks could be seen coming up from the valley.

This latest route bypassed a stream crossing which is open water most of the winter season. A recent winter storm had dumped a lot of snow and then wind drifted the snow to hide many objects beneath the snow. The ridge in the snow the rider crossed over was actually a stone fence. In normal snow conditions, the stone wall is quite visible and a formidable barrier.

The rider was not alone, his buddies were following. Sure enough they beat a path right over the stone wall. The stone wall gave way to spinning tracks.

While the Frontier Sno Riders work to keep snowmobilers on the corridor trails, it cannot control thoughtless operators. It takes a lot of work to keep the trails open, only to have them shut down because of a few careless riders.

Anytime snowmobilers ride off the trail they run the risk of closing down trails.

Please heed signs and get landowner permission before crossing anyone's property.



Trail Boss Call Has Been Answered

The Club has been fortunate to have three individuals step up to take over trail boss responsibilities. This is a critical function as it provides immediate contact with the landowners. Landowners are the life blood of the club, without the landowner, there is little point to developing snowmobile trails.

Mark VanWoeart will be handling the duties in Mariaville. Trail C7B is a vital link to our fellow club Town of Florida. Also part of his area is the local trail which links C7B to Mariaville and the services provided there.

Dominick Friello has taken over in Duanesburg for Casey LeClair, who moving out of the area. Dominick has worked with Casey and knows C7B, C7E, and S70 in Duanesburg well.

Lastly Orvill Bates will be in command of C7B for the Knox and Wright area. He will face two tough challenges right out of the gate, land closures have cut off Knox from everywhere but Township. It is hoped that reroutes can be found before the snow flies. If you live in the Knox area and can help out finding a reroute, please give Orvill a call.

A tip of the hat (helmet) to these fine fellows for stepping up!

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



The Club is currently without a credit card issuer. Research is continuing into an independent account that could be made with Key Bank.

Great news! A new landowner in Knox on trail S70 is willing to help out on trails. Welcome Aboard!

Randy Stein got the club website switched over to a new site provider without any issues. Thank you!

Jerry Schoening has decided to step down as trail boss of Mariaville. A big thank you goes out to Jerry for many years of hard work and making the trail better each year up in the high country.

The 03' Skandic is still having headlight issues, master Skip Murrell to take a look at solving it.

The batteries in the Skandic fleet will be checked and replaced as needed. PB70 due for oil change and PB100 ready to go at this time.

Albany County has provided the club with the 30% grant funding from last season. It is expected that over the next 2 months the other 3 counties will have the funds to the club.

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft, the grant fund admin for Montgomery County has left the position. We wish her all the best in her new job in Amsterdam. Karl Gustafson will be taking over for her.

Stump grinder may soon be rented from Randall Equipment. Trail Boss's have your projects ready.

Adopt A Highway on hold in Schenectady County,

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - John Scrima - Trail work and bridge building is on hold awaiting approval from the DEC. Work to begin on Irish Creek bridge soon.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Moving C7B off of Lake Connection Rd upon a nearby hill.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Built new bridge on Stockyard trail. Trail widened as well and located back on gas line. C7F bush hogging has been completed.



Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Started bush hogging and found ground too wet to continue. Work party to deck bridge behind Esperance Auto coming soon.

Duanesburg C7B - Dominick Friello - Ground too wet to do any trail work at this time.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Land closure effecting C7B west of airport, no route available at this time.



Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Bush hogging and cleanup have been done.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates - Land closure effecting C7B south of village, no route available at this time.

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer - Trail too wet to do any work on yet.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Trail too wet to do any work on yet.

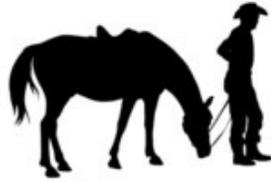


Trail Marshal says...

If you love to ride local, step up and lend a hand. Now is the time, the snow won't wait around.

Each one of us can relate to riding sweet trails. Always remember the trails don't just happen. They get worked into that smooth condition by riders like you.

Come on out and join the team, you'll love it.



Safety Class Success

On October 13, 2018, a very cold rainy day, Mike Riek and Mary Ann Nickloy, held the NYS Snowmobile safety course at the Knox Town hall for 12 participants. The 12 participants were all successful on the completion of their final exam. We would like to thank the Knox Town for the use of their facility to hold the course. Mary Ann Nickloy.



Mike Riek teaches proper operation of a snowmobile.



Class in session and all paying close attention.



All in favor of a lunch break, raise your hand...

Mohawk Valley Snowmobile Club

The annual meeting of Mohawk Valley Snowmobile Club, Inc. will be held on December 5th, 2018 at 7 PM. It will be upstairs in the old Courthouse in Fonda. Election of officers will be held. The minutes from the last meeting, agenda, and proposed budget will be presented about a week before the meeting.

(The Mohawk Club is the go between the snowmobile clubs of Montgomery and Montgomery County. Grant funds flow from the State to the counties. The counties then distribute the funds to the clubs. Each county decides how it wants to handle disbursing the funds. Some counties deal directly with the clubs, others use a go between.)



**Grant Writer
Position Filled**

The Club has found a new grants writer! Christine Rulison has volunteered to take on this vital role for the club.

Without Christine the club would not have any funds coming in from the State for trail maintenance. This would mean no grooming, no bridge or culvert up-keep, and loss of trails. Volunteers are what it takes to operate a snowmobile club. Please come to a meeting and ask what can you do to help your club. If you like to ride, you should do this, now.



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Please come help complete the East Berne road side clean up at 9 am on Sunday, November 11th. Meeting at the Rt 443 East Berne Mobile Mart to complete the task with refreshments/snacks following for those participating.



Can you guess what year this pic is from?
See page 5 for answer.



Trail Boss Pics



Trail Boss Laudy Hoyenga has a new groomer!



Quickly putting the new groomer to use, hauling in lumber.



Telephone pole frame will handle the light duty bridge.



Laudy Hoyenga and Joel Church nearing bridge completion.
Photo by Tom Rulison.

Answer to Cleanup photo - Oct 17 2010

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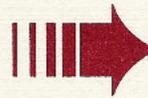
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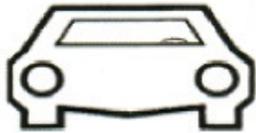
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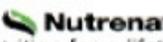
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