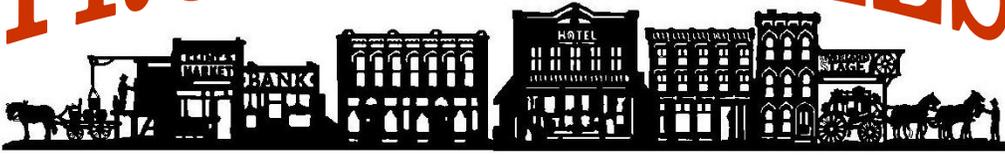


# FRONTIER TIMES



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## Club Ride In Works

An annual Frontier Sno Riders event is the Club Ride. It is a chance for club members and friends to join together on an adventure filled journey.

Actually having the ride is very special, as it quite often gets cancelled due to no or low snow conditions. The ride is kept very simple, meet at a pre-determined start point, then ride as a group to a destination. At the finish the Club may host a gathering at one of the restaurants on the trail.

This year the club board of Directors and Trustees have not set a date for the ride. Instead the plan is to wait until conditions are favorable. Then get the word out to club members as quickly as possible. In the past start times for the ride are usually mid morning, 9 to 11am. After a mass departure, the group will follow a leader on snowmobile. The route may pass trail junctions that serve as a rally points for riders to join up from other areas.



The ride about to start from Duanesburg. 2009



Club members enjoying food in Jonathan's after the club ride. 2010

Depending on time, there may be a planned stop at another restaurant along the route.

The ride will terminate generally around 2 to 3pm. The post ride gathering may go on for a couple of hours. Riders will then leave at their own discretion and return to their respective starting points.

This will make for a full day of activity, so plan accordingly.

The pace of the ride is very relaxed, (read slow). However the distance may challenge the young or inexpe-

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# What's Cooking?

# Trail Log



Stevie Fronk and Trail Boss Skip Murrell patched up the Rt 146 bridge railings and deck on C7B. Both sides were completely down and ripped away, the groomer blade had pushed them over in two different directions. An inspection this summer should let us know how much work will be needed to bring this bridge back to perfect condition. Pushing the railings out another foot or so will help. This bridge will need funding and labor this summer to get it completed.

Saturday Sheldon Ogsbury, Stevie, Russ and Skip did a little more work on the local Schoharie trail bridge. It is now crossable, but extremely rustic and crude. 6-8" gaps between deck boards and limb wood used to create a ramp onto the bridge.

Tom Rulison and Laudy Hoyenga spent 9 hrs on trail C7E up in Charleston. Felt like they had to re-blaze the whole trail with so many trees down and wild grape vines tangled- with brush clogging trails. They put many signs up, used steel construction form post to get holes into ground.

Good news from NBT – our credit card application on behalf of the merits of the club has been approved and the cards have arrived.

Scott Claus and Yancey Zimmer are assuming the responsibility of trail boss for the north western section of our trail system in Burtonsville and Montgomery County where John Scrima has covered in the past. We really owe John a debt of gratitude for being one of the original charter members of the club. Thanks Johnny!

Scott has worked closely with Johnny in the past so he is familiar with the area and will team with Yancey to take on the new route through the Charleston forest. The '03 and '06 Skandic and drags are at Yancey's location on Sara Lib Rd near the trail. A big welcome out to Scott and Yancey!



Remember Valentine's Day!!

## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Trail C7E was in excellent shape before the warm weather, and trail use was mild. Watch where the re-route starts off Sara Lib, folks are over shooting it, thinking trail still goes on to the seasonal part of Sara Lib.

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart - Conditions were not bad. Trail was groomed a bunch of times to keep up with the traffic. The only problem is people driving to fast and to close to the house on the corner of Rt 30 and Mariaville Rd, markers have been put up, they need to stay along the woods. If people do not respect the markers & slow down we will be in jeopardy of losing the trail.

**Sloansville C7F** - Laudy Hoyenga - Local Stockyard trail in great shape.

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tom Rulison - Groomed the trail and got it in good shape. Then the melt came.

**Duanesburg C7B** - Dominick Friello - Good conditions reported, groomed a number of days.

**Wright C7B** - Joel Church - Remember the bridge on the local trail to Schoharie is crude for this year. Planning to upgrade it this summer if the club approves.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Trail made out great due recent snow. Chad Saddlemire groomed it twice, which kept it a pleasure to ride.

**Knox C7B** - Orvil Bates - PB100 was used to groom multiple times while the snow lasted.

**Maple Inn S73** - Donnie Bauer - Trails held up well considering the ice races on Warner's lake on Saturday drew a large variety of motorsports to the area.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Brian Buchardt - Trail to Thacher park ( S-72) held up really well. Bombi groomed the trail very well.



## Trail Marshal says...

Beware Outlaw Riders. Unregistered snowmobiles are a drain on the trail system. There is very little positive these sleds offer.

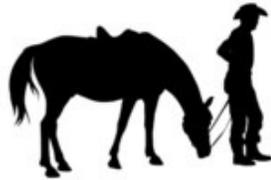
Area food and fuel businesses will see a gain.

This however is offset by the loss all registered sleds will experience because of the outlaws.

Every registered sled contributes to the maintenance and grooming of the trails. Club memberships go toward the trails as well. If a rider does not register his/her sled they will not likely join the club either. Insurance on an unregistered sled? Who knows, but in keeping with breaking the law, most likely not.

Whenever an unregistered sled races down the trail, they are stealing a ride. It is a ride that costs everyone, due to trail funds that won't come back to the club in the form of grants. This means less fuel for the groomers, less grooming, less smooth trails, less smiles, etc.

Unregistered sleds should only be ridden on the riders own property. Law enforcement conducts random patrols on Frontier trails. Cleaning up the outlaws is a high priority.



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## Trail Boss Pics



*Skandics grooming C7B in Wright*



*The Bombi groomer laying down sweet trails to Thacher State Park.*



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# Trail Boss Pics



Snowmobiles parked after the ride at Township Tavern. 2011

perienced riders. Riding a shortened trip by starting closer to the finish can still provide much fun.

Weather conditions have varied over the years from sunny and mild to blowing and drifting snow. One



Pisten Bully 100 hard at work on S70 + C7B, Knox.



Post ride activities in the Township Tavern. 2011

year over 18" of snow greeted the riders in the morning! The ride was delayed so that the trail could be broke open by the groomer sleds.

Club rides are great fun and provide memories that last well after the snow melts!



Rally stop on Benninger Rd. 2009



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Rt 146 bridge on trail C7B had decking and railings repaired.



Ice Racing on Warner's Lake, East Berne.

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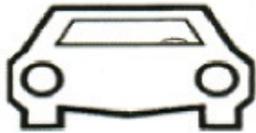
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