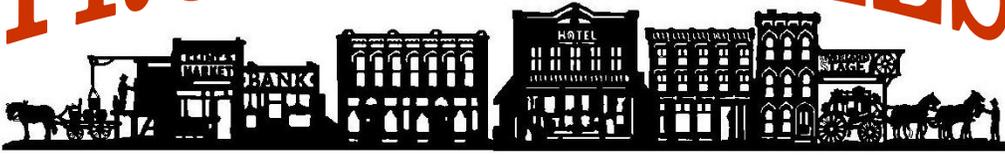


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Meet Our Fleet...

Grooming equipment showcased through the years

by President Gerry Lenseth

For those of you that may not be aware, the Frontier Sno-Riders has grown from our origins in the late 90's and with that our fleet of grooming equipment has as well. Here is an overview of our equipment history to date...



2013 Ski-Doo Skandic 600
ETEC

In the early years our trails were narrow and our club owned groomers consisting solely of Ski-Doo Skandic snowmobiles pulling 4'x8' mogul master type drags to cover our trail system. In a couple of areas our trail bosses utilized their own snowmobiles with homemade drags as well. Over the years a few of these sleds have been updated with newer models and our current fleet consists of a 2003, 2006, 2008, 2013 and two 2018 Skandics



2008 and 2001 Ski-Doo Skandics on the job, trail C7B in Wright.

that can be found working throughout our trail system.

As our membership grew and the traffic on the corridor trails increased we took the leap in 2009 to purchase our first Class A groomer from the Town of Long Lake – a used 2004 New Holland TC45 Suretrac tractor with skidsteer drag equipped with trip plates. This machine was primarily utilized in Albany and Schoharie counties where the trails required extensive widening with larger, stronger bridges built to accommodate the heavier groomer and qualify for Class A trail funding.



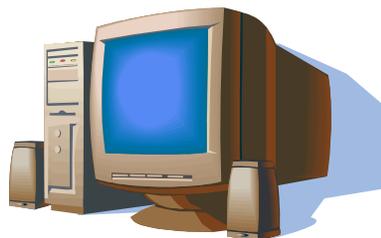
2004 New Holland Suretrac tractor

In 2014 we purchased a very used and dated 1976 Bombardier Skidozer 252 along with a 7'x12'4" heavy duty drag to primarily groom a portion of the secondary and corridor trails in Albany county. This machine had its operational challenges over the years and required constant maintenance attention. This

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Club Seeks Secretary

Frontier Sno Riders are asking the membership for a volunteer to take on the Secretary office. The club Secretary is an important officer and is needed to record the business of the club at meetings. If you or someone you know can attend most meetings, please volunteer. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.



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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Club Membership stands at **180** as of 11-1-2021

Come check out the newest location for the monthly club meeting, The Stockyard Public House, on State Hwy 162, Charleston Four Corners. We now have a local trail that connects to this location. Come early for dinner and stay for the club meeting.

NYSSA Super Raffle tickets are being printed and maybe available at the November club meeting. Lots of prizes to win! Get your tickets at the meeting.

Duanesburg Trail Boss Position Open

The club is currently looking for a member who is very familiar with the Duanesburg area and trails C7B and S70. Help is available. Please come to the meeting!

Trails remain extremely wet across the Frontier. This has limited most brush hog work. With hunting season continuing to ramp up, much trail work is on hold.

Snowmobile Safety Class is to be held on November 20th, Knox Town Hall. Check with VP MaryAnn Nickloy or Michael Riek for signup.

Steven Carr is the new Schoharie County Director for NYSSA. He looks forward to meeting with all the clubs in the coming months.

County Snowmobile Map update, AD sales should be finished up and now with Randy Freeman, publisher. He is planning to start the creation of the map in the coming weeks. Two clubs have agreed on a price of \$5 for a trail map.



Culvert near Pine Park on trail C7B is underwater.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer -

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Some trail signs have gone up in Mariaville. After hunting season trails will be checked for any downed trees.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga/Brian Schoenherr - This fall has been so wet, limiting trail work. Brush hogging on hold as can't get through with tractor. Laudy reports, despite being sick most of the month, trails over here will be done by Sat.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - New landowners on C7E at Chadwick and Schoharie Tpk may be willing to work with club. Lots of tree work completed.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Open - Cattle pass section widened to 10'. Ash property widened as well. Scott's property will need widening.

Wright C7B - Joel Church - Property south of Rt146 has been sold and new landowner to plant Christmas trees. C7B will need to be rerouted. Lots of help is needed in finding new routes in Wright.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - A couple of barriers will need to be opened and a few more signs to go up.

Knox C7B - Zach Simeon - Signs still to go up. Justin and Skip have been instrumental on Ball Park bridge project.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - Pat Stempel brush hogged portions of S72. Pine Park culvert reset and cleaned. Simons Rd reroute has been completed.



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1976 Bombardier Skidozer 252

machine was sold at the end of last season but the drag was retained for a future groomer.

With the effort of many to secure

our first significant "Recreational Trail Program" grant, in 2014 we sold the New Holland and upgraded to a used 200+ hp 2000 Pisten Bully 100 trail groomer with a new 8'4"x16'7" heavy duty drag. This machine is the largest in our fleet currently and now has the responsibility to groom from the C7B/C7E junction in Schenectady county to the Thacher Park entrance of S72 in Albany county.



2000 Pisten Bully 100

The following year in 2015 we had the opportunity to purchase a rare 1989 Pisten Bully 070

complete with a 2014 14K PJ equipment trailer. A light drag was fabricated in house and this machine operates to this day solely by our equipment/trail boss grooming our corridor trails from Esperance through Delanson and Duanesburg.

One of our trail bosses in the Montgomery/Schoharie county area began testing the use of a



1989 Pisten Bully 70

personal side by side UTV equipped with tracks and a custom drag some years ago. Like all machines, limitations were learned and this equipment was sold and replaced by a modified Jeep Wrangler with tracks with a larger custom built drag. This groomer is personally owned by our trail boss – but generously designed and operated for the benefit of the club.



Jeep Wrangler



2011 John Deere 825i Gator

More recently our trail boss in the northern zone of Schenectady county put to test a 2011 John Deere 825i Gator with tracks and homemade drag purchased used by

the club last season. Determining that the utilitarian UTV provided better results than others tested in the past, our club had the opportunity to acquire a lightly used 2012 JD 825i Gator to add to our fleet for this upcoming season. Two new custom 6'6"x10' drags with trip plates are currently being built in house by one of our talented trail bosses for these machines. Both of these will be primarily utilized on trails in Schenectady county.

Look for our groomers on the trails and give a thumbs up for their effort and those maintaining the machines and building the drags.



2012 John Deere 825i Gator



2013 Skandic should only be operated in low range when grooming. Skip M. has added a switch to select the cooling fan to run when needed. This should help with overheating issues on the 2013.

PB100 will have the annual maintenance and track work completed this month.

Two drags are currently being built by Laudy H. for the JD 725i groomers. Metal material quote to be provided. Size should be 6'x9'.

3 brand new kiosks are going out on the trail this season. All will need new trail maps installed. One kiosk to be positioned at S72/C7B junction in East Berne.

Michael Riek has supplied reflective tape for the drags and sign posts where needed.

Cost of signage has gone up like most everything. Please do not run over sign posts.

The two club trailers are up for 5 year registration renewal.

A new pressure treated wood deck will be installed on the club snowmobile trailer. Material donated by B&B shop owner Chris.

Club looking at renting a stump grinder for use Saturday to Monday. Trail Boss need to earmark work on trail to be done at that time.



Tom Goodman works on opening a culvert on S72 near Sawmill Rd. Heavy rains continue to cause issues for the trail.



Groomer Locations 2022

Charleston/Burtonsville
Skandics (2)

Mariaville
Gator 825i and Skandic

Sloansville
Jeep

Duanesburg/Wright
Skandics (2)

Esperance/Delanson
Pisten Bully 70

Knox/Township
Pisten Bully 100

East Berne/Thacher Park
Skandic

Note: many locations will overlap coverage.

Laudy H. reports one of the JD drags he is building should be finished by the night of the meeting.

Trail Marshal says...

If you like riding near to home, get involved with the club that maintains the trails near your home. Otherwise you will not have trails near your home. You will not like that!



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Club Meeting !

November 10

7pm

The Stockyard—Charleston



Trail Boss Pics - East Berne



Alex G. works on section of S72, just off Main St in East Berne.



Grade before



Grade after



Newly finished section of S72 east of Main St.



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Club Folks



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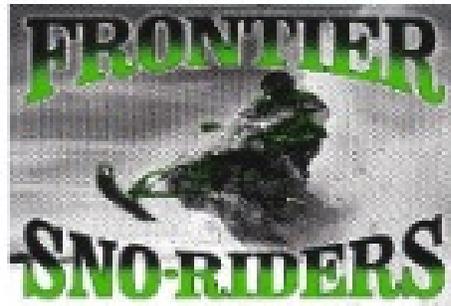
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Knox Ball Field Bridge



Justin finished up the welding on the steel.



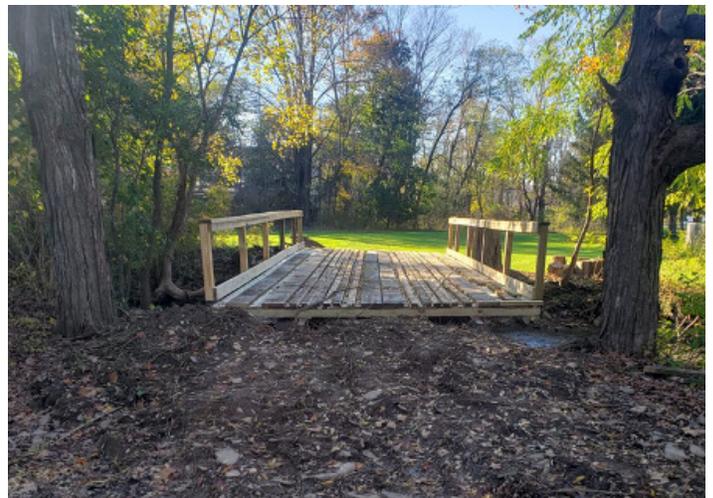
Due to very wet weather, the club is having a hard time getting equipment in to move fill for the ramps to be completed.



It was an all day job getting the deck, wear boards and railings up.



*Photos by
Trail Bosses
Skip M. and Brian B.*



Zach, Justin, Orville, Brian, and Skip have the wood deck and rails complete.





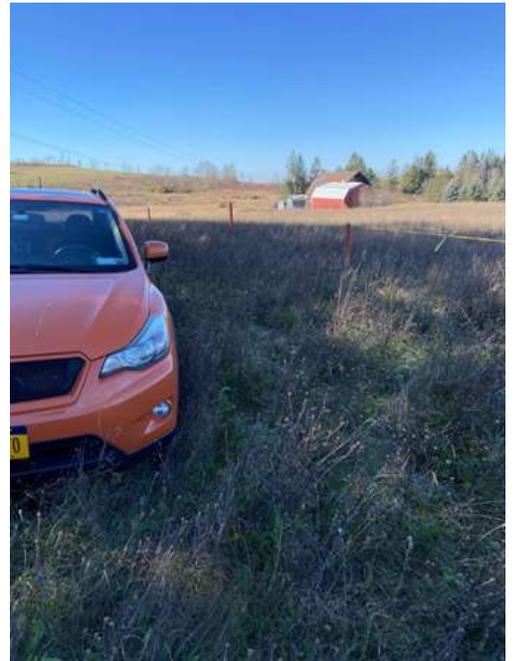
Watch for new direction in East Berne on Main St.



Tyler Vadney works on trail C7B in East Berne.



Simons Rd reroute in East Berne.



Running rope fence on S72 near Elm Dr. East Berne.



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