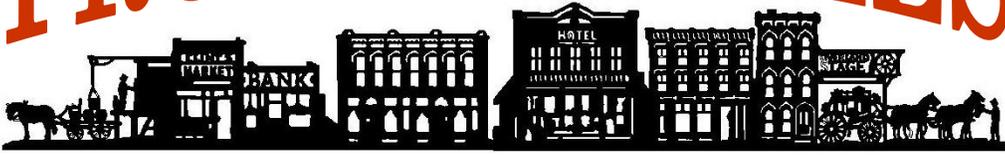


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Pure Speculation

Welcome to the start of snowmobile season.

This is the time of preparation and speculation.

What needs to be done before the snow flies and how much of the white stuff can we expect?

Could this be the year of huge snowfall? The year even snowmobilers are heard saying "Enough is enough already!".



Sourced from Brad Panovich Meteorologist Facebook.com

Perennial winter forecasters are offering up their latest. The Farmers Almanac are calling for a colder and snowier than normal winter in the northeast. Seems like they always do. The National Weather Service will come out with a winter forecast, but usually closer to actual winter.



2014



2017

Perhaps more chance of being correct?

One thing is certain, you must prepare for snowmobile season or you could be sidelined if and when the snow piles up.

No better time than now to start the process. An easy first step is to head to DMV and register your snowmobile. Please do this before November 1st. Trail funding for next season is based on how many snowmobiles are registered prior to November. (If you wait for snow, we all pay)

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What's Cooking?

Laudy Hoyenga has volunteered his time and talent to fabricate a smaller and lighter drag for the Pisten Bully 100.

We will build a drag similar to the Bombi drag (7'x12') but the dimensions will be 8'4"x14'. This will allow for more efficient trail coverage and better maneuverability. The estimated cost for stock steel materials is ~\$1,500+ plus the club will purchase the hydraulic rams, hoses, wheels and cutting blades in addition - as well as pay for powder coating.

The total cost is at the moment is a bit unknown – however, we do know that it will be well below market cost of a new or lightly used drag. In addition, we will price, advertise and sell our largest drag (8'4"x16') this fall which had an original value over \$14K five plus years ago.

In mid July 2019 Tom Rulison (past President) had triple bypass surgery on his heart. The surgeon said he did very well. His recovery time is 2-3 months. Tom will need to police his activity so he can heal.

Gerry to readdress need for additional club credit cards for trail bosses and maintenance.

Roadside cleanup dates TBD for October or November.

Snowmobile safety course to be scheduled for September.

Congratulations in advance to Sarah Burnett and Donnie Bauer on their upcoming Sept 14th wedding!

Our Pisten Bully dealer, Mohawk Industrial Werks is hosting a training seminar next week (Wed/Thur). Skip Murrell and Gerry Lenseth will attend. Skip will benefit from the various mechanical/electrical systems overview and Gerry can certainly use the refresher for equipment maintenance.

Trail Log



Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Tom

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Mariaville trails in some spots will be widened this fall along with the some bridge work and installation of some culverts.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Preparing to start on light duty groomer for PB 100 also a groomer for a side by side.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison -

Duanesburg C7B - Dominick Friello -

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Route 146 bridge to be inspected for deck wear. Local Schoharie trail to continue development.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - No major work needed on s70 just normal fall cleanup (so far). Finishing up on some repairs to the bombi.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates - Chad and I are working on new trail for Pleasant Valley Rd to gas line so we don't have the trail going across all the driveways.

Maple Inn S73 - Donnie Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Working on the dollar general re-route.

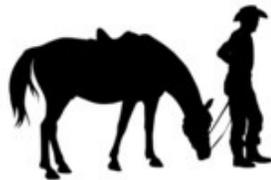


Trail Marshal says...

"The next critical GPS data update for existing trails is due in the 2020-2021 season: As of June 1, 2020 (expected 2020-2021 Phase I due date), all trails must have GPS derived GIS data no older than January 1, 2017. Thereafter, each and every trail must have GPS derived GIS data no more than three years old.

It is recommended that clubs stagger their GPS data collection efforts beginning in 2017 so they are not collecting data for all of their trails in the same year going forward.

Data no more than three years old will be the minimum requirement; clubs are encouraged to collect data more often if they are able and local sponsors may set more stringent requirements."



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Trail Grant Update

It is important for our Trail Bosses to attend the September meeting as Christine Rulison will be covering a review of proper trail maintenance log reports for the club to maximize our funding income for this season. We will also be prioritizing major trail maintenance projects including reroutes and bridge repair/replacement.

Christine reports she has submitted all the required permissions and reports for the 2019-2020 season to all four of our county sponsors. Many thanks to Tom, Gerry, Skip, Joel, Laudy, Bob and Chris for helping me figure all the NY state requirements out.

We have one new trail proposal in for Schoharie County. Our sponsor will let us know the status and I will keep you all informed.

The biggest change for the requirements for funding concern the accuracy of our trail data. (see Trail Marshal says...)

We should discuss this new GPS requirement at our club in September so we can solicit volunteers who can learn how to complete this work.

Upcoming Trail Projects

S72 reroute near the Dollar General and offset trail away from the Maple Inn underway.

C7B reroute away from Pleasant Valley road residence in the planning process for alternatives.

C7E bridge installation required in Charleston State Forest – continue working with DEC for completion.

C7B culvert and bridge work required in Mariaville and Duanesburg area as well as trail widening with equipment.

C7B trail reroute between Rt 20 and Gage Rd requires widening and stump removal with equipment.

C7E reroute required in the village of Esperance.

Small airport gains a new tenant

Land around airstrip zoned for industrial use

The owners of Duanesburg Airport have landed the first in what they hope will be a string of light-industrial and other business on the open land away from the runway. HP-You will move from its Knox and Colonie locations to a new building it hopes to start constructing next month.

There are limits to its use as an airfield, though: There is no tower, the 2600 by 45 foot runway isn't suitable for much more than a light two-engine plane, and it isn't plowed in the winter—snowmobilers are the main users, allowed to pass through the site on trails **as long as they stay off the runway itself**.

So the plan is to seek additional non-aviation users to the 30-acre airport, about 15 acres of which is zoned industrial. HP-You is the first, and actually will build on an adjoining parcel, not at the airport itself.

"That's our start," co-owner Mary Elizabeth Slevin said. "The town was incredibly supportive."

By John Cropley, Aug 26 2019 Schenectady Gazette.



(continued from page 1 - Pure Speculation)

Next step, head to the Frontier Snowmobile Riders club meeting. Here you can learn about upcoming trail projects and how you can help complete them. The club has never turned away anyone wanting to help out on the trails.

At some point you will need to service your snowmobile and check out your riding gear. This can wait until closer to the snow flakes drifting down. Just realize dealerships book up and wait times increase closer to winter. Snowmobile shows offer big discounts on parts and riding gear, be sure to check one out this fall.

So will this be a record breaking snowfall season? Riders everywhere have their fingers crossed. Just imagine if it were and you had prepared well.

2011



2011



2016



These are Frontier Sno Rider club members preparing the trails for the coming season from years past. Do you recognize them and where they are?



2009



2009

2017



Where Does Snowmobiling Take You?



Know where this pic was taken?



Another pic from Frontier land... any idea?



Toronto, Ontario (May 16, 2019): Don't miss The WORLDS Largest Snowmobile, ATV & Powersports Show, **The Toronto International Snowmobile, ATV & Powersports Show (TISAPS)**... Mark your calendars now!

Proudly presented by **AMSOIL**, **Snowmobiler Television (STV)**, **On Snow Magazine (OSM)** and **ATV WORLD Magazine**, the **32nd Annual TISAPS** will hit the **International Centre, October 25-27, 2019**, planning is already underway... Don't miss it!

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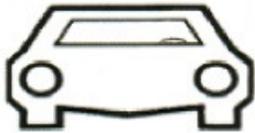
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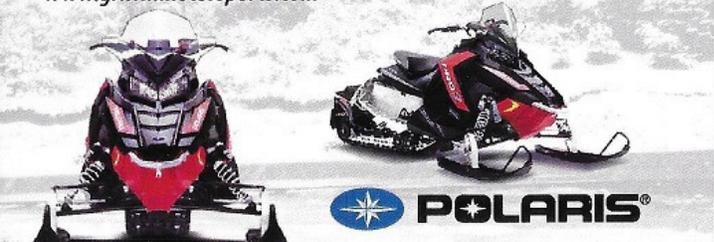
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