



# **Registration Increase Proposed**

NYSSA Meeting Held In Syracuse Nine delegates represented the Frontier Sno-Riders at the recent October 2<sup>nd</sup> NYSSA Annual Meeting at the OnCenter in Syracuse, NY. I would like to thank each of these current club members for joining VP MaryAnn Nickloy and myself in enduring the five hour meeting behind closed doors - Joel and Mariellen Vadney, Tyler Vadney, Kyle Dente, Mike Riek, Ken Lenseth and our newest member Jim Osborne. Of the 225 NYSSA clubs statewide, close to 300 voting delegates were in attendance to meet the quorum requirements.

Officer and committee reports were presented and approved as well as elections held for officers. Ed Zalar (current VP) was elected as President and all other positions were uncontested. Awards and recognitions were presented for various categories including club member and groomer of the year. The Saratoga Snowmobile Association (recently the

Mike Riek, President Gerry Lenseth, VP Mary Ann Nickloy, and Jim Osborne at the NYSSA meeting.

Mulleyville and Sacandaga clubs) received Club of the



Year with 19 members in attendance. A special award went to current President Rosanne Warner for her extended 5 ½ year tenure.

In addition, several important business items were addressed and approved. Most prominent were four Motions presented by committee to address the changes faced by NYS Parks (OPR&HP) recent abandonment of the past trail grant program

(ATGP). The Frontier Board of Directors reviewed and voted in favor of all four motions prior to the meeting and the delegates present cast these votes accordingly.

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Motion 1 will enact an increase in snowmobile registrations to \$65 per sled for current members and \$135 for nonmembers and out of state. NYS has not had an increase in 17 years. This is forecasted to increase trail fund revenue by \$2 million which will enhance club funding via the results of

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Club Membership stands at 104 as of 10-1-2021

NYSSA Super Raffle, FSR to provide \$200 amount.

Strong support for multiple Snowmobile Safety classes, Oct/Nov for 1st class, location to be determined. Watch for signup alerts, classes fill quickly.

Landowner memberships will be renewed in early October and insurance coverage will be updated by the end of October.

### The Stockyard

Stockyard trail is fully open for this season! When the snow is here, be sure to take a ride out for lunch or dinner!

### Secretary Office Is Still Open

Please, if you or someone you know can step up and volunteer to fill the Secretary position, it would really help out your club.

Secretary is an important office and is needed to record the business of the club at meetings. Come to 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!

**Team work in action!** Skip Murrell helped Zach Simeon on C7B in Knox. They cleared the woods behind the Demis Bridge. Found a 24"culvert that was washed out in this section. They are working with Karl Pritchard to get it fixed.

#### **More From East Berne**

Minimal brush hogging due to wet conditions reports Brian Buchardt. The pole saw is getting a workout on trail S-72 due to wet summer and a lot of growth. Reset of culvert is planned soon near Rt 443 on C7B.







#### **Northern Area**

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Yancey Zimmer - Help needed in village of Esperance, contact Yancey if you are willing.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Lake Road bridge replacement to be done this fall.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Not all trails bush hogged yet, too wet, maybe after a hard freeze. Going to wait till Nov. to sign trails.

#### **Central Area**

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tom Rulison - Brush hog work is tough to complete due to very wet ground.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Open - Casey will be available to help new trail boss as Dominick has stepped down. Scotch Ridge Road bridge needs some minor work.

**Wright C7B** - Joel Church - Work on C7B north of Westfall Rd completed on Martin property. Webster Rd land closure may cause trail to run road, looking for a reroute at this time.

#### Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Trail mowed and cleared including overhead. Three barriers (place by landowners) will need to be cleared . Signage to go up in December. One new landowner met with and permission signed.

**Knox C7B** - Zach Simeon - The Knox ball field bridge is being rebuilt. Supplies were staged at Karl's and are now mostly on site.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer -

**East Berne C7B/S72** - Brian Buchardt - C7B near Simons Road has been rerouted away from a new home, more work yet to be done there. S72 has moved slightly near Main St, watch for signs.



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Club members Ken Lenseth, Kyle Dente, Joel and Mariellen Vadney, and Tyler Vadney seated during the meeting in Syracuse.

Motion 2 & 3 were integral in establishing a simplified baseline rate for clubs to receive annual trail funding along with allotment for special projects.

Motion 4 sets limits at \$500k annually for NYS Parks to draw project funds for state land trail expenditures.

With the delegates in attendance approving these motions, NYSSA will now present this funding plan to NYS Parks for review, approval and integration. Parks staffing has been very lean for several years and this shifts some of the burden to the county sponsors for review, approval and submission on behalf of each club.

Keep on the lookout for future notification from NYSSA regarding the final outcome from Parks regarding future club trail funding.

Gerry Lenseth

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President
Frontier Sno-Riders





Knox Town Park kiosk suffered a bit of damage but it was repaired by Skip Murrell and Zach Simeon.



### Trail Marshal says...

Lots of challenges face the club this season. Your help is valuable to maintain the trails and see that they open fully when the snow flies. Come to the club meeting and get involved! You can do this.





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Club Meeting! October 13 7pm Jonathan's—Duanesburg





Groomers - The Board authorized the purchase of 2012 JD 825i Gator with 300hrs/876 miles, heated cab, Mattracks, and winch for \$18k. Transaction completed on Sep 6.

Some Skandics have battery issues and may have to be replaced. Charging and testing on going.

Gates-Cole insurance policy needs to be updated with changes to equipment. New VIN# to be added to grant equipment list.

Drags - Laudy Hoyenga to build 2 sxs 6'x10' drags, quotes will be needed and approved for materials.

Trip plates need to be added to current sxs drag that is used on the 2011 JD groomer. This will help prevent breaking shear pins when catching on rocks and stumps with the drag.

Groomer Storage - Skip Murrell and Tom Rulison have begun prepping equipment and providing required maintenance on the groomer fleet.

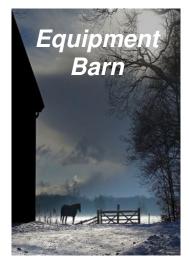
Mike Riek has agreed to sand and paint the cab of PB100 while weather is favorable.

Signs and Stakes - trail bosses to provide type and number of signs for upcoming season that will need to be ordered.

Yancey Zimmer's jeep has been repaired by Laudy and is ready for tracks whenever the club gets them.



Trail Boss Brian Buchardt and 2012 Gator Groomer about to head to Frontier land and join the fleet.





# Groomer Locations 2021

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.

## Trail Boss Pics—Knox





Before

work

Zach



After

Hill,



### Trail Boss Pics - East Berne



Tom Goodman uses a brush cutter to widen the trail on S72 near Thacher Park.

# Club Folks







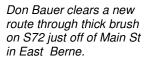


### **Club Officers**

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# A newly cut section of S72 in East Berne.

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#### Trail Boss Brian Buchardt checks a gate on S72 near Joslyn School Rd.



# Trail Boss Pics - Wright



C7B was brushed and cleared from Rt 146 all the way up to the top at the gas line.



At left and below, Brian uses a pole saw to trim back tree limbs on S72.







Pic below, the Rt 146 bridge approaches were cleared by Skip Murrell.



Above Pat Stempel cuts a leaning tree and at the right he brush hogs the high country of S72.



and at the right is the high 2.



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# Knox Ball Field Bridge

Trail Boss Zach Simeon, Orvil and Justin Bates, Brian Buchardt, Karl Pritchard and Skip Murrell have been working on moving the Knox Ball Park bridge, to make it easier for the groomer to get through the area. This will also make it safer for riders. Piers are placed and steel is moved and ready to be set. We are making headway a little at a time.



Deck partially removed-Justin Bates welding stiffeners for the excavator to grab.



Preparing the piers to hold the I-beams.



After Orvil, Justin, Zach and Skip got the deck off and stiffeners added, Brian moved the old steel frame to the new home.





Karl getting the 35' I-beams across the creek .



Below: Culvert repair in the Demis woods. Gator with tracks on due to the wet conditions. In most places you could not tell it drove through the area.



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# Wright—C7B The Martin Woods







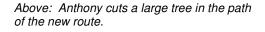
Trail Boss Joel Church, Fred Martin Sr, Fred Martin Jr, Karl Pritchard, Brian Buchardt, Matt Lord, and Anthony Salvatore cut and dozed a new route through the Martin's woods off of Westfall Rd on September 18.. Work still needs to be completed

work still needs to be completed on the next property to meet up with the new route.



Above: Top of the hill has been reworked to make an easier turn for sleds and groomers.

Below: A much straighter and smoother trail C7B passes between the trees of the Martin forest.



Below: Putting the finishing touches to the trail.



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# Snowmobilers Care About Our Environment





Club Meeting
October 13
7pm
Jonathan's—Duanesburg



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