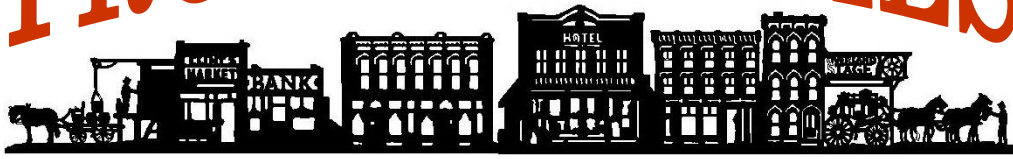


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Merry Christmas! Holiday Party and Meeting

December 13, 6pm, The Landing On 20, Duanesburg, back room. Pizza, wings and soft drinks courtesy of the club starting at 6pm. All Frontier members and land-owners welcome to attend. Happy Holidays.

Snowmobile Safety course

To be held this Saturday! See page 7 for details!

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Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 186 as of 12-1-2023

Lawsons Lake Winterfest in Albany County will be Saturday, January 27th. Frontier will host the Take A Friend Snowmobiling event from 10am to 4pm.

Final 30% check received from Montgomery County for 2022-2023 season to close out grant income.

Club may re-invest CD for higher return in a short term option. Karl Pritchard to visit NBT for options.

Rollie Scroger has been hired as the NYSSA Executive Director. Currently the President of the Genesee Snopackers and Secretary for the local county Federation.

Forest Preserve Users Club - Public notice seeking volunteers to assist with club duties. (Club dissolution only mentioned as a catalyst to obtain help)

Welcome Tyler Walters as new Trail Boss for Esperance/Delanson area. Tom Rulison to mentor through season for trail work responsibilities and grooming.

Rob Kreitzer has stepped up as new Trail Boss for Duanesburg area. Casey LeClair to transfer club credit card to Rob.

Local micro group met in October relating to Duanesburg trail issues and reroute options.



Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Reroute done to avoid annoying stream ditches along a ridge plus the power company opened up the powerline section nicely. Lower reroute helps keep folks off a practice track. Only about 150 feet of roadside riding is required by the reroute.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Trail signs are up in Mariaville. New bridge built along Lake Connection Rd. Trail rerouted down the side of Lake Connection Road again, instead of in the field.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - We had a great influx the other night of help, some land owners also came through, the club is doing much better.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - Trails in Esperance and 7E to Delanson have been signed. Bridge on Romer property south of Rt20 to have deck repaired after hunting season.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Rob Kreitzer - Reroute for connection to Mariaville being sought. Backbarn area of focus, Erik Dubb is helping Rob.

Wright C7B - X- Bob Tanner working on C7B trail closure south of Rt146.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Township trail is cleaned up and signed other than a small section that's heavily hunted. Slight reroute around the town's new solar array. Looking good so far. Township Tavern is closed for the winter. Will post closure sign at beginning of trail S70 to inform riders.

Knox C7B - Zach Simeon - Out signing now, got the okay to go back to work on the trail.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - X- Installed blind hill signs off of Rt443 in East Berne with Tom Goodman.

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Thacher Park requested DOT to install culvert at Beaver Dam Rd crossing, it has been completed. Submitting supporting documents prior to final approval of partnership agreement with NYSOPHP is where club is at.



Help Wanted

Groomer Operators. Instructional workshop in late December or early January at Karl Pritchard's pending snow coverage. Current groomer operators will provide hands on experience. Email VicePresident@FrontierSno.com.

Seeking club volunteer to assume Wright Trail Boss responsibilities. Contact Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

East Berne is now looking for a new Trail Boss. If you or someone you know is interested in taking over this area, please come to the next club meeting or contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Secretary Position Open

Frontier Sno Riders are asking the membership for a volunteer to take on the Secretary office. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Club seeking donated flat screen computer monitor for use with club sign making equipment. Looking for 17-24". Contact Brian Schaeffer or Pres. Lenseth 518-330-7373

Changing of the Guard

Frontier would like to sincerely thank several individuals that will be stepping away from current club involvement and we would like to recognize and show our appreciation for their long term contributions.

Tom and Christine Rulison are winding down their participation and transitioning to a support role at this time until they have an opportunity to pack up and move south for retirement.

Tom is a founding member of Frontier Sno-Riders and has guided, supported, contributed and participated in almost every aspect of operating Frontier since our inception in the late 90's. Tom has been our long time Trail Boss for the Esperance area of Trail C7E as well as our Equipment Boss for our grooming fleet. Tom has previously been our President over several different terms in our past. Tom's impact on our club has been insurmountable.

Christine has professionally handled our trail grant program for years and has built a strong relationship with each of our county sponsors. At this time they are mentoring our new volunteers in their respective roles.

Laudy Hoyenga has been our long term Trail Boss for the Sloansville area of Trail C7F and has increased our footprint by single handedly establishing the "Laudy trail to the Stockyard" (club Trail #456). In addition Laudy has provided his incredible talent of craftsmanship by building numerous custom drags for our club over the years. Laudy also modified a Jeep Wrangler with tracks and enhancements to become our latest addition to our club grooming inventory. Laudy has determined that it is "time to adjust"

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Groomer Locations 2023

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Mariaville
Gator 825i

Sloansville
Jeep

Duanesburg/Wright
Gator 825i + Skandic

Esperance/Delanson
Pisten Bully 70

Knox/Township
Pisten Bully 100

East Berne/Thacher Park
Skandics (2)

Note: many locations will overlap coverage.

The 2009 ATV Can Am Outlander 800 has been prepped and is ready. Brought it over to Yancey for his trail C7E.

Tracks back on the PB100. Need to replace 2 lines we found weeping at the park brake valve.

PB070 track repair has been completed.

6 Skandics are prepped and ready for placement.

Club to purchase Jeep Wrangler groomer from Laudy Hoyenga.

2012 JD Gator - new battery installed.

2011 JD Gator original drag to be retrieved from Mark VanWoeart for reallocation.

Posting stakes are available at Karl Pritchard and Tom Rulison's.

Brian Buchardt is requesting Trail Closure signs from other trail bosses.

Landowner insurance coverage has been renewed in November by Gerry Lenseth. Club mailing to follow.

Continued from page 3 as he steps away from trail and grooming responsibility.

Frontier would like to welcome several new volunteer members in stepping up to help support our club this season.

Tyler Walters will be assuming the Esperance/Delanson Trail Boss and grooming responsibility under the guidance of Tom Rulison.

Rob Kreitzer will be assuming the Duanesburg Trail Boss and grooming role taking over for Casey Le-Clair who will continue to assist in addition with several other local club members.

Scott Claus will be assuming the Sloansville grooming responsibility while the Trail Boss position is currently vacant.

We continue to seek additional club volunteers for important roles within the club (including trail bosses, equipment boss, secretary and groomers) to help in your local areas. Get involved now to support your club and the trails that you ride on.

President Gerry Lenseth

Trail Marshal says...

A big thanks to Tom Rulison, Christine Rulison, and Laudy Hoyenga for their amazing work over the many years for the Club.



Terry McCarthy has created the Google Forms - Grooming Log template for testing.

Bryan Schaeffer is setup for making club signs, give him your requests.

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Trail Boss Pics - Charleston



Trimming back trees and brush along trail C7E.



Night time trail work reduces the impact on daytime hunting.

All photos by Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer.

Chris Tehan has been helping a lot on the trail work.

Special thanks to Pete Bunker and Justin Richards, landowners at the north end of C7E. Pete, unprompted, signed a large section of trail across his property for us! Saved us a bunch of time! Justin, we had asked if we could cut a reroute around his dirt-bike track, he not only agreed to it, he then cleared and leveled it with his bulldozer, we never once asked him to do that! We've got a great group of folks up here! Yancey



Hauling the 700XP to the trail head.



Two sections of C7E have new routing. The maps show the new route in yellow and the old in blue.



Yancey's new trail work horse, Polaris 700XP, is very helpful for putting up trail signs and posts.

Club Meeting
December 13th 6pm
The Landing On 20
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Trail Boss Pics Knox Township Mariaville And beyond.



Trail Boss Zach Simeon pounding stakes out in Knox on trail C7B.



Slight reroute around the town's new solar array. Use caution and follow signs carefully. Photo by Trail Boss Skip Murrell.



The new bridge built alongside Lake Connection Rd. Photo by Trail Boss Mark VanWoeart.



Middleburgh Ridge Runners cut a new section of trail C7B on Cole Hill. This is to go around a section that was a little sketchy. Photo shared from Middleburgh Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club Face Book page.





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