

# THE TRAIL BOSS

Do you have what it takes to be a Trail Boss? For some the sport of snowmobiling is more than throwing a leg over the seat and zooming off on the trail. It is an opportunity to help make the local trails better not only for their fellow snowmobilers, but those people who have never ridden a snowmobile and want to.

Over the coming season look for the spotlight to shine on Frontier's own trail bosses. It is hoped that this will create an introduction for members and new-to-the-sport folks someone they can turn to for trail conditions, how to help with trail work, trails opening for riding, where best to access the trail when trailering, and how to get started in this great winter time adventure called snowmobiling.

A trail boss is responsible for maintaining a good working relationship with the landowners that the snowmobile trails pass over. This can include helping develop long term plans the landowner has for the property in regards to snowmobile use. Creating a partnership of cooperation can build great trails. The trail boss leads the club members in his/her area in the maintenance of the trail. This includes removing hazards, installing safety signs, building bridges and culverts. And of course when enough snowfalls, trail grooming. The behind the scenes duties include recording and submitting work logs in a timely fashion. Attending club meetings on a regular basis to give a verbal report to the membership on recent activities are all part of this job.





So do you have an answer for the question, do you have what it takes to be a trail boss? Perhaps you do? Do you like working outdoors in the fall and winter? Do you consider yourself able to handle chainsaws and power tools? Are you a good snowmobiler? If this article feels like it is directed to someone like you, do not wait for the phone to ring, get yourself to a club meeting and volunteer! Your club needs you and we have openings!

## Club Meeting—Elk's Lodge

7pm Wednesday, October 10, west side of Esperance on Rt20. Please come out to the Frontier Sno Riders Club meeting. You are welcome to bring all your riding buddies. This is a great time to get involved with your club. As we all begin to prepare for the coming snowfall, so does the club. From groomer maintenance to trail cleanup, there is plenty to go around. Hope to see you there!





At the last club meeting there was discussion about raising the club credit card limit to \$750. Too often times a trail boss will max out his card before the end of the month and not be able to make needed fuel purchases or repair bills for the groomer. This then requires the trail boss to locate another BOD member with a card to make up the difference.

Trail logs were also a topic at the club meeting, they must show hours of work, by whom, what trail, and equipment used. Receipts need to be included for fuel and parts that were replaced.

The Club still needs to fill the grants writer position, we are in a **desperate situation**!! Without a grants writer the club will not receive any grant money for grooming. This will result in very rough trails this winter.

15 people attended the chainsaw course in the Spring.

Who's going to deal with Esperance? People there don't want the trails in the village. A new route is being sought. Can you help find a route? Please?

New landowners Montgomery County Rd, may have issue?

Website, Chris to re-set hit counter, domain name renewed by Randy with Chad's credit card, needs to be renewed this month. GoDaddy \$599, other website better for \$9.95/month (save \$75)(name?)

Trail grant Phase 2 submitted by Melissa; Phase 3 is the monthly info that needs to be electronically done. \***Need Someone**\* to do this, Melissa will help.

Wes reports club sponsorships required too much travel, instead will try doing email blast and mass mailer. Wes will work on putting a letter together.





### **Northern Area**

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Jeremy Stoliker/ John Scrima - Nothing done yet. Charleston State Forest needs to be widened, bridge done before hunting season (25 foot, plywood to protect deck?)

**Mariaville C7B** - Jerry Schoening - Retaining wall along Rt 159 to be built- check to see if we can get some railroad ties? (approx. 40)

**Sloansville C7F** - Laudy Hoyenga - Outlaw trail at Charleston 4 Corners (15 feet)

#### **Central Area**

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tom Rulison - Bridge behind Esperance Auto (deckboards to be replaced)

**Duanesburg C7B** - Aaron Nickloy - Plans are being made to widen trail C7B near Schoharie Turnpike.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Looking for help to do annual trail C7B brushing and clearing.

#### **Southern Area**

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Township Trail, gate down no damage.

**Knox C7B** - C7B south of little league field closed, 300 acres for sale.

**Maple Inn S73** - Donnie Bauer - S73 trail needs to be straightened out (groomer can't fit), culverts instead of plastic bridge now.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Brian Buchardt - Need a Simon Rd re-route. Brian was member of the year, used the gift card to buy a chainsaw for the club!

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#### Trail Marshal says...

Now is the time of year to prepare for snowmobiling. Get your snowmobile registered today! Don't wait for the snow to fall. Running down to DMV to do a last minute registration while your buddies are already out on the trail can really bring you down. Besides getting registered before November really helps the trail system overall by making sure all grant funds are available.



## Snowmobile Safety Course

Register now and reserve your spot. This certification is not limited to children, it is open to adults. Join your kids while they take the course with you. Earn your certification and ride safely.

#### Help Wanted

Trail Grant Writer, no experience required, just willing to help out the club. Training available. Flexible hours. Contact any Board member or come to club the meeting.

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## **Knox Town Hall**

## 2192 Berne Altamont Rd. Altamont, NY

Pre-registration Required

Registration at: http://bit.ly/SnowmobileSafety2018

Or contact

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More-Information-contact-ButchBear(518)966-8628or <u>butchbearjr@aol.com</u> **Registration** time; 8:00 am- 11:00 am **Judging** time 11:00am--1:00 pm.

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The fall Adopt A Highway outings are right around the corner.

Adopt A Highway

Watch for info on when and where to meet for this fun and important club function.

How many club members can you ID in this photo from nine years ago?

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