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## Grant Report

The Club deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month with our different county sponsors – so Terry McCarthy needs the work logs in advance to enter and submit by the deadline.

Be sure to include all work completed by landowners including type of equipment and time spent on project.

Invoices and Receipts issued to Frontier and marked paid for material (lumber, hardware, culverts, fill material etc.) must be submitted and trail location noted to be applied to county projects.

Terry reported 342 work log hours submitted for December:

10 hrs Schoharie

332 hrs Split between Albany and Schenectady

- hrs Montgomery

## Babbling Brook Trail To Open

### Frontier Trails are now connected to The Babbling Brook Watering Hole and Eatery!

An official club trail has been established, cleared, marked and will be maintained to a very popular dining establishment on the county line of Schoharie and Albany along Rt 443. Frontier would like to thank local landowner Danny Przysiecki and his trail assistants in establishing the



*The new trail passes over a brook.*

trail routing, obtaining landowner approval and performing initial trail clearing.

Club GPS specialist Matt Lord and myself initially looked into the trail routing in early Spring of 2023 with Danny and spoke with a few key landowners. Fast forward to January of this year and Danny indicated

that the trail was ready to be signed by the club. Matt and I quickly approached all landowners involved and in less than a week received full approval for our club records and activated landowner insurance coverage. Never has Frontier experienced such a seamless and positive landowner approval process! We sincerely thank each of the gracious landowners in allowing for the club trail to be established. We enjoyed meeting some really fine folks that will be hosting the new trail extension. Matt and I immediately began pounding posts and Brian Buchardt pro-



*Quick work by a few dedicated club members and great landowners have made this trail possible.*

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# What's Cooking?

# Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 264 as of 1-29-2024

Frontier has been approved for a five year agreement to groom Thacher Park trails and provide trail maintenance and guidance.

County Sheriff, NYS Police and DEC Officers will be provided local trail contacts and club map. Frontier will be requesting LEO's to provide on-trail presence to reduce unregistered and uninsured sleds as well as uncertified youth riding without parental supervision.

Tammy S and Karl P opened a short term high interest CD to earn a much better interest rate at NBT following Board approval due in October 2024.

Board motion to remove Joel Church and Tom Rulison then subsequently adding MaryAnn Nickloy to NBT bank authorization will require Board approval - quorum not fulfilled at meeting. (Will require an email Board vote.)

NYSSA Forum - discussed club representative interest for April event. Early registration deadline Feb 15th.

Lawsons Lake Winterfest in Albany County will be Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Frontier will host the Take A Friend Snowmobiling event from 10am to 4pm. See page 9 for more info.

The club is looking to schedule a *Continued on page 3*



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## Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Yancey Zimmer - C7E -

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart -

**Sloansville C7F** - X -

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tyler Walters - Tree debris removal.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Rob Kreitzer - Tree debris off Acorn Dr cleared to Cole Rd.

**Wright C7B** - X- Bob Tanner continuing to seek re-route around Wellman property closure. Bob T, Matt L and Gerry L met with Richy Gaige Jr to evaluate reroute options and prospective landowners. Matt L drafted proposed reroute map for landowner presentation. Kruzinski property - culvert raised up from frost. Karl P offered to reset culvert with excavator.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell -

**Knox C7B** - Zach Simeon - Lefkaditis property off West Rd - culvert needs to be reset after wash-out. Karl P offered excavator.

**Warner Lake S73** - Don Bauer - Rockmore property - meeting with logger Jan 11th.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - X- Reroute completed from Saw Mill Rd to East Berne Mobil Mart eliminating 3 Rt 443 crossings and one aging bridge.

**Thacher Park S72** - Matt Lord - Grooming will commence in Thacher Park with 2 Skandics this season due to several Class A restrictions.

## Trail Marshal says...

Remember to stay off trails with wheeled vehicles, unless you have permission from the land owner whose property you are on. Respect the trail.





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vintage day event at Thacher Park for Sunday, March 17th. Gerry Lenseth to look into permitting requirements. (see page 9 for more on this)

C7F and Stockyard trail (#456) landowners received a special note with the annual letter informing them of Laudy's retirement from Trail Boss and notification of new contacts.

Schoharie County 70% grant check will be reduced from \$5,553 to \$2,000 due to lack of trail maintenance work logs and low grooming anticipated from current trail closure. Additional funds will be released in late winter if work logs and grooming logs increase.

## Grooming Operator Training

The club will be offering on the snow training on how to correctly operate grooming equipment when conditions allow. Proper operation involves safety, coordination on when grooming should be done, planning for fuel, oil, and time required to groom. What to do when breakdowns or emergencies occur are some of the topics to be covered. Club volunteers that are interested:

Onofrio Ottomanelli  
Eric Dubb  
Lance Martineau  
Tyler Walters

If interested in signing up, please come to the next meeting.



## Help Wanted

Groomer Operators. Instructional workshop in 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

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### 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.

PB070 ready to be repositioned from Tom R to Duanesburg when snow conditions permit.

2006 Skandic - Skip M worked on electrical issues replacing battery, headlamps, voltage regulator, ignition switch and carb boots. New cover on order.

1998 Jeep and 2009 CanAm added to insurance policy.

Tyler W to look into rear mounted camera and lights for viewing drag from Jeep cab.



Tyler W to repair Jeep drag welds and modify hydraulic ram to lower drag cutting edges.

Lance M indicated actuator needs to be repaired or replaced.

Voss Signs ordered and received.

600' of 1/4" Yellow rope - Lance M will utilize for marking Backbarn sled parking.

## The President's Remarks

As the first snowfall of our 2024 season has arrived... each of our Trail Bosses efforts along with our Trail Assistants and club/landowner volunteers is greatly appreciated in getting our Frontier trails prepared for the snowmobiling season!

We certainly still have a few areas that are lacking trail prep and two current closures that require re-routes to be completed – but a lot of effort has been expended to get our trails ready for the riding public and club groomers. Thank you!

Huge thanks to East Berne crew and local landowners in scouting a reroute, requesting and securing landowner agreements, performing woodland clearing, installing culverts, a bridge and signing within a 30 day timeframe to reopen S72. President Lenseth

*Groomers and drags are being moved to staging areas right before the snow flies.*



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### Trail Boss & Trail Assistant Contacts

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### Support Staff

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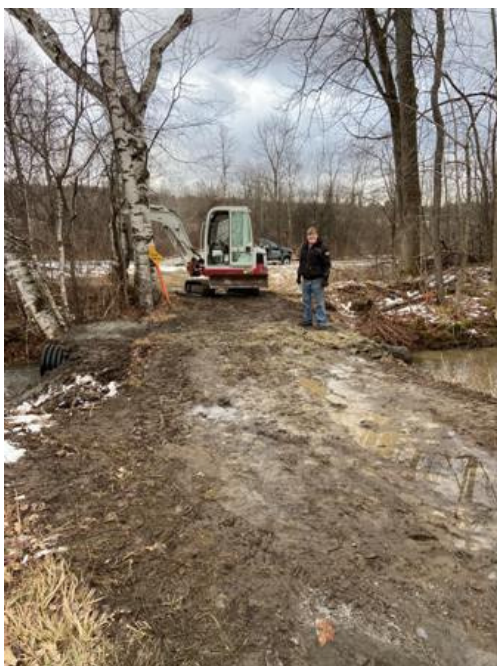
# Trail Boss Pics - Knox Charleston Thacher



Culvert repair on C7B at West Rd in Knox.  
Karl Pritchard and Brian Buchardt.



Cut a path around a persistent mud hole between Hughs Rd and Zaccarco Rd.  
Testing out the CanAm groomer on fresh snow on C7E in Charleston. Photos  
by Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer.



Grooming was a bit  
wet and messy in  
Thacher Park on  
S72 after the big  
storm passed  
through.  
Photos by Trail  
Boss Matt Lord and  
Pres Gerry Lenseth.



## Club Meeting



**February 14th  
Valentine's Day 7 pm  
Helderberg Mountain  
Brewery**





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## Babbling Brook Trail

Photos by Gerry Lenseth,  
Matt Lord, and  
Brian Buchardt.



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*New local trail to the Babbling Brook Watering Hole & Eatery. 2320 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY*

*Dark blue line is the new trail.  
Dashed blue line is trail C7B.*



Continued from page 1 provided his years of trail signing experience in marking the trail according to NYS Parks parameters and landowner requests. Please be sure to observe all sign instructions and stay on the marked trail and respect the private property that you will traverse.

This trail meanders for 3.4 miles through beautiful wooded sections and out through active farming fields – always ride to the marked perimeter of the field as indicated by sign posts unless otherwise marked. A small portion of the trail will require road edge riding along Helderberg Trail (Rt 443) to cross over the Fox Creek and we caution all snowmobilers to proceed carefully observing vehicle traffic approaching the establishment. Snowmobile parking is available on the eastern side of Rt 443 at the lower lot/ pagoda area between the creek and the restaurant.

The Babbling Brook owners, Silken and Brad, look forward to hosting winter snowmobile riders during regular business hours. Be sure to check in advance for days and time of operation at [www.thebabblingbrookny.com](http://www.thebabblingbrookny.com) and their unique daily specials. Club President Gerry Lenseth





## Vintage Snowmobile Rally

Frontier Sno-Riders Vintage Snowmobile Rally at Thacher Park – March 17th

Frontier has scheduled our first vintage event for Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to be held at John Boyd Thacher State Park on Rt 156 near East Berne from 10am to 3pm.

Permitting for the event is underway to allow for vintage sleds to be operated on designated snowmobile trails within the park perimeter for the special event without DMV registration. A food vendor is in the works and ample snow will be required.

More information will be provided in our March newsletter release – but in the meantime get those vintage sleds out of storage, dusted off, repairs completed and fired up for a fun day of riding with other club members.



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## Albany County Winterfest

Winterfest in Albany County will be **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** at Lawsons Lake.

Frontier will host the Take A Friend Snowmobiling event from 10am to 4pm. NYSSA Take a Friend Snowmobiling equipment (trailer, sleds, helmets, documents, signs) has been reserved.

Looking to volunteer? Contact President Lenseth at 518-330-7373.



## Trail Boss Pics

### S72 East Berne



*Bridge Construction on the rerouted section of S72 in East Berne is completed.*



## Rut Roh

*Frontier Sno Riders are actively working with law enforcement to put a stop to illegal activity such as trespass. Signs are posted in many locations advising that ATVs are not allowed on the snowmobile trails. Photos taken along S72, Thacher Park area.*



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