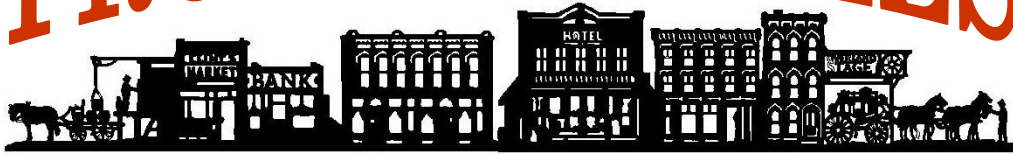


FRONTIER TIMES



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Looking Back - Christmas On the Frontier



Will Santa Bring Snow??

With a little Christmas magic club members could be riding the trails through out the Frontier.

Snow can be fickle for this region during Christmas time. A white Christmas is a good start, but it may not be enough to allow snowmobiles on the trail.

So when was the last time the trails had snow depth of 6 or more inches on Christmas Day?

Unofficial records dated from 1996 and kept by the editor, show Christmas 2002 as the most recent event for "ride worthy" snow. Anywhere from 30" to 36" of snow fell that day across the Frontier. It would have been challenging to ride to say the least. In the days that followed riding opportunities increased as more people ventured out to break trail.

A storm hit the Frontier on Christmas 2017, however it resulted in just under 5" of snowfall, not enough to open the trails in the Town of Wright.

Beyond those two events there is not much in the way of big snowfalls in the last 19 years. Note, the editor's records are not complete and are used just for illustration purposes.

Some interesting totals however give an idea of what we can expect. Total number of Christmas' with bare ground is 7. Number of times snowfall from previous storms lingered is 8. Number of days with any measureable snowfall is 5. Two Christmas' saw just flurries. And two more had rain or freezing rain that fell.

The average high temperature for Christmas Day in this yearly range is 34°F. While this is above freezing, there have been very few days with non-frozen precipitation. High temperature for Christmas was 58°F in 2015 and the highest low was 19°F in 2004.

With the last 3 seasons having snowfall or snow cover, it is a safe bet this could be a high and dry Christmas. The weather is ever changing so all we can do is plan for big snow!

With Covid-19 limiting Christmas vacation travel this season, we are hoping for an early start to the riding season on the Frontier.

Snowmobiling During Covid-19

Simple steps can help keep you and others safe while getting outside for fun and exercise on your snowmobile.

Remember to bring a mask with you when you ride. You will need it if you plan on stopping for food or service along the trail.

Avoid gathering in large groups when stopped trailside, unless safely off trail and separated by at least 6 feet.

Snowmobiling can be done safely during this time, just use your head to stop the spread.

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Current Club Membership stands at 216 as of 12-3-2020

Christmas Party/Meeting this Wednesday, December 9th at the Township Tavern, 6:30pm. Come join us for food and meeting.

Trail bosses- make sure you obtain landowner approval before doing any trail work!

Landowner letters currently being put together, mailing out soon.

Snowmobile Safety Course on hold until Covid-19 situation allows.

Super Raffle tickets are now available for pickup at the club meetings.

February 22nd for NYSSA Scholarship deadline.

The Rail Trail from Tupper Lake to Lake Placid is being worked on.

December 1 was the deadline for hunting season extension input, though with licenses for hunting having more than doubled this year it may be a moot point. Most landowners are in favor of extending the season for hunting.

No NYSSA Take-a-Friend Riding program this year.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Trying to fill some mud holes and doing some clearing. Starting signs next weekend.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Widening trails and most signs were completed. Reroute near Tidball Rd, see page 8. After hunting season, will be doing sweep of trail to check for downed trees.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Signs are up.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Charlie Rhoades built a trail through his fields for the club. New landowner below Cooley Heights wants to support the club, but he does NOT want 4 wheelers on his property!

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Dominick Friello - Bridge out on Scotch Ridge Road that will also need new decking.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Trail C7B rerouted back to old route near Benninger Rd. See more info on page 3.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Trails signed and gator used with no issues.

Knox C7B - Orvil Bates - We have about 80% of the signs up for Knox and after deer season a reroute for Hard Knocks because of winter wheat planted.

We have the stone at the Knox Town Park for the walkways but it's still too soft to do the work. See more info on page 3 and 8.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer - Signage is all done, just waiting on the snow.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Look for a new route in Thacher Park to avoid riding along the road near the visitor center.

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Mohawk Valley Snowmobile Club Inc.

To Montgomery County Club Representatives,
This year due to the significant increases in Covid cases we will have an abbreviated meeting by e—mail.
Hopefully this finds you and families all well and will remain so.

I have attached the Minutes of our last meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the proposed Budget.
Please review these reports in order to vote your approval.

All the current officers have agreed to serve another term. However if anyone would like to run for an office let me know and I will revise the motion regarding election of officers.

Current officers are:

President: Jim Bode

Vice-President: Harold Alikonis

Secretary: Dan Clancy/Dan Shults

Treasurer: Jim Bode

Thank you, Jim Bode

(MVSCI is Frontier's representative for Mont. County)

Knox Park Has New Routing

Project in Knox Park is moving the trail to keep it off the newly paved walkways, that go throughout the park, including through the areas that have been FSR trails. Riders will be confined to travel through the park on marked trails only, otherwise the new sidewalks will be damaged and the club will lose the ability to ride through.

There are two places to cross the sidewalk. Orvil, Justin and Skip are putting stone ramps on both sides of the sidewalk to cut down on the chance of damaging it when crossing. 50 posts to mark the new route. Some areas will also be roped to help direct traffic. We also have a re-route that started last year to keep sleds away from the Town's Christmas Tree display (looks like about 30-50 trees decorated by different groups).

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Frontier Sno Riders



C7B in Wright Returns To Old Route

Thanks to the landowners working with the club, we have been able to reroute C7B near Benninger Road back to its former location. This will help reduce noise to the landowner and remove some sharp turns that were required previously.

Please look for signs to direct you on the proper trail in this area of the Town of Wright.



Trail C7B near Benninger Road, (top to bottom on right side).

Frontier Christmas Party/Meeting

This month's meeting also serves as host to annual Club Christmas Party. Come for the food, and stay for the meeting. Covid-19 protocols to be followed, masks and seating. To be held at the Township Tavern on Wednesday, December 9th, 6:30pm.





*Frontier Sno Riders groomer fleet—
except for the
Pisten Bully 100 and Jeep*



Gator groomer and drag, newest addition to Frontier Sno Riders



Mike Riek with the new sign posts, painting has begun.



Groomer Locations 2021

Charleston/Burtonsville
Skandics (2)

Mariaville
Gator and Skandic

Sloansville
Jeep

Duanesburg/Wright
Skandics (2)

Esperance/Delanson
PistenBully 70

Knox/Township
Pisten Bully 100

East Berne/Thacher
Park
Bombi and Skandic

Note: many locations will
overlap coverage.

Tom Rulison asked if trail bosses had all the signs they need? Hopefully we have enough left for everyone to get by. If anyone need some, tell him ASAP so he can try to get an order in.

Lost two batteries over the summer on the Skandic groomers this year. Will replace them.

Old drag given to Galway club, but they sold the machine it was needed for. They bought a new Pisten Bully and now need a different drag. The club has one available they can sell them. They will probably buy it for \$14k. Wes Ostrander made motion and was accepted to make a deal with the Galway club.

250 new sign posts have arrived and are in the process of being painted. A lot of work goes into preparing and painting the posts. Thanks go out to Tom Rulison, Mike Riek, and the Amish.

Please avoid running over sign posts, the cost is high to replace them.



Club Meeting ! Township Tavern Wed December 9 6:30pm

Trail Marshal says...

Get your snowmobile ready to ride now. Do not wait until there is snow on the ground. Get those registration stickers on. Remember sled shops are very busy this time of year for a reason. Book service early and be ready!



dreamstime.com



Logo that will be seen on new apparel this season offered for sale in the online store.

Online Store Feedback

Frontier is planning on opening the store again in February. The club is looking for feedback on how the online store worked for you. Would more items be to your liking? Sew on patches? More hat styles? Stickers for your sled? If you would like to see changes to the offering, please send requests and comments to

President@FrontierSno.com

If you have placed an order, delivery should be before Christmas, however orders placed early on have already arrived at some member homes.

Thank you to the members who placed orders, the club will put the funds raised into the trails.

Club Folks



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Yancey Zimmer	Charleston	657-9588

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Trail Boss Pics



Alex Gibitz and Don Bauer place signs posts on C7B near Rt443 and Pine Park, East Berne. Photos by Brian Buchardt.



Trail route through Thacher Park. Follow signs as the route has changed there.



Trail C7E in Delanson, before and after dozer work completed. A big thank you to Charlie Rhoades for smoothing the way. Photos by Tom Rulison.





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Trail Boss Pics




Left- Knox Town Park at trail junction of S70 and C7B. Crushed stone to provide support for pavement crossings. Please follow signs and stay on trail at all times. Photo by Skip Murrell.



Right- Big thanks to Bob Frost for helping do a re-route around a new house at bottom of Tidball Rd. Please take time and be courteous to the property owner of the new house. Go slow and try to keep noise to a minimum.

Photos by Mark VanWoeart.





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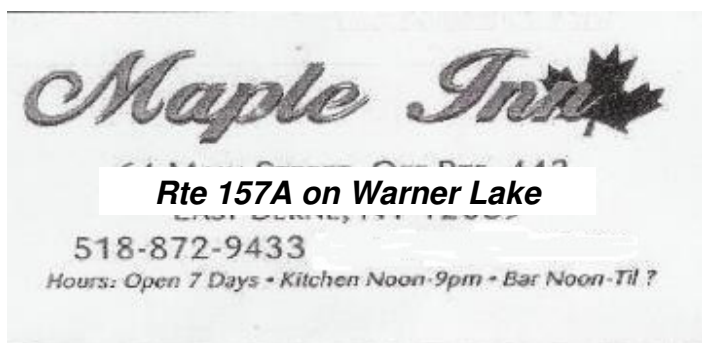
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