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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: January 29th at 7:30PM at the American Legion Tillman Post at 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron. On the Trail – Obey Signs.**
- **Next Board Meeting: January 8th at 7:00PM at the American Legion Tillman Post at 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron. On the Trail – Obey Signs.**
- **Trail maintenance continues....Let's all chip in and get the trails ready to ride. Call 741-NESS and leave message if you can help!!!**

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**Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.
General Meeting 10/30/08
Tillman Post, Akron NY 7:30 pm**

Officers present

Eric Glassman – President
Scott Trapp - Secretary
Rich McNamara - Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

Meeting Overview

Agenda
50/50
Break and pizza
Trail Report
Treasury Report

Review last meeting minutes. Voted and accepted.

Old/New Business:

- ◆ Membership. Update Rick Johnson. 219 members
- ◆ Town of Newstead town board meeting 11/3/08. Bill Perone attended and gave update.
- ◆ Don Georges open house. 9 New members. Thanks to all Volunteers!
- ◆ American Snowmobiler Magazine is looking to work on a joint activity with clubs in NY. Looking for ideas.
- ◆ Club House update. 5 year plan update.
- ◆ Christmas party Dec. 13th. Newstead Fire Hall. Need raffle donations. Starts at 5pm.
- ◆ Advertising. Have a new volunteer, and have updated plan and fees.
- ◆ News letter. Shannon Landow new editor. Transitioning to electronic media. Coming soon.
- ◆ Safety Course Administrator. Need a volunteer to plan, organize, and teach classes.
- ◆ SYSSA Federation Update. New trail. 219 and 20A. 27 mile trail on an old rail road bed.
- ◆ Dan Dressel, Club Vice President. Sno-Seekers wish you a speedy recovery from accident.
- ◆ Curt Watts donated two pumpkins for 50/50 drawing.

Break, 50/50, food: 8:30pm

9:15 meeting started.

**President's Page****Landowner's Party was a blast!**

I hope anyone who attended our annual landowner party had as good of a time as I did. We had a great turnout with many gifts and prizes won by many who attended. My thanks goes out to Sue who coordinated it and everyone who helped with chasing the gifts and helped setup. Again, thanks to our nearly 200 landowners who support our club and all the riders who just pass through. I hope we can continue it for years to come.

I also want to apologize and request information for any landowners who we may have missed. With the ever-changing trail system and trail captains who rotate often, we may have a few who fell through the cracks. Again, if anyone knows of someone who is on our trail system but believes they're not included, please call us at 741-NESS so we can amend it. Your patience is very much appreciated.

We are always looking for captains who are able to take a small portion of trail (maybe even in your backyard) and call it their own. With almost 125 miles of trail, it gets overwhelming unless we break it into small pieces. As I write this letter, I believe we have most of it installed and marked awaiting opening day and some snow! This only happens through a team effort unnoticed by most.

Thanks to all who showed up to mark the bike path last weekend. We had 3 or 4 crews going in all directions and got most of it done. We'll be finishing with the signage soon. REMEMBER – stay off the pavement!!! Please let your fellow riders know that we must not damage this or we'll lose it! Please don't spin those tracks!!

The maps just showed up and we have to get them distributed. Looking for a few people to take a dozen or so and get them to the local establishments. Proceeds benefit NESS and make it a more enjoyable ride for our visitors. Please come to the meeting and let us know. We're counting on everyone's help to make this a successful year!

See you there

Eric

Thank You!!!!**American Legion L.L. Tillman Post No. 900****For accommodating us for our
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Note from the Editor

Hi everyone. There's finally a new newsletter editor. I'm hoping in the coming months I will be up to full speed with the newsletter and you will start seeing some changes as I put my own mark on the newsletter. I am looking for articles, ideas for articles, or any suggestions you may have that would be of interest to our club members.

-Shannon Landow

A Few Upcoming Events

Snowmobile Safety Course: Genesee Sno-Packers January 6th and January 10th—Darien Fire Hall
A two part NY State Snowmobile Safety Course will be offered on January 6, 2009 from 7 pm to 10 pm and January 10, 2009 from 9 am to 3 pm. Ages 10 and over need to pre-register, call Bernie Fix at 585-599-6431/585-937-9536 or Dan Fix at 585-937-9284. Sponsored by the Genesee Sno-Packers, Millgrove Sportsman Club, Darien Fire Company, and CoPeDa Snowmobile Club.

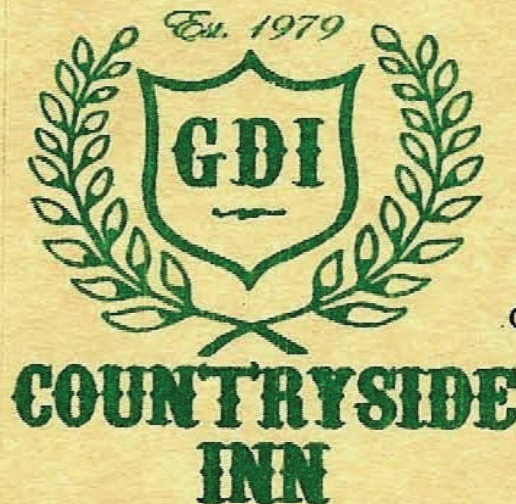
Attention Members and Landowners

Our newsletter has gone electronic.

Members and landowners will need to make sure the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers has your current email address. Call the Snow Phone at 741-NESS if you need to make changes.

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2. Become familiar with the snowmobile you ride.
3. Operate at safe and reasonable speeds.
4. Stay on trails and areas where snowmobiling is permitted.
5. Avoid travel on unfamiliar frozen bodies of water.
6. Using extra caution at night.
7. Keep your snowmobile properly maintained.
8. Become familiar with the terrain you will travel on.
9. Listen to the weather forecast before you leave.
10. Always wear a helmet and proper clothing.
11. Never riding alone, and letting someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
12. Carrying emergency supplies and learning survival skills.

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Trail Guides for 2008/2009

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Board members –

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Officers –

Officer positions each require more dedication than a board member. If you're a leader or enjoy overlooking others, an officer position is for you.

Legal –

Help with legal club issues. From our non-profit status to possible legal action against the club.

Membership/PR

Advertising/Trail Guides –

We all shop there or stop in for a bite to eat.

We need ads from local businesses in our newsletter and trail guide.

Website –

Help keep it updated and moderate what is on it.

Social

Fund raising –

Raffles, parties, booth at events. Just a few ideas. We get money from NYS, but sometimes it isn't enough.

Events-

Help let the members know of things happening in the sport and community.

Club activities-

Christmas party, club rides, summer party. Just a few things we need to improve. Lets get together as a club.

Trails

Landowners –

Answer our landowners questions and help with their problems. Let's keep them happy and always thank them for allowing us to use their property.

Trail captains –

Take care of and pride in a 3 or 4 mile stretch of trail.

Maybe an area near your home. Get your buddies to help.

Grooming/Equipment –

Things break and need maintenance.

From the groomer and drag to a chainsaw. We have a lot of stuff to fix.

Or, Turn on the tunes, up the heat, and head out. Remember, late evening is the best time and we'll train you to drive.

Training

Safety courses –

Help the young and old ride safe. Set up and organize safety courses and discussions at meetings.

Emergency response –

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Attention Landowners

Let Us Know!!!

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If you have any concerns or recommendations on how to keep ATV's off your property, let us know. We can address trouble spots while removing the snowmobile trails.

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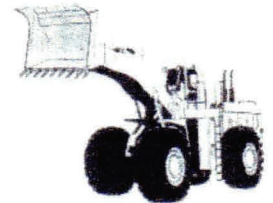
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Trail Capt. Report:

- ♦ Work sessions need planning.
- ♦ Trails Open Dec. 17th.
- ♦ Need trail captain for North trails.
- ♦ Looking for more street signs
- ♦ Need 2 new culverts.
- ♦ Ship-n-Shore trail. Have two new trail captains (Thank You). Have a possible new re-route. 6 mile trail. Will work with new trail captains to finalize new trail.

Treasury Report

Rich McNamara gave update.

Next Board meeting: November 13th. Tillman Post
Next General meeting November 20th. Tillman Post.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Trapp

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- _____ Ignition: Replace spark plugs. Be sure they are gapped to manufacturer's specifications and are the proper heat range.
- _____ Carburetor/Fuel: Check fuel filter, replace if necessary. Check fuel lines for cracks or leaks. Check fittings for leaks.
- _____ Drive Belt: Check for wear and cracks. Measure width of belt and compare to specifications. Be sure you have a spare belt in your snowmobile.
- _____ Track: Examine for broken cleats, loose or torn drive holes, and ply separation. Alignment of track. Track tension.
- _____ Skis: Alignment, Examine for loose weld joints, loose or worn out wear rods. Check ski bottom for excessive wear.
- _____ Chain: Lubrication. Check chain tension
- _____ Shocks: Check for oil leaks
- _____ Light: Replace burned out bulbs. Apply brakes to check stop lights with engine running.
- _____ Clutch: Check owners manual for recommendations.
- _____ Brakes: Proper adjustment. Free operation. Worn pads.
- _____ Check for loose nuts and bolts on the snowmobile.
- _____ Suspension: Idler wheels. Lubrication. Axle wheels and bearings. Loose nuts and bolts. Broken welds and springs. Slide rails.
- _____ Check spare parts and tools. Light bulbs - pack so they won't break. Spark plugs need to be gapped. Check owner's manual for proper setting. In an emergency, a match cover will approximate gap. Spare belt. Tools (pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdrivers: flat and Phillips, lockable pliers). Starter pull rope. Owner's manual. Emergency



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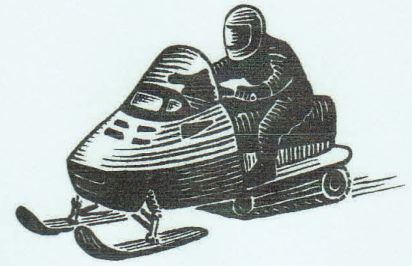
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HELP NEEDED WITH NIAGARA COUNTY TRAILS!

We need help completing the trail markers in Niagara County. There are several areas that need attention and 2 people cannot do it all! Right now, we have scheduled 12/26 and 12/28 as the dates. Please call Mike Oliver at 531-6761 for details. If you are available another time and can get some buddies together, please let him know and we'll make arrangements.



The Northern Erie Sno-Seekers is Sponsoring a

Snowmobile Safety Poster Contest

CALLING ALL KIDS

Get out your markers, crayons and colored pencils!

**International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 11 to 17, 2009.
Create a poster that will promote safe and responsible riding.**

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded for each age
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Ages 8 and under. Ages 9 to 16.

- **Submit your entry on an 8-1/2" x 11" paper.**
- **Entries should be scanned and emailed to slandow@rochester.rr.com.**
(Please contact me by email if you would like send your entry through the mail.)
- **All entries must be received by 7:00 pm on Sunday, January 18, 2009.**
- **All posters must be original artwork.**
- **Include your name, age and phone number in your email.**
- **Winners will be notified by telephone. Prizes will be awarded at the General Meeting on January 29th. (Meeting is held at the Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30 pm)**
- **Winning posters will be published in NESS monthly newsletter.**



NYSSA Trails Coordinator

December 6, 2008 Report

STEP Signage

The month of November has been active in moving forward both phases of the STEP program to assist clubs in managing the risks associated with trail maintenance.

STEP Signage classes have essentially concluded with over 20 signage classes conducted in various locations across the state. A remaining class will be conducted in the Tompkins/Schuyler County area. A cancelled class in Oswego Co may also be rescheduled.

There was a significant increase in attendance at the STEP Signage classes this fall by club trail workers to get more information on OPRHP trail signing guidelines. Clubs need to sign all designated trails and club trails according to these guidelines. Some clubs sent nearly their entire trail work force to these classes, a remarkable achievement.

While trail worker attendance increased, participation by snowmobilers in becoming a Safe Trails Advisor remained at about the same level as last year. Participation in Satellite STEP Signage programs remained active again this year as Wayne Co and Chautauqua Co submitted Satellite Plans for approval. The benefit of the Satellite approach is that the clubs within the county control who conducts signage observation visits.

Specific partnering assignments to Safe Trail Advisors will be sent out in the next week.

Regardless of which approach is used – STA's or the Satellite program – the goal is for all clubs to have all legal trails signed according to OPRHP guidelines.

At nearly every signage class the topic of creating divided trails across fields drew the most passionate comment. Last spring OPRHP directed that all signage be done strictly by the current trail signing Handbook. The Handbook does not describe the use of divided trails across fields, that all trails be double staked. This was announced at the Forum last April.

The resulting response from clubs resulted in a survey being done to collect information on signing fields with divided trails. Over 80 clubs responded with most stating that they stake open fields using either divided trails or by double staking.

The Trails Committee continues to gather information on how clubs sign divided trails.

An aspect of trail signage is the use of a single sign that is not part of a divided trail. If a sign stake is used and it is not part of a divided trail, then it needs to have a corresponding stake defining the other side of the trail.

Any signage done outside of the trail signing Handbook must be documented. The club needs to show that the club determined signage exceptions by telling how the signing was done and why. This needs to be part of the club record.

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STEP Grooming

The benefit of a Groomer Operator Safety Guidelines document is that it enables clubs to spell out how someone becomes a groomer operator. This protects clubs by having some control over who is authorized to operate a club groomer. Many clubs have their operators attend a groomer operator safety course. Recently I had the pleasure of giving the safety course to 71 participants in Cortland Co.

Chainsaw Safety

NYS DEC requires that as part of a club's AANR that anyone working on state lands needs to demonstrate that they have completed the chainsaw safety requirements. Safety course requirements include safety equipment such as cut-resistant boots, gloves, safety chaps, and hardhat with the protective face shield. In addition, each state land worker needs to complete first aid, CPR, and blood-borne pathogens training along with the Game of Logging I or an approved chainsaw video done by an approved instructor.

Some clubs are hiring an instructor on their own to complete this needed training. Some training may be available through the DEC. If assistance is needed, please contact the Trails Coordinator.

A chainsaw safety class is tentatively being scheduled for Friday of the Forum in Syracuse next April.

Access

Trail access continues (and likely always will) be a major issue. Several access issues have received attention during November, including the canal prohibition on the use of snowmobiles and access to state lands. Information to large private landowners on the Trail Watch program continues to be a benefit.

Any club that has access to canal lands that could be part of their trail system and provide a vital connection to communities need to get their local government to pass resolutions of support. These resolutions need to go to the Canal Corporation and the Thruway Authority. Clubs are encouraged to conduct petition campaigns to collect signatures asking that the prohibition be revised so that clubs can get permits from Canal Corporation to access these lands for trail connections.

Templates for a petition and for local government resolutions are available.

Submitted by:

Dave Perkins

NYSSA Trails Coordinator



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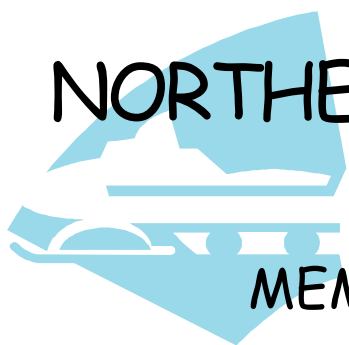
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2008/2009



NAME _____ (First Name, Spouse's First Name, Children's First Name, Last Name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____ (We do not share personal information)

***NAME AND ADDRESS MUST MATCH SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION FOR DISCOUNT. See below.**

www.sno-seekers.com
(716) 741-NESS (6377)

All memberships are from April 1 to March 31 to coincide with NYSSA Voucher's

\$5.00 of this fee is for membership to NYSSA who will donate .25¢ to the NYS Snowmobile PAC. **NOTE:** If you do not wish to donate the .25¢, please check here _____. If you are already a member of NYSSA (through another club) you may deduct the \$5.00 if you wish from amount below and write the club name club name and voucher ID# here _____

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

LANDOWNER

SINGLE \$ 25.00

FAMILY \$ 30.00 (Incl. spouse and all children age 17 and under residing at the same address above)

CLUB HOUSE DONATION \$ _____

ALL OF THESE DONATIONS WILL BE PUT INTO A DEDICATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR A FUTURE LAND AND CLUB HOUSE PURCHASE!

OUR GOAL IS **\$20,000.00** FOR THE 2008-2009 SEASON

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A 501 (C) 3 AND ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

(Please check all that apply)

*Membership in this club entitles you to NYS Snowmobile Registration fee of \$45 on each snowmobile registered to the name and address above. A voucher will be issued upon club membership payment. Please bring this application to the monthly meeting or mail it to:

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.®
PO Box 167
Akron, NY 14001-0167

We are a 100% volunteer, 501(C) 3 not-for-profit organization that relies on member support to make our club a success. Everyone has *something* they can contribute and *any* assistance (no matter how big or small) is greatly appreciated. Please check any area(s) where you can help us say: "The Best Trails in WNY!"

- Officer/Board member
- Advertising/PR Committee
- Trails/Landowner Committee
- Groomer/Equipment Committee
- Newsletter/Website Committee
- Emergency Response Team
- Safety/Education Committee

- Membership Committee
- Social Committee
- Fund Raising Committee
- Trail Guide Committee
- Legal Advisor
- Club Historian
- Other _____

If you are interested in promoting your business we offer many forms of advertising. You may choose from spots in our newsletter, trail guides, along the trail or on our website. Please call us or visit our website for more information.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND WAIVER OF CLAIM: I am aware that snowmobiling involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: other snowmobiles, changing weather conditions; natural or un-natural objects: trees, stumps, the condition of snow or ice; changes in the terrain; blind spots or areas of reduced visibility, snow grooming equipment, or other vehicles, or negligence of other drivers or on the part of NESS or its members to safeguard or protect me from these hazards. I am aware of, freely accept, and fully assume such risks and the potential loss resulting there from and release NESS and its officers, members, or sponsors from all liability and waive any and all claims for such loss.

Signature _____

Date _____

"SNOWMOBILERS RESPECT LANDOWNERS - STAY ON THE TRAIL"