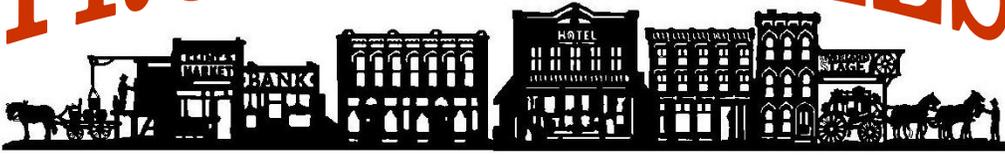


# FRONTIER TIMES



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## Ice Storm Ushers In New Year

**Trails May Be Blocked** On December 30th a period of freezing rain coated the Frontier Sno Riders area with a layer of ice. Up to a 1/4" of ice clung to trees limbs and made driving in the Hill Towns very tricky. Power outages effected some of the towns. Within two days the temperature climbed and the ice came off. Rain followed and took away what was left of the snow base from the early December snow storm.

A major cause of concern for snowmobile trails is the damage caused by trees and limbs coming down. Trails will likely be blocked in many places and will require work parties to clear.

Plans are underway to begin the cutting open of the trails. Please watch for requests for help from the Remind App, club website and Face Book page. The ice storm came just as most of the trail system was ready to open for the season.



*Ice damaged tree hangs low.*

## Networking Members Yields Results

**Bringing Trails and Riders Together.** In today's high tech world communicating well is how things get done quickly and efficiently. Here are some examples of how your club works:

Past President Chris Bukowski sends a message to Editor Joel Church about a landowner that has a concern. Joel determines the area in question and forwards the message via email to Laudy Hoyenga who is trail boss for that section of trail. Laudy now has the name and phone number to address the concern.



**Safety Class, See Page 5**

MaryAnn Nickloy, Club VP, posts meeting minutes she received in an email from Sarah Bauer, Club Secretary, on Google Docs for board members to review and comment.

Club President Gerry Lenseth receives photos via email from Yancey Zimmer of the work beginning on the Charleston SF bridge. He forwards them to Joel for use in the

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# What's Cooking?

All groomers and drags ready for action. Skandic's have been delivered to staging areas.

Pres Gerry Lenseth said club needs a protocol for personal owned equipment damaged while doing trail work. Board looking into the issue.

Snowmobile Safety class in Duanesburg had 28 students signed up. A full class.

MaryAnn Nickloy went to the Schoharie County fire chiefs meeting at the end of November to discuss cooperation for emergency activities.

Super Raffle tickets now available. Other clubs mail tickets to members to encourage sales. Possibility of incentive for biggest seller? Topic for next meeting.

Club is looking to update Frontier Constitution. Board to consider amendments then put to membership for vote.

The Club is considering putting a chainsaw in each of the large groomers. Very handy for trail work (clearing freshly fallen trees) while grooming.

The NYSSA Snowmobile Map phone App for Apple and Android is available now for \$4.99. It's a location service that even works when you are out of cell service. Tom Rulison says all groomers will have to use it soon. It shows current trail status for the entire state. Plus places for food and fuel.

Landowner mailings were done at the Bauer's, thanks for completing this needed task.

Laudy Hoyenga did a great job building the new drag. It's complete and on the PB100 now. It cost about \$3500 in total as opposed to spending \$10,000 on a new one. A gift certificate was presented to Laudy for his hard work.

# Trail Log



## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Scott Claus/Yancey Zimmer - Zack found a way around Beaver Pond. This was a reroute put in years ago but never used. Up to ice storm, trail was ready for grooming and snow.

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart - Wind blew down a lot of signs, and then snow covered them, lots of resigning. There are huge ruts in the Mariaville Forest from a 4 wheeler. A re-route now needs to be done. Lots of trees down. Mark will take extra help, signup for Remind.

**Sloansville C7F** - Laudy Hoyenga - Reroute around Hallenbeck's area, follow signage in Sloansville.

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tom Rulison - Landowner, Marty Hebert, already wants to close his trails because of people riding already. Bridges completed behind Hannaford. Trail now open along the river in village. Still have to use the roads through upper part of village.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Dominick Friello - Trees down all over, but signs are all up.

**Wright C7B** - Joel Church - Cleared many fallen trees. Corn stubble very high between Dr and Webster Rds, stay to field edge to avoid. All signs up, ready for snow and grooming.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - All signs up, ready for snow and grooming.

**Knox C7B** - Orvil Bates - Culvert pipe replaced on Turner Road. Still some standing corn on trail.

**Maple Inn S73** - Donnie Bauer - All signs up, ready for snow and grooming.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Brian Buchardt - Culvert washouts being addressed in a couple spots, otherwise all signs up, ready for snow and grooming.



# Trail Boss Pics Town of Wright



Trail Junction SCHE1, C7B and C7E, the kiosk.



Trail Boss Brian Buchardt signing trail C7B near Knox Cave Rd.

At right, signing blind hill south of Westfall Rd.



At far right, Trail Boss Joel Church installs signs at Westfall Rd crossing.



At far left, Brian works on signing the Blue Huron Airport.

At left, Brian and land-owner Craig Blevins put up fencing to guide sleds away from pond.

At right, photo taken before clearing fallen trees on C7B near Rt 146 crossing.



At far right, after the trees have been removed.



At far left, Brian signs the Webster Rd crossing.

At left, sign posts marks the trail on towards Doctor Rd, stay near field edge to avoid high corn stubble.

Pics by Brian and Joel



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newsletter.



Before heading out to post trail signs, Joel makes phone calls to each landowner where the signs will be going up. This contact informs the landowner who will be on their property and why.

Trail Boss Tom Rulison sends an email to MaryAnn with info about a work party to rebuild the bridge on Mott Road. MaryAnn then sends out notice on the Remind App, a message to all mem-



bers signed up with the App.

Work and grooming logs can now be emailed as Excel forms to Grant Officer Christine Rulison for entry in the Parks trail program, speeding up the process.

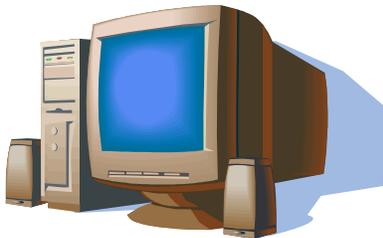
The club newsletter is emailed to the membership each month and is posted on the club website by Webmaster Randy Stein.



Club Face Book administrator Chris Bukowski will receive photos from Trail Bosses and members, then shares them on the Face Book page.

Phone calling lists for work parties are being developed and should be in use soon.

Gerry hears from a prospective advertiser for the newsletter. He forwards the email to Joel, who in turn sends the signup info to the advertiser.



Club members can follow the Frontier Sno Riders on Face

Frontier Sno Riders



Book, or visit the club website for happenings and trail status.

A new App has been developed by NYSSA and is available now at your favorite App store. This App will show trail open/closed status as well as points of interest (food and fuel).

Please consider signing up for the Remind App if you wish to know when work parties are happening.



Whether it be email, phone calls, texts, or messages, networking allows the club to function very effectively.

## Trail Reroutes In Knox



Red line is new route.  
Light Gray line is old route.

Trail Boss' Orvil Bates and Skip Murrell have completed a reroute around corn fields off of the Knox Gallupville Road. Signage is done. The change is until the corn is cut, which may be next week or next spring, the farmer/landowner is not sure.

**Loud pipes close trails!**

## 31 in Safety Class Success!



Instructors Mary Ann Nickloy and Michael Riek taught the students. Kimmy Riek was a great help with the class.

## Club Folks



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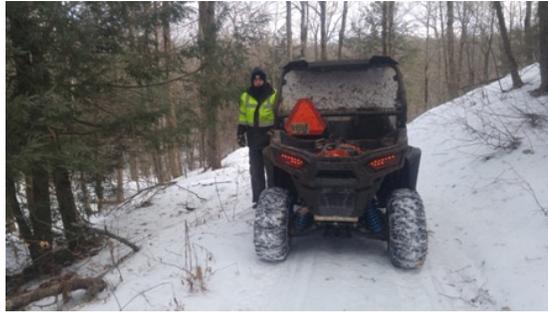
# Trail Boss Pics Town of Berne



Trail Boss Joel Church came along to help on S72.



Trail Boss Brian Buchardt clears ice storm damage from trail S72 near Thacher Park.



Trail S72 hugs the hillside here.



Trail S73 does not use Warner's Lake, follow the signs to avoid the lake.



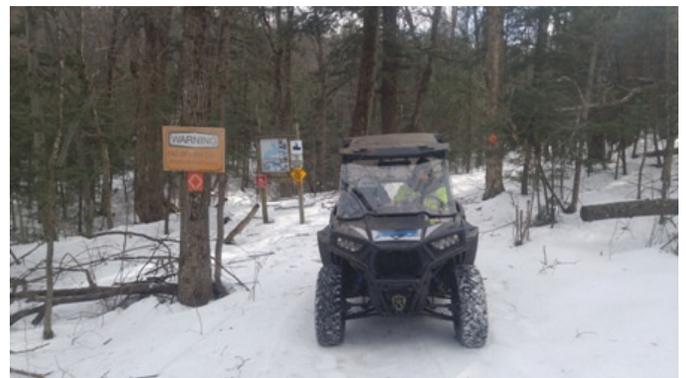
Brian cutting a fallen tree near Joslyn School House Rd.



Culvert tube replaced on S72.



Pallets have been thrown down on a spring fed section of S72 near the shale pit. Cross slowly.



S72 at the entrance to Thacher Park.



# Club Member Volunteers NEEDED!

There are a variety of activities that the Frontier Sno-Riders Club needs volunteers to step up and help out with each year from Autumn through the Winter months.

The Fall season has us busy clearing, rerouting and marking trails, building bridges or installing culverts as well as preparing groomers for the season ahead. We always need help in these areas – whether it is time and talent or material donations such as structural steel, culverts or heavy equipment to get the various projects completed.

Now that we are into the “riding season” - albeit waiting for snow – We need volunteers in the following areas to help with fundraising that supports the operation of our club and allows us to expand on providing events for our membership and the public to enjoy. Here are a few areas for you to consider doing your part and the contact info (phone numbers are listed on our website):

**NYSSA Raffle Tickets** – A very easy task for all of our membership to get involved in. Tickets are issued in blocks of ten to be sold at \$5 donation per ticket (with 50% going back to our club) with over 50 prizes to be awarded from snowmobiles to cash at the NYSSA meeting in April. Contact Tammy Saddlemire at [Treasurer@FrontierSno.com](mailto:Treasurer@FrontierSno.com) to arrange to get yours to sell.

**Advertising** – We are in need of a few folks to work collectively on soliciting and renewing advertising for our newsletter and social media sites with our sled vendors (dealerships, insurance agencies, repair shops, etc.) as well as establishments (restaurants, fueling and convenience stores, B&B’s, etc.). Contact Joel Church at [Editor@FrontierSno.com](mailto:Editor@FrontierSno.com) if you are interested.

**Remind App** – To get notification in your area of projects or events that are in need of volunteers to assist – provide your contact info and areas of interest to be included in our club wide Remind App. Contact MaryAnn Nickloy at [VicePresident@FrontierSno.com](mailto:VicePresident@FrontierSno.com) for more details.

**Grooming, GPS and more...** - We are always looking for new individuals to get involved with activities that our club is required to accomplish to maintain our funding through NYS OPRHP. If you are interested in assisting with grooming our trails or simply riding our trails to record the required GPS data that is needed for submittal each year - contact Gerry Lenseth at [President@FrontierSno.com](mailto:President@FrontierSno.com) for more information.



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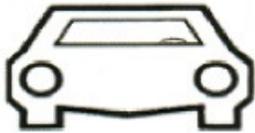
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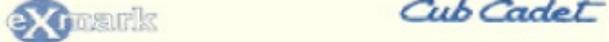
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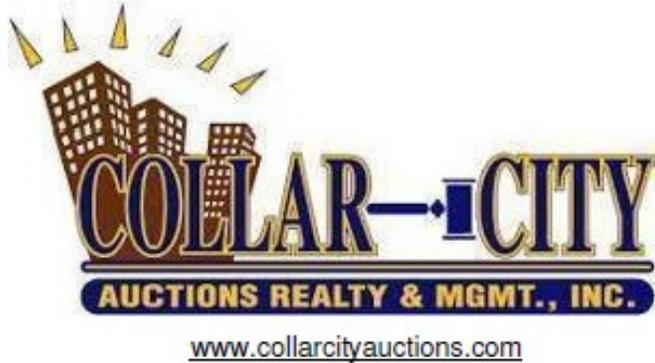


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