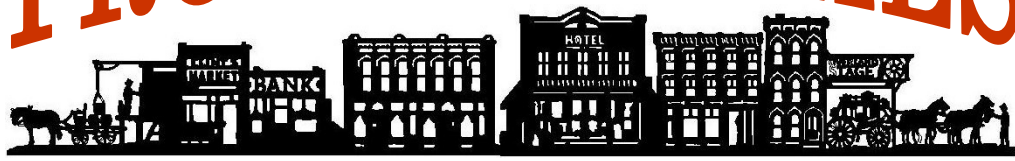


FRONTIER TIMES



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Trail Closures Limit Riding

As reported last month, the club is facing numerous trail closures.

Currently the Frontier has been split into four separate areas. Mariaville is cutoff from Duanesburg. Sloansville, Burtonsville, Esperance, and Delanson are no longer connected to Knox. Thacher Park is severed from East Berne.

There has been no headway in reconnecting the broken sections. The club is asking for members to come to the club meetings and offer help. The only way to open trails is through forging new bonds with landowners. That requires members willing to act. Now is the time.

The challenge to the trail system remains, loud pipes, after hours riding, and off trail antics.

Tips For Keeping Trails Open

1. Respect the landowners, you are on their property and must remember that at all times.
2. In the off-season, stay off the trails unless you have permission from the landowner to be there.
3. Know where you are riding. If you lose the trail markers and do not know the way, turn around.
4. Do not throw your trash or leave broken sled parts on or near the trail. You would not want someone dumping trash on your property.
5. If you modify your snowmobile exhaust, stay off the Frontier trails.
6. Riding after 10pm at night is not okay. Plan ahead.
7. Slow down when you see folks out on the trail. Stop if they want to talk with you. They may be a landowner. They won't bite if you are being respectful.
8. Register, join the club, and carry insurance for your snowmobile. If you are on the trail, you need to support the trail. No freeloading.
9. Common sense will best guide you. Use it.



The Frontier Sno Rider trails before the closures.

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 77 as of 10-6-2023

East Berne is now looking for a new Trail Boss. Brian Buchardt has stepped down. 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.

The Club received a Thank you note from the Duanesburg scholarship winner.

A groomer course is planned the last Wednesday evening of the month in October or November for classroom then a Wednesday in December based on snow and availability to do some hands on training with equipment. Signup at club meeting.

Mike Riek and Mary Ann Nickloy will come up with a date for the safety class, most likely in December.

Club to sponsor NYSSA Super Raffle, with a \$200 prize on the Super Raffle.

Terry McCarthy and Mary Ann Nickloy will develop a Google form for trail bosses to submit trail work and grooming. Will try to be ready to present at the October meeting. All summer trail work logs are overdue

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.

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Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer -
Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Mark has begun brush hogging, trimming and some small rerouting of trails. Attempting to make contact with several new landowners.

Sloansville C7F - Laudy Hoyenga - Should be all set.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tom Rulison - Hasn't begun yet, bridges should be checked.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Casey LeClair -
Wright C7B - -

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Can't brush hog, has to only walk trail, no wheeled vehicle.

Knox C7B - Zach Simeon - Lots of work to be done.
Maple Inn S73 - Don Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - - S72 is still closed from Joslyn Schoolhouse Rd to Old Stage Rd.

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Trail clearing along Beaver Dam Rd is almost complete to accommodate Class A groomer and awaiting a culvert to be installed by Albany County Highway Dept. Trail will improve grooming with Class A groomer to Visitors center and parking area. FSR has submitted in conjunction with Thacher Park a Partnership Agreement Request Form regarding grooming, trail maintenance and improvements as well as special events within the Park. The request has been approved by Parks at the Regional level and is currently under review at the State level.

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Loud pipes may make a snowmobile faster in the short term, but in the long term, when trails to close, the snowmobile will find it hard to go at all. Stay away from modified cans, they almost always are louder than stock.

Late night riding is conducted by only a few snowmobilers, yet it can sound like a midnight freight train passing through the countryside. With a little common sense, having a plan to complete a snowmobile ride prior to 9pm, it can be possible.

Following someone else's tracks into an unknown area, blasting into an open field, or riding around a trail closed sign, will not help maintain positive relationships with landowners. Stay on the trail.

A couple years ago, two quad riders rode from East Berne area to Duanesburg and back when there was minimal snow cover. That one ride did raise awareness among law enforcement, landowners and club members. There is an element of illegal riding taking place. With stepped up enforcement, that element will be reduced. The two quad riders were later caught and ticketed.

The Frontier Sno Riders will need help to survive this fractured trail system. It really depends on the next generation of snowmobilers. Dedicated hard work can result in fantastic trails. Editor



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Groomer Locations 2023

Charleston/Burtonsville
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.

Laudy Hoyenga has valued his Jeep Wrangler groomer with drag at \$25.5K if club is interested in acquiring. Club provided steel for drag. Laudy has a jeep that he had gotten from Yancey Zimmer last year, had resurrected it. It was suggested for Yancey if his trails could be opened up. 2013 Skandic needs adjusters and track work. The CanAm 800R needs boot work (also build a hitch for towing a drag.) PB70- one track coming apart, couple days work needed to repair it. Mark VanWoeart inquired about an oil change kit for the 2012 Gator. Price Chopper has offered the club choice of used '53 dry or reefer trailers at \$700/800 respectively. Laudy would like to relinquish his vinyl sign making equipment and computer. Looking for a club volunteer to assume responsibility for sign production as needed. Bryan Schaeffer and Matt Lord showed in-

Trail Marshal says...

Always check with the landowner before starting a work party on the property. Open communications, make for happy landowners!

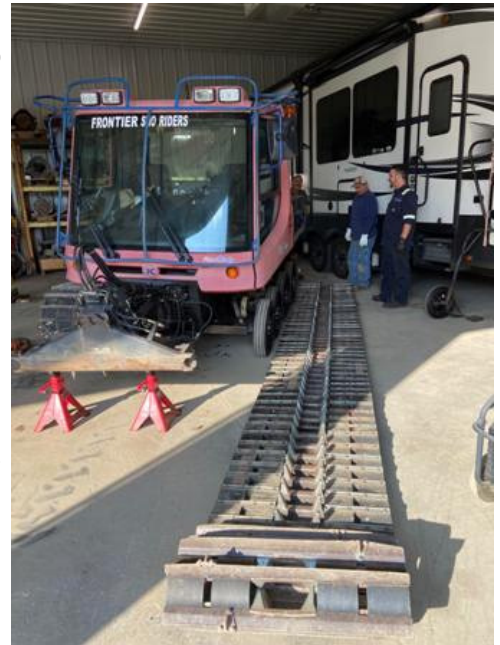


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terest. FSR Board approved a Motion May 2nd to purchase a 2009 CanAm 800R XT ATV with 500 miles equipped with winch, rear utility box, windshield, heated grips, wheels/tires and OEM Apache tracks from B&B Powersports for \$5k. to be utilized in Yancey Z's area.



Skip Murrell, Zach Simeon, Justin Bates, and Karl Pritchard got the tracks put back on the PB100.



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Groomer Barn Sought

The Frontier Sno Riders have been searching for a number of years for a site to host a groomer barn.



A

An example of a large groomer barn, the Salisbury Ridgerunners.

number of possible locations have been found, but none so far have worked out. A plan review by club members will be paramount.

Cost is the primary prerequisite. The club must keep to a limited budget. A few options include partnering with another organization to share the costs. Size of the building, the amount of property, and whether construction would be required, all weigh on the cost of such a project.

Location would be desired in a central spot on the trail. Esperance, Delanson, or Duaneburg fall in that area. Finding a site in East Berne or Knox would be better for Class A groomers.

Club Meeting
October 11th 7 pm
East Berne Fire House
East Berne

The main plan for the groomer barn would be to house all the groomer equipment during the off season. In season, the groomers would be staged near their section of trail to be groomed.



Inside the Salisbury groomer barn.

Ideally having the Class A groomers in the barn year round would make for better maintenance and easier launching when the snow arrived.

The October club meeting will take place in the East Berne Firehouse. This firehouse is being considered as the Frontier groomer barn and club house.

FSR submitted a letter of interest regarding East Berne Firehouse soon to be for sale. On September 12 2023, Mary Alice Mulgard, Chair of Berne FH Board of Commissioners responded to the Club. The club is one of several interested parties. The board needs to secure a current appraisal then open to bids (fair market value) this fall.

Members are encouraged to come to the meeting and see what their club is looking at for a



Three Class A groomers and drags inside the Salisbury barn.

possible groomer barn.





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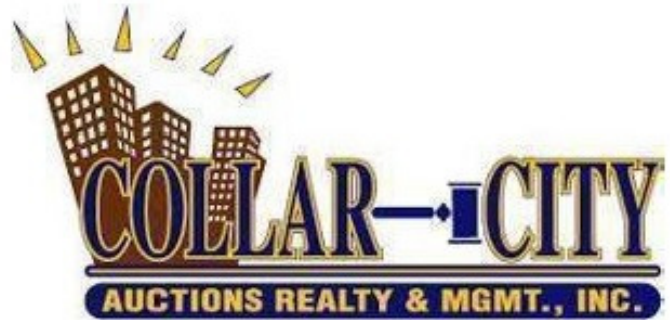
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