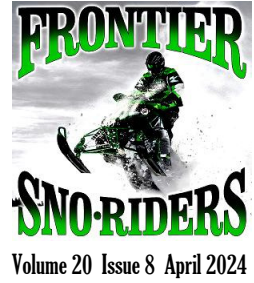
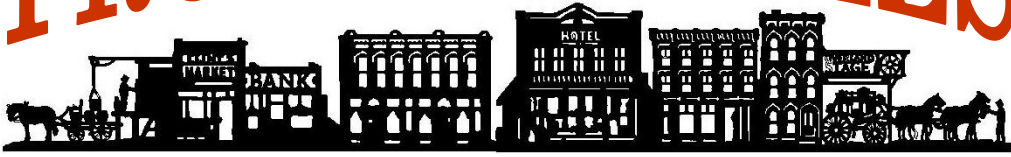


# FRONTIER TIMES



## 2024 Thacher Park Vintage Rally

Frontier Sno-Riders held the club's first vintage rally at Thacher Park in Albany County on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the lack of snow coverage prevented the on-trail riding experience everyone looked forward to - however many vintage snowmobiles were on display throughout the parking area. The event was well attended despite the "no snow" conditions. Many Frontier members trailered in a variety of snowmobiles ranging from the nineties back to the early sixties for folks to view. Despite the wind picking up and the occasional rain/sleet showers – everyone enjoyed the opportunity. Officers and members from nearby clubs attended the rally bringing sleds and interest in talking "old school" riding. Much appreciated was the support from the Middleburg Ridgerunners, Sharon Pathfinders, North Wind Riders and Heldeberg Ridge Runners. Thanks to NYSSA Trails Coordinator Bob Korosec for providing the NYSSA support trailer and sleds for the event.



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# Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 267 as of 3-2-2024

2024 season statewide has been a complete disappointment for all clubs and NYSSA. Lack of cold and snow to blame. Membership numbers reflect it.

End of the Year club dinner will be Wednesday, April 24th at the Babbling Brook.

NYSSA annual Forum will be held April 19-21st at Lake Placid. Terry M, Bryan S, MaryAnn N and Gerry L have secured early registration and lodging. Bryan S and Gerry L are pre-registered for the Groomer Operator Safety course on Friday from 2-5pm. Saturday will offer a variety of seminars to be attended. Saturday evening is a dinner banquet and Sunday morning NYSSA holds the annual business meeting.

Puckerstreet Fair 2024 - Request for Frontier to support the Knox fair on Saturday, June 15th from noon to 9pm at the Knox Town Park. Fee waived for not-for-profit organizations. If interested in participating, contact President Lenseth.

**Club elections** have been cancelled this month. They will likely be held in September.

Groomer instruction classes to be offered again next season.

NYSSA raffle tickets will need to be turned into Tammy Saddlemire by April 10th.

Mike Riek requested a Safety Course banner to be created and procured for club events.

## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Yancey Zimmer - C7E - Refurbished kiosk placed near Mill Point bridge welcoming riders from points north.

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart - Signs will be taken down soon.

**Sloansville C7F** - X - Laudy H turned over documents for C7F and Stockyard trail to be passed on to next trail boss.

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tyler Walters - Signs blown over in open areas.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Rob Kreitzer - Possible reroute under powerline connection to C7B in Mariaville.

**Wright C7B** - X- Club volunteers addressing land-owner concerns regarding ongoing C7B closure and remedy. If you know of a possible solution, please offer to help.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Started pulling signs, closing gates and clearing some down limbs and trees mainly from the last storm.

**Knox C7B** - Zach Simeon - All signs removed, all gates closed and locked Middle Rd to Knox softball field. Found small amount of trash compared to other years.

**Warner Lake S73** - Don Bauer -

**East Berne C7B/S72** - X- DEC issued citations to unauthorized ATV riders that damaged club trails in February. Gates closed in early March.

**Thacher Park S72** - Matt Lord -

**Club Meeting For April has been cancelled.**



OPRHP Snowmobile Unit Head Bill Shattuck and his family took in the event and Frontier officers had the opportunity to discuss upcoming trail funding changes and establish a rapport.

A surprise visit from a local legend in the sport from Westerlo – Bob McCann showed up to take in the rally. His dealership spanned from Boa Ski and Roll-O-Flex back in the day to Scorpion and Arctic Cat then to Polaris into the nineties.

Frontier volunteers offered up complimentary burgers/dogs off the grill and Irish stew as well as drinks and snacks for the event. Thank you to each of you who generously contributed your time and food!

A special thanks to Park Manager Carley Kiernan and her staff for supporting and attending the rally as well as the NYS Park Police. Frontier received widespread encouragement to continue the event next season at Thacher Park with the hopes of enjoying the vintage sleds in action on the trails!

President Gerry Lenseth



Vintage snowmobiles are displayed at Thacher Park.

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## Help Wanted

**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.

Bryan S requesting a 24" paper cutter to be donated for club sign making material from membership. Contact Brian Schaeffer at 518-852-3473.

### 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.

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

**Trail Boss** wanted for the Sloansville area. To handle trail C7F and Stockyard trail. Nice area, well maintained, ready for snow. Contact Scott Claus at 518-848-0524.

Looking for a club volunteer to take on advertisement revenue from business sponsors. Sponsors provide needed funds to the club through ads. Contact Joel Church at 315-384-4985 if interested in this highly rewarding position.

## Late Season Snow Torments

Two storms dumped tempting snowfalls after some gates closed and signs were pulled. In both cases the ground was not frozen and the snow began melting right away.

Some members opined about not being able to ride the marginal conditions. It is hard to watch the snow come down and then not be able to ride. Without a proper frost in the ground, damage can occur to the surface below the snow.

Above all, we must respect our landowners, without their kind permission, our snowmobiles are useless.

### Next Season Awaits

This season will go down as the snowiest non-riding winter on record. The 2025 season is approaching. Let's hope for big snow and long lasting cold!





### Groomer Locations 2023

Charleston/Burtonsville  
*Skandic + CanAm 800*

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.

Duanesburg group to schedule work party at Mary-Ann N's barn to repair overhang for all season equipment coverage.

Karl P to check on Reed Settles barn offer from last year.

Club trailers to be stored at either B&B Powersports, Mark V or Gerry L's property.

## Adopt A Highway

East Berne Spring roadside cleanup will be Sunday April 14th at 9am.

Meet up at the Stewart's Mobil station. Wear gloves and boots. Helmets and safety vests provided.

The club is always happy to have new folks come out to join in. Cleaning up the roadside is one of the public services the club provides. A cleaned up roadside reflects favorably on the club.

The more club members who help out, the faster the cleanup goes. If you have wondered how you can contribute to the club, this may be it! Not only that, but you can get to meet your fellow club members who enjoy snowmobiling as much as you do.

Come from the trash, stay for the coffee and donuts!

All grooming machines will require summer storage preparation. Recommended that all tracks be removed, palletized and stored out of the elements.

ATV and UTV's should have wheels installed and utilized in the off season.

Drags should be stored off the ground and actuators and hoses protected from the elements.

Price Chopper has offered a choice of current retired box trailers for ~\$1K each. One trailer will provide adequate storage for six Skandics plus additional club equipment for offseason storage. Location tbd. Discussion for pending motion to be opened at next meeting.

Jeep, UTV and ATV club equipment will be stored at respective trail boss areas as well as drags. PB070 can be stored at Gerry L's storage shed. PB100 will be stored at Karl P's toy barn.

Club drags should be supported off the ground and track units should be removed and stored out of direct sunlight.



The Pisten Bully 70 is ready for transport to summer storage.  
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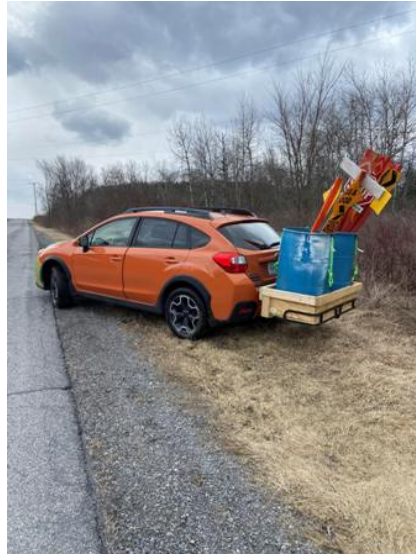
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Skip Murrell cleaning up S70 in Township.



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