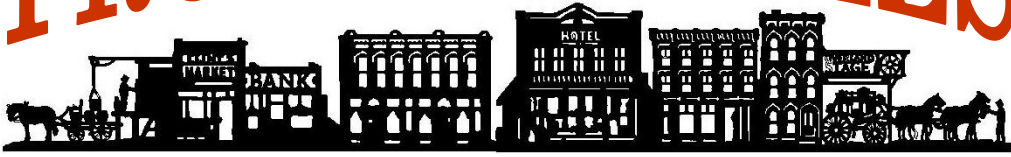


FRONTIER TIMES



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Sign Posts Painted

Altamont

Club Board member Michael Riek has once again volunteered to take on the painting of brand new sign posts.



This year the club ordered 300 wooden posts made by the Little Hill Sawmill in Delanson, sourced by Trail Boss Tyler Walters.

The posts have to be painted safety orange to meet signage requirements for snowmobile trail usage.

The rough sawn posts are generally six feet in length and have a pointed end to help penetrate the ground on installation.

Through many hours of careful painting, Michael completed this task. The club thanks him for his service.



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Large Culvert Installed

Millpoint

C7E landowner at the north end of Frontier's trails, near Millpoint, required a large culvert to be installed to eliminate a dangerous trail condition.

Bill Paro is the landowner and has a large excavator to install the culvert for the club. Danny Przysiecki offered a large 7' diameter by 20' long used galvanized culvert for this project.

Club President Gerry Lenseth, with Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer, were able to deliver the culvert. Use of the club's open 4-place snowmobile trailer made it possible.



Working together with our landowners is how trails stay open. A big thank you to landowner Bill Paro, club members, Danny Przysiecki, Yancey Zimmer, and Gerry Lenseth for keeping C7E open.

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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



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

Club memberships has been renewed for all club volunteers and club trail landowners. This is a direct benefit of being involved with your club. NYSSA emails an automated link for accessing individual club voucher for registering snowmobiles.

Zach Simeon has resigned as Knox Trail Boss with notification. He has agreed to assist any new volunteer in trail signing if time allows. Zach will remain as a Director on the Board.

Bob Korosec - NYSSA Trails Coordinator has offered to instruct a OPRHP trail signing class for Frontier and other local clubs if enough members are interested. Weekends are limited but a weekday evening is an option. *Neighboring clubs; Middleburg RidgeRunners, Cave Country and Town of Florida.*

NYSSA is seeking a volunteer to be the local Director who disseminates information down to the local clubs.

Schoharie County sponsor has released an updated mileage table for the club funded trails. Grant funding is based on trail mileage, more miles equals more funding for the grooming of trails.

A Snowmobile Safety course will be held in December, the date and location TBD. Young and older riders are encouraged to sign up. Having a safety certificate is very important.

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - C7E - Brush hogging is on going, much work done after dark due hunting season underway.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - C7B bridge on VanWoeart/Stafford property line requires complete rebuild .

Sloansville C7F - X - **Seeking trail boss** - Club trail #456 has a collapsed 35' bridge on the Calovic property that needs to be addressed by the club.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - Brush hogging is on going. 10' power poles were delivered to Tyler Walters for use in cribbing the small bridges on Hannaford property for stability. C7E bridge on Romer property requires re-decking.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Rob Kreitzer - C7B connection to Mariaville from Duansburg or Delanson remains #1 priority for this season.

Wright C7B - X- **Seeking trail boss** - Club #465 Babbling Brook trail requires a 24"x15' culvert for water diversion on Youngs property. Club has two culverts with coupling available. Danny Przysiecki will install with excavator.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - addressing a land-owner request to deny club access due to a pending St. Louis property sale. Access to the new "My Way Tavern" maybe impacted, open Wednesday - Sunday. Opens at 3 each day, great food and service .

Knox C7B - X - **Seeking trail boss.**

Warner Lake S73 - Don Bauer - Several 2' and 3'x 20' diameter culverts washed out.

East Berne C7B/S72 - X- **Seeking trail boss** - Onnofrio Ottomanelli brush hogged Cochran property. Gate needed on Crawford/Blaisdell property line.

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Thacher Park improving additional multi-use trails.

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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 is requesting a 24" paper cutter to be donated for club sign making material from membership. Contact Bryan 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.

Trail Boss needed for the Knox area. This area connects Wright, Township, and East Berne. It is a vital trail hub. Contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Seeking club volunteer to assume Wright Trail Boss responsibilities. North/South traffic corridor currently blocked. 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.

New York Snowmobiling Is Model of Fiscal Responsibility

Our sport in NY is self-funded. The snowmobilers who use the trails, fund the maintenance and grooming of the trails.

The funding system works only if there are registered snowmobiles and volunteers to carry out club functions.

NYS DMV only handles the registration and disbursement of the fees collected. It withholds \$10 for state admin. \$55 goes to the OPRHP program. OPRHP has charge of distributing the registration fees to the snowmobile funding program. This is done through sponsors, usually the counties of NY that have snowmobile trails.

The counties in turn work directly with the snowmobile clubs operating trails within their county. The sponsors make funding payments twice a year to the clubs. 70% near the beginning of the season and another 30% after the season.

If there is a low snowfall year, or participation is lacking at the club level, funding is restricted. This is why there are two funding payments. If not much maintenance and/or grooming were provided, a portion of the 30% would be withheld. In the case of significant shortage of volunteer hours, some of the 70% funding would have to be returned. The returned funding would then be available for the following season.

So to help maintain this excellent snowmobile trail system, you need to register your snowmobile and volunteer with your club.

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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.

PistenBully 100 Painted

Albany BOCES is currently repainting the cab and chassis of the PB100. New decals have arrived from Germany for the finishing process.



*Beautiful job! Cannot wait to see final roll out!
Photos by Chad Saddlemire.*

40'x7.5' steel skids are currently being obtained for evaluation in several pending bridge projects. Karl Pritchard is awaiting arrangements to relocate a sample to Knox for evaluation. Schenectady Steel has provided interest in supporting club in obtaining needed I-beams at a reduced rate if available.

Gerry Lenseth has requested assistance from Brian Buchardt and Matt Lord in prepping Skandics and CanAm for the season.

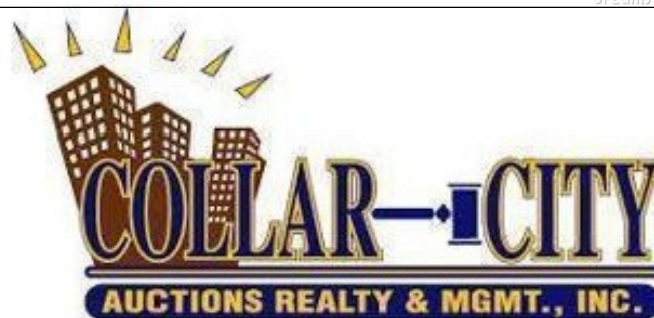
Motion for two bridge expenditures in Schenectady County have been submitted to the Board via email. One is for \$1,000 deck material to repair Romer bridge on C7E. Two is for a complete bridge deck and railing material for \$1,350 to replace Van-Woert/Stafford bridge on C7B.

Currently there is discussion regarding the placement of the groomer fleet for the season due to trail closures in certain spots.

Trail Bosses... brand new stakes are available at Karl Pritchard's for trail posting.

Trail Marshal says...

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ADK Sports Winter Expo

Albany

Mike Riek, Terry McCarthy with son Joey plus myself staffed the NYSSA booth Nov 2nd & 3rd at the ADK Sports Winter Expo in Albany. The December Safety Course class was promoted while NYSSA raffle tickets were sold to benefit the Frontier Sno-Riders.



Trail Boss Pics - Delanson



Brush hogging trail C7E in Delanson.
Photos by Trail Boss Tyler Walters.

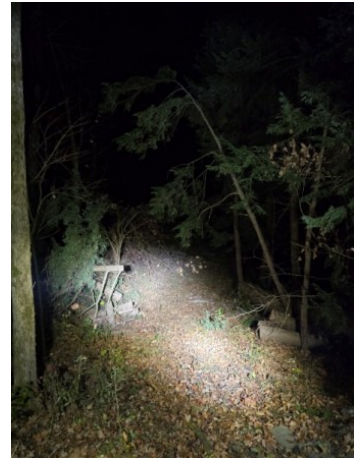
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Trail Boss Pics - Charleston



Both at left and above are before and after clearing trail.



Night time, is the right time, with lots of lights.



Have Gravely, will travel.
The new addition to the northern section of C7E, Gravely and the trailer.



Photos by Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer.



Sign Posts continued from page 1



Drying and finished sign posts.
Now available at Karl's.



Culvert continued from page 1



Delivery and installation of the
large culvert.
Photos by Club President
Gerry Lenseth.



Trail Boss Pics - Maple Trail S73 and Thacher Park Area S72



Retrieving washed out 36"
culvert pipes on the S73 trail
to Maple on the Lake.
Photos by
Trail Boss Matt Lord.



Fixing culvert and rough trail on S72 near
Thacher Park Kiosk.




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