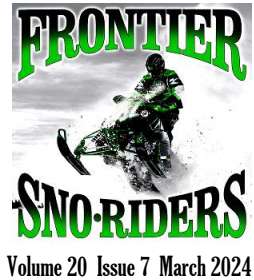
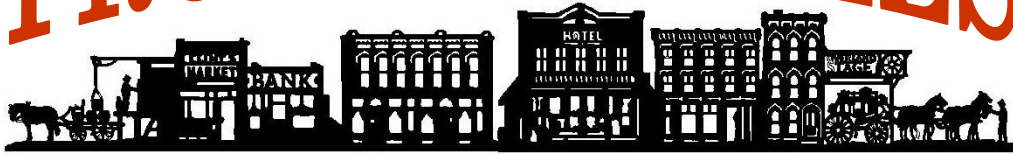


# FRONTIER TIMES



## Thacher Park Vintage Ride 2024

### Club Members Encouraged To Come Out

Frontier Sno-Riders will host our first Vintage Snowmobile Rally event at John Boyd Thacher State Park on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm near East Berne on Rt 157.

The event will operate Snow or Shine – plan to enjoy a day at the Park with fellow vintage enthusiasts regardless of the weather. Bring out all your vintage sleds to display and operate if ample snow exists at Thacher Park. It only takes a few inches to enjoy the old sleds on the Park trails.

Frontier has secured the required permits with both Thacher Park and the OPRHP snowmobile unit. Club volunteers will administer the event centralized out of the Pear Orchard parking area near the Visitors Center utilizing the existing marked and groomed snowmobile trails within the Park (as indicated on the page 8 map).



*You might see a Kitty Kat!*



*A group of Scorpion snowmobiles*

With over six miles of trails to traverse from the Frontier kiosk on S72 near Beaver Dam Rd to the Park accesses at Carrick Rd and Old Stage Rd – the Park offers an ideal venue for vintage enthusiasts to operate their old snowmobiles while giving the general public a chance to take pictures and interact with riders. Please note that snowmobile registration and insurance is required beyond the Park on S72.

The special event will allow vintage enthusiasts an opportunity to operate a variety of 1960's to early 1990's snowmobiles within the Park confines without requiring DMV registrations unless operated beyond the Park boundary on Frontier trail S72. Frontier encourages participants to obtain snowmobile insurance coverage for your vintage sleds however participants ride at their own risk for this special event.

OPRHP requires that this is a Zero Tolerance alcohol event and slow speeds are required throughout the Park – with law enforcement presence on patrol and first responders on call. Frontier will groom for the event and club volunteers will operate Skandic snowmobiles with communication to respond and assist with stranded snowmobiles and support as needed.

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# Trail Log



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

Frontier has just opened a new club trail #465 to the Babbling Brook. Special thanks to Danny Przysiecki and the local landowners as well as Matt L and Brian B in completing the trail in a very short time.

NYSSA 2024 Annual Forum to be held in Lake Placid April 19-21. Looking for several club candidates to attend the various instructional courses provided, banquets and annual meeting.

Gerry L needs to scan all club landowner permission forms in possession of Trail Bosses for club digital records. Please arrange individually to provide forms temporarily for scanning.

Additional groomer classroom session to be scheduled for four or more interested club members. On snow groomer session to be scheduled when ample snow conditions exist.

NYSSA raffle tickets will be offered for sale at the Mar 17th Vintage Rally. Club volunteers needed to be present to sell tickets and help out. Matt L and Brian B will groom and operate Frontier Skandics as support vehicles for the event if needed.

Club members reminded to turn in any sold raffle tickets up through late March to Tammy S.

Schoharie county Phase III documentation deadline is early April (not June) this year! Dave Toburg provided details in January 31st email to county clubs.

Terry M agreed that releasing monthly county trail log/groomer log hours would be beneficial for club members to evaluate annual progress.

End Of Year dinner to be scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th, will return to the Babbling Brook. Terry M volunteered to tally EOY dinner attendees in April.

## Northern Area

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

**Mariaville C7B** - Mark VanWoeart -

**Sloansville C7F** - X -

## Central Area

**Esperance/Delanson C7E** - Tyler Walters - Culvert repair completed off Acorn Rd. Widened and cleaned up trails.

**Duanesburg C7B/S70** - Rob Kreitzer -

**Wright C7B** - X- Need to obtain landowner permission from new resident at 176 White Rd off Ostrander Rd. Trail closure remains at Wellman property. Alternate routing required.

## Southern Area

**Township S70** - Skip Murrell -

**Knox C7B** - Zach Simeon - New club trail completed to the Babbling Brook off C7B on Keppler property. Matt L updated the NYSSA webmap app and obtained trail number from NYSSA Trail Coordinator.

**Warner Lake S73** - Don Bauer -

**East Berne C7B/S72** - X- Boulder to be placed near gate entry off Elm Dr on Cochran property. Unauthorized ATV traffic damaged existing trail conditions. Reported to DEC Officer for investigation with pictures and support information.

**Thacher Park S72** - Matt Lord -

## Trail Marshal says...

Check in with a trail boss in your area to see if you can help with trail sign removal next month.



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## Lawsons Lake Winterfest

Sunny and cold day but lacked snow and participants. Albany Sheriff Department put on an ice rescue. Ice skating was offered but ice fishing was cancelled.



Bob Korosec, the NYSSA Trails Co-ordinator, was on hand with the Ride NY trailer to answer questions. President Lenseth brought his snowmobiles and represented Frontier Sno Riders.

## Help Wanted

### 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.

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

**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.

## Challenging Season Heads For Early Exit

Warm temperatures with rain have prevented trails from opening this season.

With no major cold snap in the forecast, the chances of a late return to winter grow slimmer each day.

We all plan for snowy winters and hope for big snow storms, at least members of the club do. There is nothing we can do except be ready for winter each year.

Whether winter decides to show up or not, club members clear trails, put up and take down signs, build and repair bridges and culverts, prepare the grooming fleet, process club memberships, mail landowner insurance coverage, teach and attend snowmobile related classes, hold regular club meetings, communicate club information, snowmobiling events planned, and all trail work is recorded and submitted for the grant program.

All this happens, each and every year, regardless of whether it snows or not.

Thank you club members for your dedication, Editor.

PS. Hoping next season returns with a vengeance!

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## Equipment Barn



Rob K working on improving transport wheel assembly on 2011 Gator drag.

Bryan S making custom signs for club trails and directional signs. Bryan to purchase improved backing material and research vinyl lettering material options.

### 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.

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The event will be free to the vintage participants and the general public – donations will be encouraged at the Frontier Sno-Riders trailer to support the club and NYSSA fundraising raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Club volunteers will provide winter comfort food and beverage items at the Pear Orchard pavilion. Donations appreciated.

Come out to socialize with fellow riders, take pictures, share vintage stories and plan a day riding back in time with vintage snowmobiles and gear. Be sure to bring all sleds vintage for riding or display.



Get those older sleds out and show them off.

Once again the event will operate 'Snow or Shine' regardless of the weather. If we have sufficient snow the trails will be open for the sleds to traverse – otherwise we will have a vintage snowmobile tail-gate party!

## Nominations and Elections 2024

2024-2025 Officer and Board position nominations will be open till March 13th. Contact Gerry Lenseth if interested.

Four officer positions open annually. Pres, VP, Tres, and Sec.

Two directors and two trustee positions open for three year term:

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Directors | Laudy Hoyenga and Donnie Bauer    |
| Trustees  | Christine Rulison and Tom Rulison |

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| Vice Pres | Mary Ann Nickloy | 895-2595 |
| Treasurer | Tammy Saddlemire | 872-2125 |
| Secretary | <b>Vacant</b>    | 555-2368 |

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### Board of Directors

Don Bauer  
Laudy Hoyenga  
Matt Lord  
Karl Pritchard  
Michael Riek  
Zach Simeon

### Trail Boss & Trail Assistant Contacts

|                                      |  |              |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Matt Lord</b><br><b>Vacant</b>    | <b>Thacher Park</b><br><b>East Berne</b> | 334-8214     |
| Tom Goodman                          |  | 649-3320     |
| <b>Don Bauer</b>                     | <b>Warner Lake</b>                       | 337-1985     |
| <b>Zach Simeon</b>                   | <b>Knox</b>                              | 860-2325     |
| Justin Bates                         |  | 698-3994     |
| <b>Skip Murrell</b><br><b>Vacant</b> | <b>Township</b><br><b>Wright</b>         | 867-1235     |
| Rob Howard                           |  | 859-0091     |
| Bob Tanner                           |  | 242-9745     |
| <b>Rob Kreitzer</b>                  | <b>Duanesburg</b>                        | 322-2542     |
| Byran Schaeffer                      |  | 852-3473     |
| Eric Dubb                            |  | 545-6666     |
| <b>Tyler Walters</b>                 | <b>Esperance</b>                         | 657-6807     |
| Lance Martineau                      |  | 369-5308     |
| <b>Vacant</b>                        | <b>Sloansville</b>                       |              |
| Scott Claus                          |  | 848-0524     |
| <b>Mark VanWoeart</b>                | <b>Mariaville</b>                        | 376-0063     |
| John Cislo                           |  | 203-886-8079 |
| <b>Yancey Zimmer</b>                 | <b>Charleston</b>                        | 657-9588     |
| Chris Teahen                         |  | 577-1355     |

### Support Staff

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Equipment Boss           | Tom Rulison       |
| Membership Administrator | Gerry Lenseth     |
| Grants Administrator     | Terry McCarthy    |
| Grants Assistant         | Christine Rulison |
| Trail GPS/GIS            | Matt Lord         |
| Safety Instructor        | MaryAnn Nickloy   |
| Safety Instructor        | Michael Riek      |
| Elections                | Gerry Lenseth     |
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| Remind                   | Mary Ann Nickloy  |
| Instagram                | Kimmy Riek        |
| Newsletter Editor        | Joel Church       |



# Trail Boss Pics - Charleston



Brian Buchardt offers his thoughts for moving the kiosk across bare ground.



The trail C7E bridge over Irish Creek is the location for the kiosk. The kiosk has been refurbished, it used to stand at the junction on C7B and C7E in Schenectady County.



At left club President Len-seth hauls the kiosk in from the highway using plastic sleds.



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# FRONTIER VINTAGE RALLY

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

John Boyd Thacher State Park on Rt 157 near East Berne  
from 10am to 3pm.

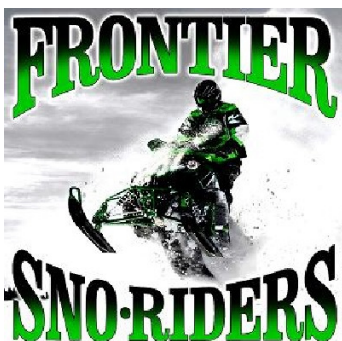


Rally will operate Snow or Shine... if snow is not sufficient for riding in the Park then vintage sleds will be on display in the parking lot. Event is free to the participants and the general public. – NYSSA raffle tickets available at the Frontier trailer.

Frontier volunteers will offer winter comfort food and beverage items – donations appreciated.

DMV registration not required to operate vintage sleds for special event.

The event will operate regardless of the weather. If we have enough snow, the trails will be open for the sleds to ride – otherwise we will have a vintage snowmobile tailgate party!

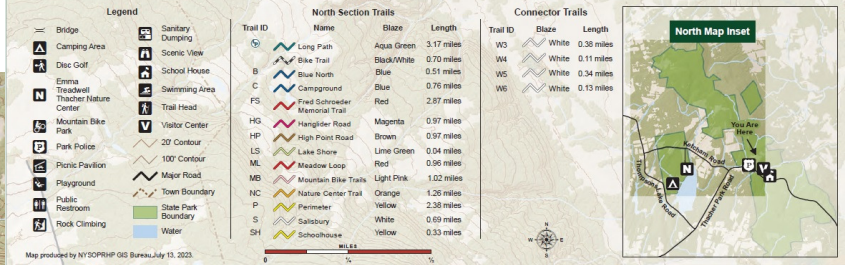




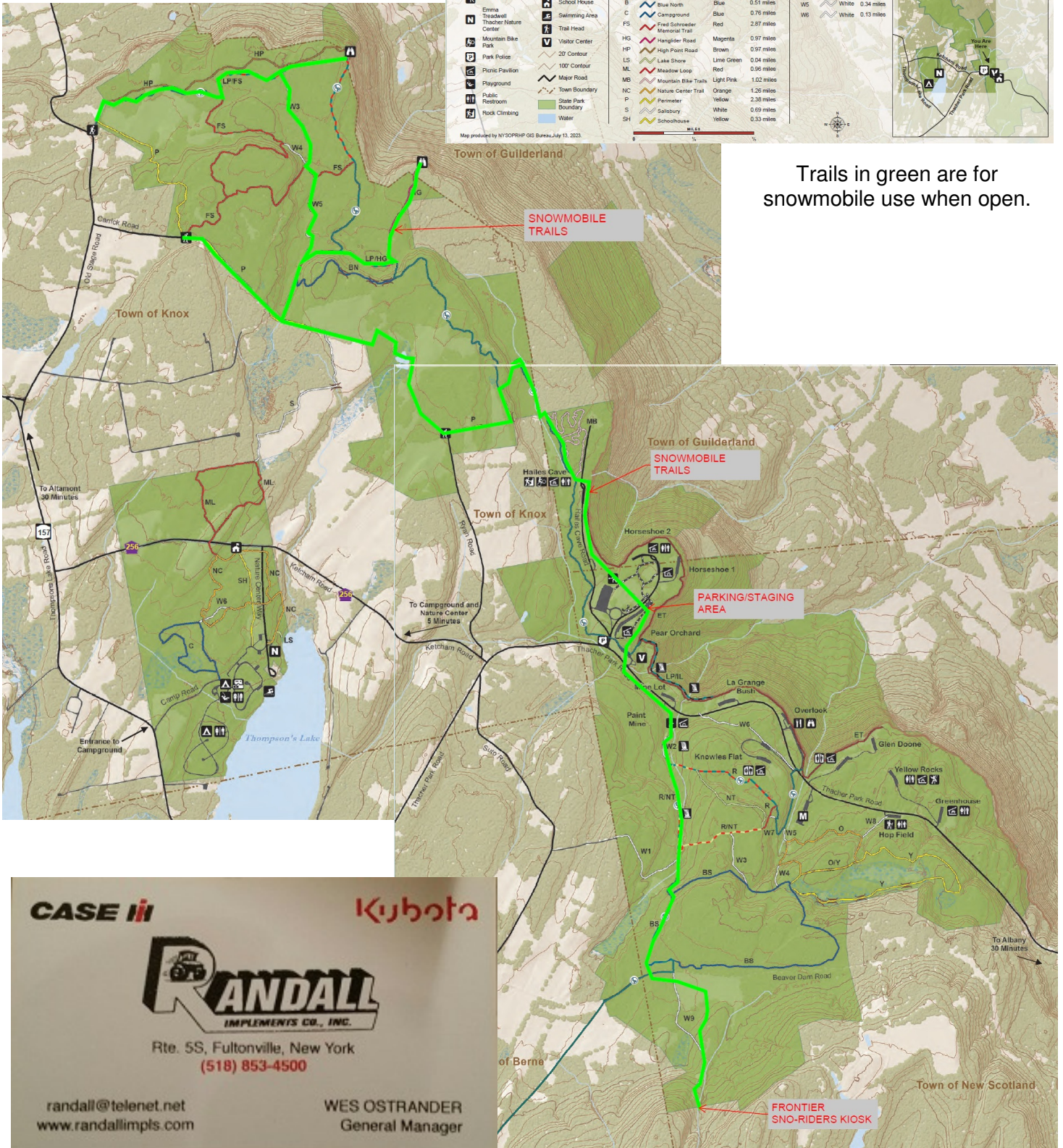
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