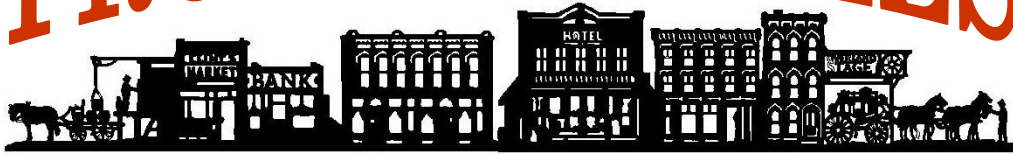


# FRONTIER TIMES



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## NYSSA News

NYSSA raffle tickets have been ordered but not yet received.

NYSSA Map App renewal required by members for new season. \$5 fee.

Parks trail grants no longer allow for grant submission and GPS collection and processing to be reimbursed as an administrative expense.

However if Frontier pays for Grant and GPS work the sum total can be submitted as a qualified expense to be applied to our grant funds in each respective county.

On the suggestion from Dave Toburg - a recommendation to pay \$15/hour for both grant administrative work and GPS collection and processing with an annual cap of \$500 each individual to avoid incurring payroll tax filing. Discussion and motion to follow.

## Southeast Passage Set To Open East Berne To Thacher Park

After all efforts were exhausted for getting the existing trail S72 in East Berne reopened for the 23-24 season the efforts shifted to finding a suitable re-route.

Brian Buchardt had been working for years to find a new route along Long Road that would come out behind the Mobil Mart on 443 but could not get landowner approval from a key piece of land. Frontier SnoRiders wrote and mailed a formal letter to the landowner requesting access but it was ultimately denied.



*Trail Boss Matt Lord helps remove a large rock from the trail, Onofrio Ottomanelli and Brian Buchardt, not in photo.*

A new route further to the North was conceptualized and after knocking on doors and talking to landowners it became a dead-end.

After many different revisions and failed routes eventually a group of four FSR members (Brian Buchardt, Gerry Lenseth, Pat Stempel, and Matt Lord) got together on a rainy Sunday

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# What's Cooking?

## Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 227 as of 12-29-2023

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.

Mohawk Valley Snowmobile Club Inc. annual meeting held via email with annual budget submitted for review and officer elections. Five clubs are members of MVSCI. Gerry Lenseth approved budget and elections on behalf of Frontier. Treasurer Tammy Saddlemire to pay annual dues of \$40.

Landowner insurance coverage activated. Landowner letter and insurance certificates were mailed in December.

Frontier Snowmobile Safety course was held Saturday, December 16th from 8am to 4pm at the Knox Town Hall. Facilitated by MaryAnn Nickloy, Mike and Kimmie Riek.

Frontier Groomer course part 1 - classroom instruction was held in November at Knox Town Hall. It was facilitated by MaryAnn Nickloy and Mike Riek. Four club members (Rob Kreitzer, Ray Plant, Bryan Schaeffer, Al Livingood) attended with support from Tom Rulison, Matt Lord and Skip Murrell.

Frontier Groomer course part 2 - to be held in January weather permitting in the field with

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### Northern Area

**Burtonsville/Charleston C7E** - Yancey Zimmer - C7E - Reroute to avoid wet area completed to include powerline section near Zacharo Rd.

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart - New bridge installed along side Lake Connection Rd. Fill material to be purchased for ramping at one end. Trail signs are up in Mariaville area.

**Sloansville C7F** - X - Laudy Hoyenga performed minor trail work regarding a landowner request.

### Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tyler Walters - Trails signed from Esperance to Delanson and cleared. Village of Esperance signs installed - possible reroute opened by landowner near Rt 30 bridge.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Rob Kreitzer - Rob and Eric Dubb signed C7B from Weaver Rd to Pannis Rd. They also signed C7E from Kiosk junction to Delanson school. Reroute to reconnect C7B to Mariaville being pursued - area of Backbarn current focus.

**Wright C7B** - X- Rob Howard began signing C7B roadside crossings. Installed trail closure barricades at Rt 146 trail bridge. He signed and fenced the pond area at Benninger Rd. Bob Tanner is diligently working to reopen closure at Wellman property.

### Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell - Skip signed Township trail. Pay special attention near new town solar panel arrays. Township Tavern closed for business and sign will be posted at Kiosk.

**Knox C7B** - Zach Simeon - Zach signed a section. **Maple Inn S73** - Don Bauer - Landowner reached out late November to say no logging will be done this season to impact the snowmobile trail.

**East Berne C7B/S72** - X- Matt L, Brian B and Gerry L met with new owner of Hens property. Landowner provided permission after he was presented maps and club landowner coverage.

**Thacher Park S72** - Matt Lord - Gerry L signed final document for state approval of 5 year grooming agreement with Thacher Park.





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various groomers.

Terry McCarthy to release to the trail bosses a Google Docs reporting format for trail maintenance and grooming prior to the season.

November work logs were very limited. Rob Kreitzer, Eric Dubb and Skip Murrell submitted work completed. Wet conditions have hindered trail preparation and signing.

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.

White Imprints provided a sample silk screen options for the club to consider for an online store option.

Thacher Park request to DOT for Beaver Dam culvert completed.

New landowner on Lake Rd/Harden Rd in Mariaville wants people to stay off his private trails this year and please keep to the snowmobile trail. There have been private trail signs placed at his trail openings. Old trail through Mariaville Peat will be used again, so we do not have to go down the side of Route 159.



Near Elm Drive, East Berne. Photo by Pat Stempel

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## 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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## Equipment Barn



### 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.



High up on trail to Thacher Park, signing.



Chainsaw work on S72 in East Berne.



Trail sign carrying rig, attaches to side by side.

PB100 requires a deep cleaning in the cab due to rodent infestation. Chad Saddlemire volunteered to take on the job.

Grooming equipment to be reallocated with acquisition of Jeep Wrangler.

2011 Gator tracks to be reinstalled for season by Rob Kreitzer.

BOD has approved purchase of Jeep Wrangler groomer from Laudy H for \$18k. Laudy to provide BOS and Title. Gerry L will add Jeep and Can Am to insurance policy.

Original drag for 2011 Gator to be repaired and remated with Gator. Eric D and Rob K

Three year old 5'x10' drag to be paired with Can Am ATV.

Painted posts available from Karl Pritchard and Tom Rulison.

A dozen Trail Closed signs are required for S72 closure. Check current inventory prior to ordering from Voss Signs.

### Trail Marshal says...

The club really needs the members help in finding a route through the Town of Wright. Perhaps taking a look again at the Webster Road area would work?



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# Trail Boss Pics - Knox Charleston Delanson



*Above, West Rd, Knox  
Photo by Zach Simeon*

*Left, Romer bridge,  
Delanson  
Photo by Tyler Walters*

*Right, Knox Town Park  
Photo by Zach Simeon*

*Below, Charleston/  
Esperance area.  
Photo by Yancey Zimmer*



**Club Meeting  
January 10th 7 pm  
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Continued from page 1 morning on a mission to get a re-route worked out.

They met with numerous new and existing landowners and were able to come up with a new idea to get to Long Road to connect up with Route 443. This new route would utilize both existing and new trails to get a connection back in place to Thatcher Park.

The re-route was finalized on January 1st 2024 with the installation of some 12" culverts and a temporary bridge will be installed the weekend of January 6th.

There is certainly room for improvements over the summer and beyond, but the trail is open again.



*Matt Lord and a new culvert.*

FSR would like to thank all of the landowners who were willing to work with us on this project. Now we just need some snow.

Matt Lord, Thatcher Park Trail Boss



*Gerry Lenseth, Landowner Joel Willsey, Onofrio Ottomanielli, and Matt Lord worked on the S72 reroute.*



*Roping trail near Elm Drive.*



*Andy Fielding helping sign trail S72.*



*Watch for the train crossing!*



*Pole saw work.*



*Tom Goodman, Brian Buchardt and Pat Stempel put up signs.*



*Off of Sawmill Rd, flooded section near start of S72 re-route. Continued next page.*

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## More Pics of S72 Reroute Project.



*Blue plastic barrels make great sign holding containers.*



*Group picture of men and equipment during one of many work parties held.*



*President Gerry Lenseth works on bridge near the Thacher Park visitor center.*



*Culvert installation.*



*Heavy equipment makes work easier.*



*Matt Lord and his mobile rocket launcher...not!*





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