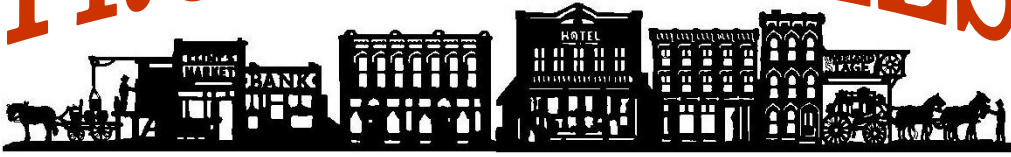


FRONTIER TIMES



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Frontier Hosts Take A Friend Snowmobiling

The sun hung high and bright over Albany County Park Lawson Lake on Saturday, February 22nd, casting a golden glow across the snow-dusted landscape. It was the kind of day that made you forget the bite of winter—a perfect canvas for the hum of snowmobiles and the laughter of friends. The Frontier Sno-Riders, hosted the NYSSA Take A Friend Snowmobiling Event in conjunction with Albany Winterfest. The air buzzed with excitement as families, friends, and first-timers gathered at the park.

Club President Gerry Lenseth coordinated most of the activities that Frontier was involved with. From securing the NYSSA trailer for the event to moving the club's Skandics to the park, he was there getting it done.

Trail Boss Matt Lord had been out the day prior with Mike Riek and Gerry Lenseth, preparing and grooming the trail until it was smooth and safe, a winding ribbon of snow cutting through the park's trees and hills.

By mid-morning, the park was alive with activity. Ninety-three adults and children had shown up, their faces flushed with anticipation as they lined up to register. Terry McCarthy and Bryan Schaeffer manned the check-in table.

Out on the course, Matt and Yancey Zimmer were already zipping along, testing the sleds one last time before the guests took over. The machines purred under their expert hands, kicking up powdery snow that sparkled in the sunlight. Rob Howard followed behind, keeping an eye on the trail markers to make sure no one would stray off course.

The event kicked off with a cheer as the first group—a mix of kids and adults—climbed aboard the snowmobiles. Safety Instructor Kimmy Riek led the group of snowmobiles out onto the course. Behind them, Gerry guided a father and son duo, while Safety Instructor Michael Riek was the caboose following. The day unfolded in a blur of motion and joy. The short course twisted through the park, offering just enough thrills to keep everyone grinning without wearing out the newcomers. Snow sprayed in glittering arcs as sleds darted past, and the sound of



Kim Riek leads a group of eager riders out onto the trail.



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What's Cooking?

Trail Log



Club Membership stands at 280 as of 3-9-2025

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

After nearly two years of trail closures due to lack of snow... Frontier was finally able to open all funded and most club trails in February.

Commendations go out to our trail bosses and assistants as well as our groomer volunteers in coordinating and reporting current trail conditions through Matt Lord via group text to be posted on the NYSSA Interactive Map. This tool is our primary source in disseminating current trail conditions, closures, reroutes and information to the riding public.

With equipment finally operating to groom and maintain trails comes unexpected issues that arise. We will be discussing equipment status, repairs and the updating of our fleet.

NYSSA Forum 2025 will be held in Binghamton on April 4th thru the 6th.

NYSSA is seeking Directors to represent these district clubs in Montgomery, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties. This is another way for you, the snowmobiler, to get involved in your sport and make a difference.

Nearly ten landowner mailings (including insurance certificates) have returned as undeliverable. Need assistance from trail bosses in locating new addresses or current owner of properties.

March will be open for officer and board of director/trustee nominations. Elections in April.

Four county trail grant summary to be discussed and distributed monthly to officers and trail bosses to monitor trail work and grooming progress towards targeted goal.

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Northern Area

Burtonsville/Charleston C7E - Yancey Zimmer - Millpoint bridge experienced tree damage to railings.

Mariaville C7B - Mark VanWoeart - 2003 Skandic/drag replaces broken 2012 JD Gator groomer. Re-route at Mariaville Peat behind screener. Logging near Shellstone Rd on I/o Justin Boler property - I/o forms pending.

Sloansville C7F - Chris Teahen - Currently closed pending landowner agreement. Stockyard trail - Plan to work with I/o Dori Calovic in off season to repair/replace bridge. Reached out to Forest Preserve club for connection to Stockyard.

Central Area

Esperance/Delanson C7E - Tyler Walters - Jeep has groomed from Rt 20 Esperance bridge to C7E/C7B kiosk. Ray W cleared down tree at I/o Dowlings cattle pass. Lance M cleared from BackBarn to Rick's Feed & Fuel.

Duanesburg C7B/S70 - Rob Kreitzer - Trails are setting up nicely with Gator. Matt Lord has produced conceptual reroutes to reconnect Mariaville to C7E via the Back Barn trail. A review is needed by local trail volunteers.

Wright C7B - X- Seeking trail boss - Matt Lord has a possible reroute to reconnect from Rt 146 to the current Babbling Brook Trail. Danny P was to reach out to neighbors to discuss the trail.

Southern Area

Township S70 - Skip Murrell - Prepped western Knox trails.

Knox C7B - Barak Strock - Numerous trees down and lack of signs noted. Sections need to be trimmed wider for equipment. Signage issue to be addressed. Where the trail passes over Knox-Gallupville Road, it has been suggested snowmobile crossing signs be posted.

Warner Lake S73 - Don Bauer -

East Berne C7B/S72 - Brian Buchardt -

Thacher Park S72 - Matt Lord - Grooming low snow with Skandics has trails holding nicely with smooth base.



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.

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.

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Continue to submit trail work logs and grooming logs to Terry McCarthy monthly or sooner as the season is short.

Frontier Sno Riders discussed the social media interaction from general public as some comments are detrimental to the club, landowners and the sport in general. Blocking comments versus allowing open access with censorship debated. FaceBook reports 1500+ active followers to Frontier Sno Riders page.

Need volunteer to chair End of the Season dinner banquet and obtain quotes.

Frontier obtained the OPRHP permit to operate the Frontier Vintage Snowmobile Rally 2025 at Thacher Parks Pear Orchard Pavilion and Parking on Sunday, March 9th from 10am to 3pm. NYSSA support trailer was secured for display. Look for full report in April issue.



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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.

2013 Skandic experiencing power reduction periodically. Has a few different recent codes, most ignition related. Could be a loose wire, or a coil. It threw both codes. Power valves are also sticking some. Also asked about the snow flap, no one has one local, going to try Houdons though. And FYI, Seymours Motorized Sports flat refused to charge the club for diagnostics! Yancey Zimmer.

The hitch on the jeep groomer was more rotted than thought, purchasing a new hitch. Addressing electrical items and extended hydraulic hoses. Tyler Walters.

2001 PB100 prepped and awaiting higher snow levels to operate. Drags need to be color coded.

1989 PB070 requires a few small items to be addressed prior to use.

2012 JD Gator - Skip M repaired starting issue and replaced shift cable. Drivers side rear Mattracks is delaminating. Board has approved Camso replacement system and are on order with Griffins Motorsports.

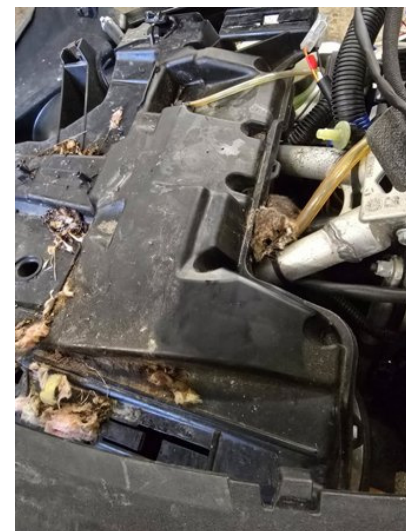
2006 Skandic experienced brake failure resulting in a fire which melted wiring harness and damaged the brake and gear box components. Matt Lord rewired it and Skip Murrell is sourcing brake components.

Skandic operators should lubricate wire harness connectors with dielectric grease to assist quick disconnect when shear pins fail and drag separates.

Discussion on updating our aging fleet of Skandic groomers to commence. Gerry Lenseth has requested quotes for 2026 Skandic 900 Ace from Seymours and Alpin Haus to present to the Board for consideration.

Mark VanWoeart presented heated argument for club to sell Pisten Bully fleet and replace with UTV groomers. Open civil discussion regarding club equipment needs will continue.

Frontier would like to thank Seymours Motorized Sports for supporting our local



*Critters were found building a nest under the hood of the Skandic. A nasty surprise all the way around.
Photo by Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer.*



clubs.

*Tow hitch came apart while grooming C7E in Delanson. Rust had done its worst.
Photo by Trail Boss Tyler Walters.*



Club Member's High-miler Ride



Trail Boss Yancey Zimmer, determined he would ride from his home in the Charleston area to Tug Hill and back in the same day! Not only did he complete this ride, he did it solo! Congrats Yancey on this epic ride.



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engines mingled with shouts of “Again!” Parents snapped photos, kids begged for second rides, and even the shyest riders climbed off their sleds with newfound confidence.

By late afternoon, the sun was dipping lower, painting the sky in hues of orange and pink. The Frontier Sno-Riders gathered near the staging area, tired but



beaming.

Gerry commented, brushing snow from his jacket. “Team effort. Couldn’t have asked for a better day—or better people.”

For one bright, sunny day at Lawson Lake, the Frontier Sno-Riders had turned a patch of winter into a memory that

would last long after the snow melted.

Editor Note: Some license was used in writing this article. Certain aspects were dramatized for the story.



From left, Rollie Scroger, NYSSA Executive Director, Rob Howard, Terry McCarthy, Albany County Parks Commissioner Bakary Jannah, Michael Riek, Kim Riek, Gerry Lenseth, Matt Lord, and Bryan Schaeffer, Yancey Zimmer (not shown.)

**Club Meeting
March 12th 7pm**

At right; Clearing trails for the Take A Friend snowmobiling event at Lawson Lake with Matt Lord, Mike Riek and Gerry Lenseth.



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Trail Boss Pics - Thacher Park



Skandic outfitted with tools for doing trail work.



Skandic stuck in a steep snowdrift. Onboard winch used to pull it back down the hill.



Testing 2012 Gator and drag on East Berne trails. Photos by Matt Lord.



Trail Marshal says...

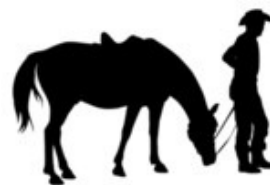
In the latter half of the snowmobile season, chances for riding become limited. Ride when the trails are open! Always respect the land owners!



Trail Boss Pics - Charleston



Clearing downed trees on C7E. Photo by Yancey Zimmer.



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