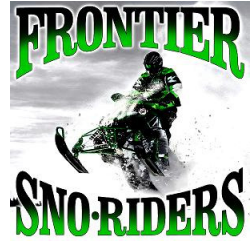
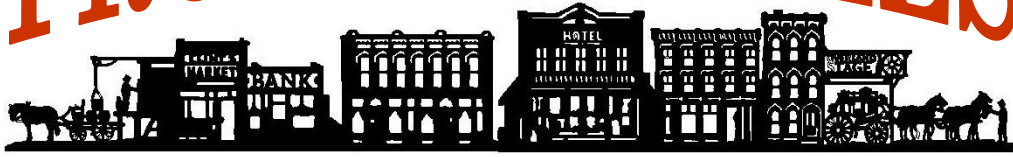


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Snowmobile Registration Deadline Approaches

Register This! Every year the club reminds members to register their snowmobile before the end of November. Why is registering so important at this point in time? Trail funding is determined by registrations.

It is true you can register your snowmobile after November, but your registration dollars will not count toward the important trail funding determination for the coming season unless you beat the deadline.

Trail funding for grooming and maintenance is based on registration numbers. The more snowmobiles registered equals more trail funding for grooming.

Many folks in Frontier-land will wait until the snow is actually on the ground before registering their snowmobile. While this may sound prudent, it can backfire. For example, when there is a winter in which a lot of snow fell early, and the club had spent all the funds it had for grooming, and then more snow fell late in the season, the trails may not get groomed.

Another reason for registering now is to get ahead and be prepared for when the snow flies. Many club members wait until the snow is on the ground and then scramble to get to DMV to register their snowmobile.

If members realize they will almost always have a chance to ride their snowmobile at some point

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NYS Snowmobile Registration Vs Snowfall

Year	# of Reg	Snowfall
1996	94607	86.5"
1998	108463	52.3"
1999	104774	44.1"
2000	126041	62.1"
2001	130157	77.1"
2002	128629	47.4"
2003	172164	105.4"
2004	163635	65.1"
2005	154919	75.9"
2006	149610	30.2"
2007	130502	45.9"
2008	128283	61.1"
2009	136471	52.6"
2010	131664	45.4"
2011	135000	87.2"
2012	89728	23.3"
2013	118000	51.4"
2014	115982	73.5"
2015	121539	75.9"
2016	91542	16.9"
2017	107000	60.8"
2018	111000	77.3"
2019	106695	55.4"
2020	97000	49.7"
2021	116000	54.6"
2022	114479	36.4"
2023	95823	52.9"

Snowfall from Albany, NY

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 143 as of 10-31-2023

Tom Rulison indicated he is planning to be stepping away from Trail Boss and Equipment Boss positions - seeking other volunteers to take over responsibilities.

Duanesburg area micro group met to discuss trail work in mid October.

Safety Course tentatively scheduled for December 16th at the Knox Town Hall. Watch for news on this.

Frontier has submitted a \$200 prize commitment towards the 2024 NYSSA Raffle.

Google Trail Log project - Terry M to present streamlined data entry option for trail bosses to enter work logs from personal devices in a timely manner. Testing underway currently.

White Imprints, Cuba NY, (current vendor for NYSSA apparel) Kim Diehl has provided information regarding establishing a Frontier online store providing both print and embroidered products.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - New landowner Rick Curtis provided approval for C7E. Charleston Forest requires some pallets/lumber to span several wet areas.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart -

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Plan for trails to be ready.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Trail preparation will need to be accomplished by club volunteers.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Casey LeClair - Trails too wet to perform significant trail work at this time.

Wright C7B - X- Bob Tanner and Bill Simmons from MRRC assisting in reestablishing trail continuity on C7B in Wright. Discussion relating to trail issues with local landowners involved in closures.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Township Tavern shuttered again - trail access limited to non-motorized equipment for trail prep.

Knox C7B - Zach Simeon - Waiting on crop removal in several areas balanced with upcoming hunting season restrictions. Knox Park signage and roping to be completed closer to Thanksgiving.

Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer - Trail impacted by potential seasonal closure for timber harvest on Alan Rockmore property.

East Berne C7B/S72 - X- Significant reroute required to circumvent current Willsie property closure. Hens property under contract for sale - future approval unknown.

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Thacher State Park agreement in final stages of review pending state approval.

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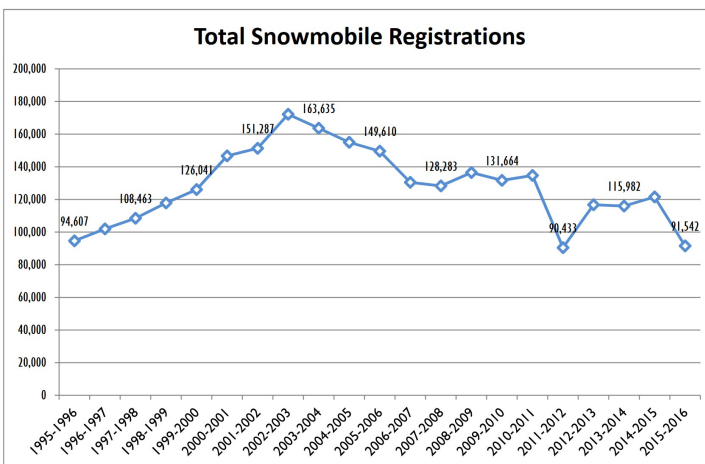
on the trail, they should register now rather than waiting for the snow. There have been seasons in which little snow has fallen, like the winter of 2016, but those are very rare. Many seasons however help keep our average snowfall in a range which allows for our trails to be open.

The trails require a lot of maintenance. Not only grooming, but signage and clearing brush. Funding and volunteers are how maintenance is provided.

There are some folks who will not register their snowmobiles. They are willing to risk getting a ticket for operating an unregistered snowmobile. Tickets are more expensive than registration.

Look for increased enforcement on the trails this season.

Do not wait for the snow to fall, register your snowmobile today! We all need to do our part to help fund the trails we use.



Help Wanted

Groomer Operators. Training course class room Nov 29 2023, 6pm, location to be determined. Instructional workshop will follow in late December or early January at Karl Pritchard's pending snow coverage. VP MaryAnn Nickloy will facilitate course work and current grooming 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.

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Groomer Locations 2023

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Skandics (2)

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.

Chad Saddlemire looking into quotes for wrap of cab or BOCES project to paint cab of PB100. Park brake hydraulic hoses currently being replaced due to failure. Cab interior requires a deep cleaning due to rodent infestation.

CV's repaired, oil change and tune-up performed, reinforced hitch for drag, installed new windshield and heated grips, Skip Murrell reports. Also the wiring harness for the drag will need to be installed on the CanAm 800R.

Jeep Wrangler with tracks groomer is being discussed for potential purchase from Laudy Hoyenga

Jeep Cherokee - Yancey Zimmer indicated interest in reacquiring for offroad use.

Skandics are all in running order.

Trail Marshal says...

Get those sleds registered!!
Now! The snow is coming!



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Six new drag actuators are in club parts stock. One has been requested by Mark VanWoeart and one by Yancey Zimmer. Return inoperative units to Skip Murrell for evaluation.

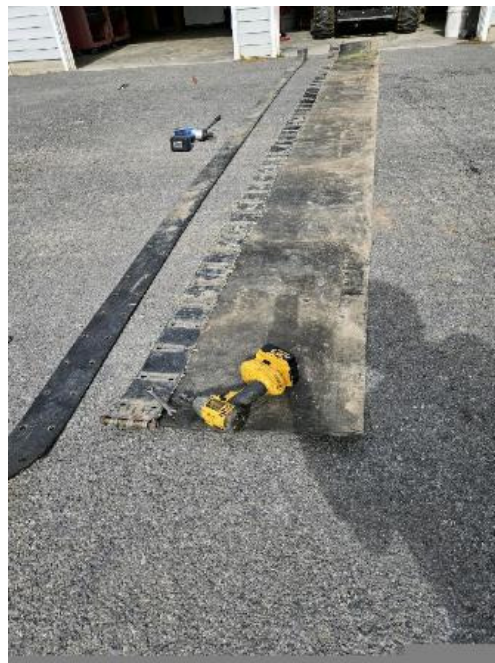
East Berne Fire House was toured at the October meeting. Facilities/property for groomer storage and meeting/classroom were seen by members.

Karl Pritchard has a supply of trail stakes and Tom Rulison will check his stock.

Trail Bosses need to indicate trail signs required. Be sure to check if other TB's have excess prior to ordering.

Pisten Bully 70 Track Repaired

Tom Rulison over saw work on the PB70 track. A section of belting was cut out and drilled to fit.



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Adopt A Highway

The semi-annual highway cleanup in East Berne was held Sunday October 29th under less than favorable conditions. Rain started slow and picked up during the trash collection. Eight hearty souls volunteered to take part.



Joel, Mel, and Tyler Vadney, Gracie and Garrett Skultety, Mike Riek, Brian Buchardt (not in photo), and Gerry Lenseth (photographer).

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The PB70 ready for the snow!

Photos by Tom Rulison.



The Skandic groomers ready for delivery.

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November 8th 7pm
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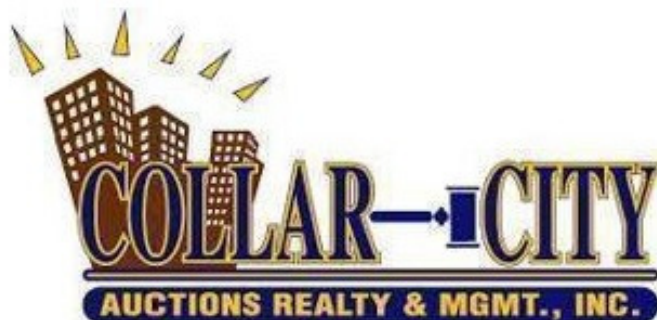
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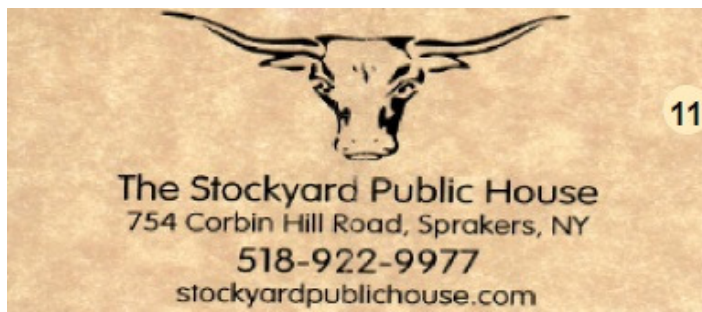
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