

Trail Boss Sought

Trail Boss Volunteers Needed

As the Frontier trail map indicates we have three sections of OPRHP funded corridor trails that we currently have no club volunteers stepping up as a Trail Boss to manage landowner relations, trail maintenance activities and subsequently groomer coverage.

Frontier is in need of additional volunteers to prevent trail closures and secure connectivity.

Trail Bosses are essential for our club to operate effectively as they oversee an important section of our trail system. These volunteers maintain a positive relationship with our landowners which are the core of our club's existence. Obtaining and maintaining landowner approval throughout our four county trail system is our clubs largest challenge.



Trail Bosses monitor and schedule trail maintenance activities for their respective areas with other local club volunteer's assistance. Trail maintenance includes clearing, mowing, brushing, trimming, rerouting, signing, staking and occasional culvert and bridge installation/repair in preparation for the season as well as end of the

season trail sweep to close gates, pick-up debris/trash and remove signs as needed at road crossings, lawns, parks and agricultural fields.

Each Trail Boss needs to keep track of all volunteer hours and equipment used for trail maintenance on a monthly basis and submit the "work logs" to Terry McCarthy our Grant Administrator from September to April for our county sponsors. Special projects including bridge or culvert install/repair/replacement that incur an approved expense, need to have receipts submitted as well to be applied to our county grants.

When the snow allows for the trails to be open – trail bosses manage the grooming in their respective area (with just a few exceptions where the PB100 operates). Most Trail Bosses also submit the "grooming log" of hours and equipment utilized for grooming the snow where applicable.

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Winter Is Coming!



Photo by club member Tom Pota.

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What's Cooking

Trail Log



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

Schenectady county will require complete GPS data Phase I submission next spring by Matt Lord. This will require our primary focus on reconnecting Mariaville C7B to either Duanesburg C7B or Delanson C7E trail.

Frontier has already been fielding many landowner issues for this season. Several of these issues could have been alleviated with proper prior action on our part.

Club officers are currently sourcing a new replacement laptop for our Treasurer. Anticipating a change to monthly/annual expenses for Quickbooks and Microsoft Office subscriptions.

Frontier is reimbursing Montgomery and Albany county sponsors for last season's shortfall in trail maintenance and grooming.

Tammy Saddlemire, Karl Pritchard and MaryAnn Nickloy need to jointly visit NTB branch office to update check signing authorization for the club.

Seeking club volunteers to attend in shifts at the ADK Expo on November 2nd & 3rd 10am to 5pm at the Albany Capital Center to man a booth for NYSSA providing info and swag to the public while representing Frontier Sno-Riders. Gerry Lenseth and Mike Riek have volunteered to attend.

NYSSA annual raffle prize offer from Frontier for \$200 will be renewed.

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Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - C7E - Going to get started in the next couple weeks. Couple of new landowners have signed permission.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Bridge replacement on the border of the VanWoeart property on C7B in Mariaville needs to be completed prior to hunting season. New steel frame material is currently being sourced. Brush hogging has begun.

Sloansville C7F - X - Seeking trail boss.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - C7E bridge on Roemer property needs frame support to be inspected for safety. Brush hogging and bridge work planned. Club trail #463 to Backbarn Brewery - Lance Martineau needs equipment to remove large rock along power line.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Rob Kreitzer - C7B trail at Blessing farm has incurred several issues. Club stakes were not completely removed and the hay-bine was damaged during cutting. In addition, a club towing receiver became lodged in the tire lugs while brush clearing - nearly damaging the tire.

Wright C7B - X- Seeking trail boss. C7B closure at Wellman property remains an issue needing to be resolved. Gerry L and Matt L to contact neighbor of concern. Possible trail work to begin in November.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell -

Knox C7B - X - Seeking trail boss.

Warner Lake S73 - Don Bauer - Numerous culverts completely washed out.

East Berne C7B/S72 - X- S72 at Smith's property needs large culvert to be evaluated for PB100 traversing. Gates required on S72 Crawford and C7B DeBerry property. Pull old gate at Joslyn Rd crossing. Re-route along Long Rd on S72 to reduce road riding before the Stewart's Shop.

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Thacher Park is developing a multi-use loop trail for winter access.

**Club Meeting
October 9, 7pm
Maple On the Lake
East Berne**



Sled Registration Increase

NYS DMV has implemented an increase in snowmobile registration this year at the request of NYSSA and its statewide clubs. Our sport in NY is self-funded and the additional revenue will be distributed directly to eligible club trail maintenance and grooming activity.

NY has not had a registration increase in 20 years. The rate increase is overdue to offset rising fuel, equipment, material and labor expenses that clubs have encountered – especially in the past ten years. With a current club membership each snowmobile will incur a \$65 fee of which \$10 goes to the DMV registration and \$55 goes to the OPRHP snowmobile program. Non club members will incur a \$135 fee per sled. Compare this to other nearby states sled fees and NY remains a reasonable rate. Clubs will see changes next season as the revenue is generated this season.

Unauthorized ATV/UTV Club Trail Use

Frontier continues to experience issues with landowners encountering unauthorized atv/utv activity on or near club snowmobile trails on private property in the offseason. This directly effects the clubs success in maintaining our club trail system and the important relationship with over 230 landowners.

Please respect each of our landowners and personally request permission directly with the landowner to traverse their property on wheeled vehicles.



Frontier Sno Riders



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. 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.

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Groomer Locations 2023

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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.

Election Results

The current officers are running uncontested with the Secretary position remaining open for the fourth year.

The Club is seeking a qualified volunteer to properly document club meetings, activities and archive documents.

Two Directors and three Trustees positions were open for a three year term (one Trustee is a two year term) .

Election results are as follows:

Officer incumbants re-elected,

President, Gerry Lenseth

Vice President, MaryAnn Nickloy

Treasurer, Tammy Saddlemire

Donnie Bauer re-elected as Director thru '27

and we welcome Kimmy Riek as a Trustee thru '27.

One Director and two Trustee seats remain open.

Would you like to help shape the future for the Club?

Make decisions, take an active role, accept an open board position.

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Trail Grant Phase I submitted by Matt Lord in May and Phase II submitted jointly by Terry McCarthy and Gerry Lenseth in July.

East Berne roadside cleanup to be scheduled in November.

Trail Boss Matt Lord reminds us that the trail within Thacher Park is a multi-use trail. Expect other winter users to be on the trail and slow down and be respectful when passing.

Mike Riek will complete and file a volunteer form with OPRHP for the snowmobile safety class.



A motion was presented to the Board on April 22nd to authorize up to \$1,200 expenditure for Albany BOCES to perform the required work to refresh the exterior (and detail the interior) of the 2001 PB100 groomer. Eight board members voted in Favor - three abstained.

See page 6 for photos.

PB100 is currently at Albany BOCES for an exterior paint refresh and interior detailing. Chad Saddlemire coordinated with Chris Shrader and Brian LaCrois at BOCES. Karl Pritchard delivered groomer in May.

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.

PB070 stored at Bryan Schaeffer barn port, Jeep stored at Tyler Walters brother's barn, 2011 Gator stored at MaryAnn Nickloy barn port, 2012 Gator stored at Mark Van Woeart shed and six Skandics plus ATV stored at Gerry Lenseth semi trailer.

An additional 300 club stakes need to be purchased early this fall and painted orange.

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10' poles enroute to Esperance, C7E, as bridge supports.

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Secretary	Vacant	555-2368

Board of Trustees

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 Rob Howard
 Chad Saddlemire
 Kimmy Riek

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Don Bauer
Vacant
 Matt Lord
 Karl Pritchard
 Michael Riek
 Zach Simeon

Trail Boss & Trail Assistant Contacts

Matt Lord	Thacher Park	334-8214
Brian Buchardt	East Berne	
Don Bauer	Warner Lake	337-1985
Vacant	Knox	
Justin Bates		698-3994
Skip Murrell	Township	867-1235
Vacant	Wright	
Rob Howard		859-0091
Danny Przysiecki		526-6967
Rob Kreitzer	Duanesburg	322-2542
Byran Schaeffer		852-3473
Eric Dubb		545-6666
Tyler Walters	Esperance	657-6807
Lance Martineau		369-5308
Vacant	Sloansville	
Scott Claus		848-0524
Mark VanWoeart	Mariaville	376-0063
John Cislo		203-886-8079
Yancey Zimmer	Charleston	657-9588
Chris Teahen		577-1355

Support Staff

Equipment Boss	Vacant
Membership Administrator	Gerry Lenseth
Grants Administrator	Terry McCarthy
Trail GPS/GIS	Matt Lord
Safety Instructor	MaryAnn Nickloy
Safety Instructor	Michael Riek
Safety Instructor	Kimmy Riek
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Newsletter Editor	Joel Church



Trail Boss Pics - East Berne - S73



Numerous culverts were washed out during the summer and need replacement. Photos by Matt Lord.

Trail Boss Pics - Sloansville - L456

Collapsed bridge on Montgomery club trail #456 on Calovic property requires replacement frame. Photos by Gerry Lenseth.



Trail Boss Pics Thacher Park

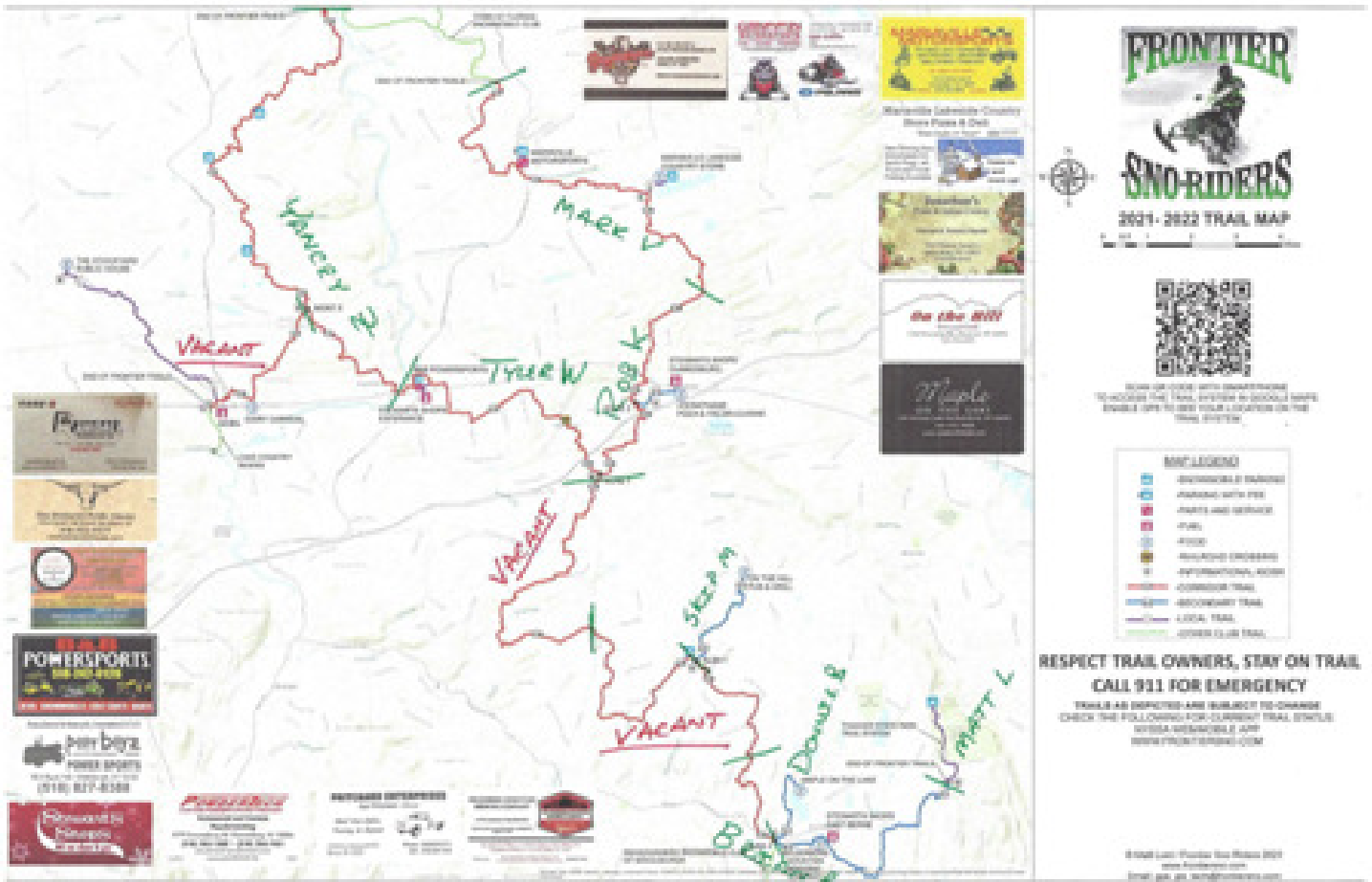


Widened trail at Thacher Park, photo by Matt Lord.



PB100 is nearly ready for new paint at BOCES. Photo by Gerry Lenseth.





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If you are willing to take on this important task or know of someone in your area who would be a qualified candidate please bring this to our club officer's attention. It is apparent how important these individuals who volunteer their time and talent are to the success of our club – be sure to thank each of our current Trail Bosses and assist where you can.

Gerry Lenseth
Club President

Above is map showing vacant Trail Boss locations

Trail Marshal says...

Always get permission before riding privately owned land with an ATV or UTV. Do not be the cause of a trail closure.



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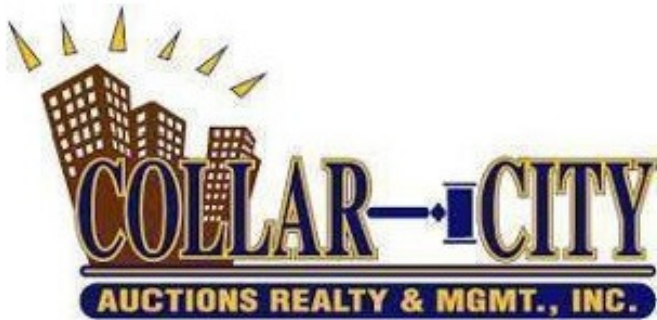
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East Berne



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