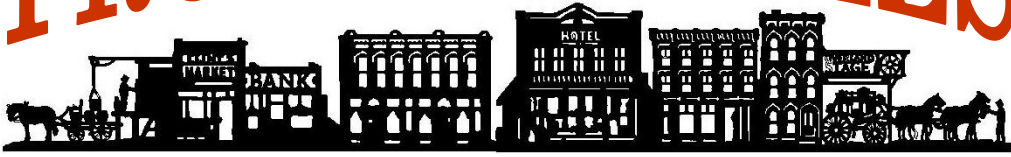


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PistenBully 100 Transformation Complete

Back in 2013 Frontier Sno Riders went through an extensive two-year process applying for an RTP Grant with NY State Parks and Recreation. This type of grant is only awarded to very few clubs across NY State that qualify and that want to take their club to the next level. After a two-year paper trail process, face to face meetings with Parks and Recreation and a few key club members putting in countless



BOCES students stand by their work.



Look at their awesome work! Thanks again!!

hours Frontier was awarded the RTP grant to help purchase a used 2000 Pisten Bully 100 from Mountain Grooming Company based out VT. The RTP grant covered 80% of the cost while Frontier covered the additional 20%.

We added the PB 100 to our older fleet of Skandics and drags after we sold our New Holland tractor with a track system

Arctic Cat to cease operations in Thief River Falls, St. Cloud

Thief River Falls, MN (Valley News Live) Arctic Cat is suspending manufacturing indefinitely at its facilities in Thief River Falls and St. Cloud.

Citing weak market demand, production is set to stop in the first half of 2025 after fulfilling current customer commitments.

An employee tells us the news was shocking, saying: "I found out through the grapevine and social media. So, we.. A lot of us that are laid off didn't have any idea this was coming today."

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Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 206 as of 1-05-2025

NYSSA raffle tickets are available for distribution to club members for fundraising - see Tammy Sadlemire.

Club ride planned for January 19th - propose Backbarn Brewery as a rendezvous location for social gathering with food/beverage. Frontier to cover the food tab. Event will occur regardless of snow for club members.

Landowner letters including insurance certificates and membership vouchers (for l/o's that ride) will need to be printed, organized and mailed this month. Terry M offered to assist.

Trail C7B reroute requests have been mailed to several potential new landowners in Schoharie and Albany counties. Club seeking help from membership with needed reroutes.

Reminder that all trail maintenance and preparation including volunteers, equipment and vehicles need to be logged monthly and submitted to Terry M on trail maintenance form.

January thru March all trail grooming performed including assistants will need to be logged monthly and submitted to Terry M on groomer log form.

Terry M and Heather T are working on Membership Volunteer form. Modeled after a northern club's form.

Add to your schedule Vintage event at Thacher Park for Sunday, March 9th.

New HP 255 G10 Laptop computer with 4 year extended warranty and damage protection was procured in November from Staples for \$520 to replace the aging Treasurer's computer. Randy Stein is setting up the new laptop with required business software (quickbooks, Office, etc).

Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Small re-route approved along Esperance Rd. Mostly signed except Mill Point area.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - Stafford bridge replacement to commence - weather permitting. Original bridge will require complete removal.

Sloansville C7F - Chris Teahen - Signed this weekend. Evaluating safer reroute across Route 30A. Trail maintenance on hold due to Stockyard winter closure.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - Romer property bridge resurface completed by Tyler W and crew. New decking and railings installed. Old debris removed. Bridge supports installed on several bridges on Hannaford property. Work party scheduled to complete signage and clear trails.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Rob Kreitzer - Possible re-routing Mariaville C7B along National Grid line to C7E near Backbarn Brewery would require a substantial bridge to traverse deep gorge. Possible Project C proposal with National Grid would provide inspection access. Bridge span not yet determined.

Wright C7B - X- **Seeking trail boss** - Matt L and Gerry L met landowner Travis Loden to discuss current trail closure. Complete re-route being evaluated between Doctor Rd and Ostrander Rd. Will require new landowners granting approval.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - New landowner approval received for property across from My Way Tavern. Skip and crew are clearing and signing minor re-route on final approach.

Knox C7B - Barak Strock - C7B needs signing.

Warner Lake S73 - Don Bauer - Signs 90% done.

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt - working on re-route to shift trail off of Long Rd.

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Working with Thacher Park to add additional trails to NYSSA web map app.



Safety Class

Safety Class Report, December 21 2024, 8-4pm. Fifteen students took and passed the safety course. Although it was too cold that day for outside instruction with hands on participation, the class got plenty done inside.

Instructors: Mike Riek, Kim Riek and Mary Ann Nickloy helped all students understand the proper and safe use of snowmobiles. Many snacks were available and pizza was served for lunch.



Students practice hand signals during the safety class.
Photo by Mary Ann Nickloy.

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.

Seeking club volunteer to assume Wright Trail Boss responsibilities. North/South traffic corridor currently blocked. Contact Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

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.

Club seeking a volunteer to design and maintain online store for Frontier merchandise and promotional material. Interested parties contact President Gerry Lenseth at 518-330-7373.

Schoharie County issued a prorated 70% grant disbursement for 24/25 season of \$2,000. The remaining \$2,273.50 will be available only if our trail maintenance and grooming is sufficient.

Trail Marshal says...

Trails will open only when the trail boss for the area has decided conditions warrant it. Use the NYSSA app to stay up on when the trails open.





Groomer Locations 2025

Charleston/Burtonsville
Skandic + CanAm 800

Mariaville
Gator 825i

Sloansville
Skandic

Duanesburg/Wright
Gator 825i

Esperance/Delanson
Jeep+ Skandic

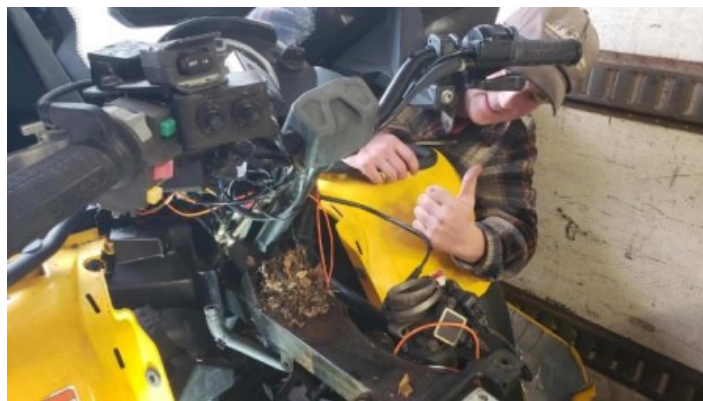
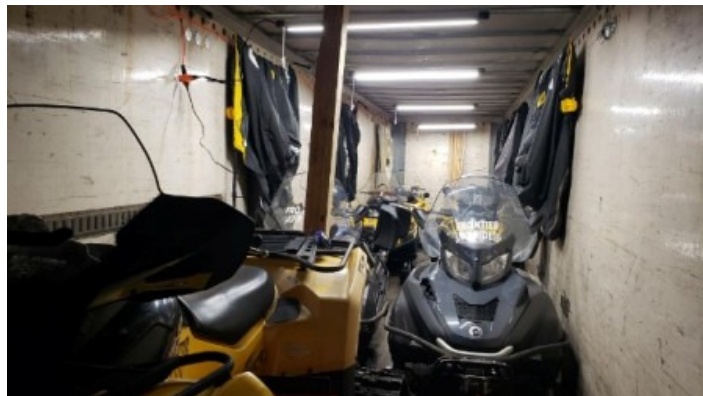
Knox/Township
PB070 + Skandic

East Berne/Thacher
Park
PB100 + Skandic

Note: many locations will
overlap coverage.

Small Groomers Deploy

Gerry Lenseh and Matt Lord have checked out each machine prior to delivering to the various groomer staging areas.



Matt Lord brings a Skandic out of the storage trailer and rides it onto the club trailer for transport to a staging area.
Photos by Gerry Lenseh.

2000 Pisten Bully 100 painting project and cab refresh coordinated by Chad Saddlemire has been completed by Albany BOCES. Groomer appears outstanding.

PB070 evaluated and test run in early snow. Ordered a few parts from dealer - awaiting arrival. Battery will require replacement for cold starts.

2012 JD Gator experienced a third track failure (complete belting separation) after the November storm. Recommendation to replace both front tracks to avoid a failure of the fourth original track during grooming. Board approved Motion to replace both tracks and track parts have been ordered from Randall Implements. Mattracks have not proven reliability in the long run for Frontier.

Skandics and CanAm have been evaluated. Three Skandic batteries require replacement and a new filter needed for atv along with an oil change kit for the two Skandic four strokes.

Gerry L requested landowner John Cochran to consider hosting in season storage of PB070 inside large barn for East Berne crew to utilize. No response as of yet.

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Contact the club President,
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Trail Boss Pics - East Berne



Matt Lord, Gerry Lenseith, and Brian Buchardt strip off old decking of the Long Road bridge on trail S72.



S73 - Maple Inn Trail Culvert tubes used to be here. Washed out over the summer, it was decided to replace the culverts with a bridge.

Loading up a heavy duty pallet at Karl Pritchards. It will be used as the base for the bridge. Karl donated the use of his truck, trailer and mini excavator to get the bridge base into place.



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With the base pallet in place, it now needed the deck removed. Then pressure treated lumber will be installed as the bridge decking.

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First the removal of the old decking, then the pressure treated deck is put down. Side bumpers are added for safety.

Matt Lord, Gerry Lenseth, and Brian Buchardt completed the work.



Above right, Kane checks the work on the bridge.

The new bridge passes truck inspection.

Brian Buchardt clears a fallen tree.



Over on C7B, the Turner Road bridge is ready for snow.

A new trail control gate is installed on C7B.



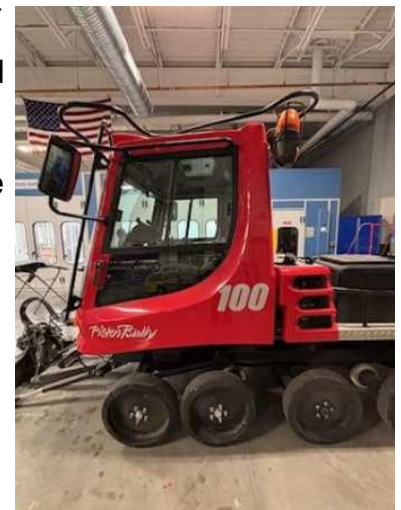
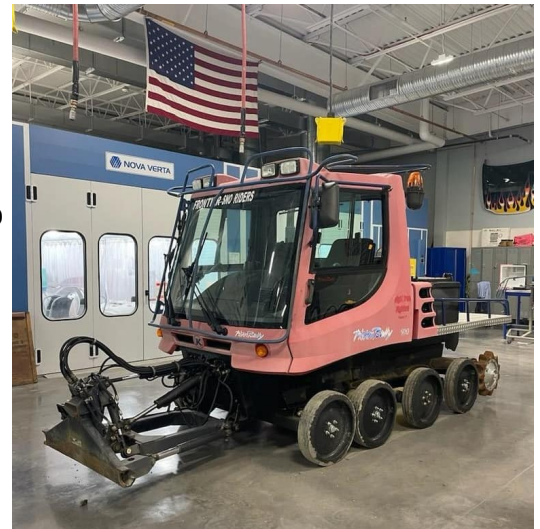
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and drag, better known as the BLUE PIG! With the terrain our club maintains in our 90-mile trail system the Blue Pig was under powered and difficult to navigate in varied terrain. When the PB 100 arrived to now maintain the trails in Albany and Schenectady counties, that's when the hands-on work began. The club went from having 4 to 6 foot trail system to now having 8 to 10 foot trail system to be able to groom our trails with the PB 100. Also, the club invested a lot of money building new bridges to be able to support the weight of the PB 100 throughout the trail system.

Frontier Sno Riders has now owned the PB 100 for several years and if you have had the opportunity to ride our trail system after the PB 100 rolls out the white ribbon you know how great this groomer has been for the club trail system. At the end of the 2024 riding season or should we say the three years of a non riding season in our area, the Frontier Sno Riders board members voted in favor of the Capital Region BOCES Autobody program to give the PB 100 a face lift. The club dropped off the PB 100 last May to the brand new Autobody BOCES program based in the Capital District. The students in the Autobody and Auto Service program really went to town on this project. The students in the Autobody program removed all brush guards, lights, and mirrors to prep the cab and frame prior to going into the paint booth. After the PB 100 was completed in the Autobody program, the Auto Service students came in and did their magic on a complete detail on the interior of the cab after the club had mice find their way in while it was in summer storage over the years.

As you can see in the before and after pictures the students that worked on PB 100 from these two programs nailed this project. I was able to watch closely the progress that was being done and these students that were involved in this project really worked hard and took pride in their work. Frontier Sno Riders would

Before and after photos show the amazing transformation of the PB 100.



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like to take this time to thank all the students and instructors that were involved to make this project happen. Frontier had a pizza party for everyone involved after the project was completed and the Frontier

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Sno Riders board has approved three scholarships for three students this year. Students can apply for these scholarships in hopes they get selected and that will help them for their continuing education after they graduate from Capital Regional BOCES program. Again, we thank everyone that was involved!

In closing, please register your sleds, the money the club gets back from NY state helps us maintain our grooming equipment and maintain our trail system. Please come join us at our Wednesday monthly club meetings to learn more about the club and the work that must be done to be able to safely open our trails when that time comes.



Students enjoy pizza.

Think snow so we can get the PB 100 out laying down the white ribbon...ride safe and always stay to the right!
Chad Saddlemire.

Return and Final Prep.

The Pisten Bully was delivered home to get the tracks put on, and few additional perks, then awaiting snow. Another big thank you to Karl Pritchard of Pritchard Enterprises,, for picking up the groomer with his flat-bed. Without Karl donating his equipment, time, barn, property,

and more over the years, the club would not be what it is today.

PB100 has had new metal storage boxes installed, relocated rear hydraulics, and added snow flaps. Skip Murrell, Steve Fronk, Justin Bates, his sons Eric and Andrew, Matt Lord, Karl Pritchard, and Gerry Lenseth.



The PB100 is loaded onto the truck.



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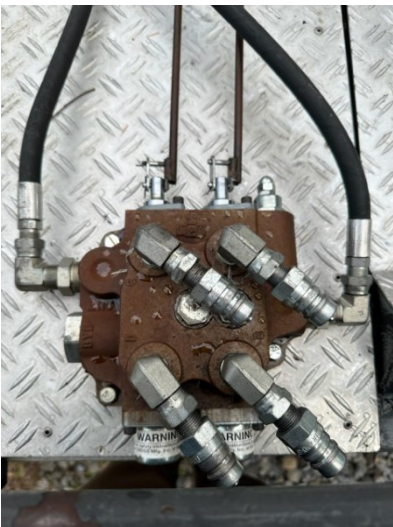
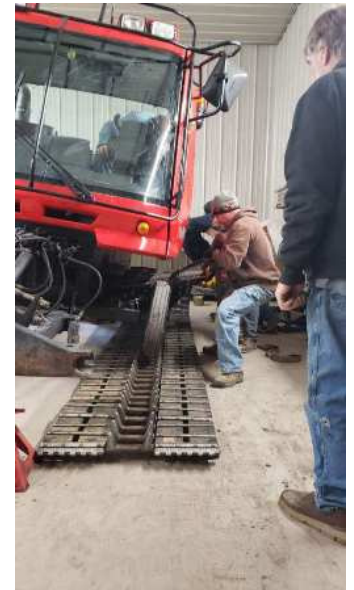
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It is a team effort to get the tracks back on the PB 100.

The Team:

Skip Murrell, Steve Fronk, Justin Bates, his sons Eric and Andrew, Matt Lord, Karl Pritchard, and Gerry Lenseth.



Gerry Lenseth with the new metal storage boxes and snow flaps installed.

The hydraulic fitting upgrades, on the left is the old position, the right side shows the new elevated couplers.

Photos by Matt Lord.



Renegade Report

In an on-going effort to support our landowners, we will post photos of people incorrectly operating snowmobiles in the Frontier. Our landowners are due respect and we will endeavor to educate the misinformed when they stumble.

Here we have two examples. The first is a reoccurring problem with children riding without permission. The parents have been talked with numerous times, but do not take this seriously. The UTV tracks belong to the landowner, he was investigating where the tracks went. This happened in the Esperance area.



The photo at left caught only a partial image of a “lost renegade”. No registration number is within sight. The snowmobile is possibly a 2005-2008 Ski-doo. It occurred while Frontier trails were closed in the Pine Park area of East Berne.

If you know who this renegade rider is, please advise them people are watching.

While conditions may have looked great, trails were closed until after the holiday hunt. Please abide by the rules, and register your snowmobile!



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