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February 2009

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Next Board Meeting: March 12th at the

American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:00PM

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Committees

PR/Marketing & Advertising **Committee**

Chairperson: OPEN

Social Committee:

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Membership Committee:

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Groomer/Equitment Committee:

Chairperson: Rich Wood 759-8528

Trails/ Landowners Committee:

Al Wolbert/Mike Oliver

Safety/Education Committee:

Chairperson: Al Osborne

Trail Guides Committee:

Chairperson: Sandy Gaulocher

Newsletter/Website Committee:

Chairperson: Shannon Landow Contact #542-2160

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Club Headlines

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- Next Board Meeting: March 12th at 7:00PM at the American Legion Tillman Post at 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron. On the Trail - Obey Signs.
 - Other Meetings:
 - General Meeting: March 26th, 7:30PM at the American Legion Tillman Post at 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.

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Committees in Need of Volunteers

Administration

Board members -

Attend the board meetings (once a month) and as a group decide on club issues and what is best for the club.

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.

<u>Social</u>

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 –

Help the community or a rider in trouble. Sometimes only a sled can get the job done and you know the area well.

President's Page

I hope you took the time!

We just came out of the one of the best riding seasons I can remember. I hope you took the opportunity to get out and enjoy it! That is what we work all year for! We get about an 8-week window of opportunity here and when it gets cold and the snow comes, you need to go! As most years go, there is always a trail that needs another marker or 2, a establishment that's out of maps, or a member that didn't get the paperwork in time, but we can't ignore what we had so I hope you enjoyed it!

I also hope you had the time to attend our 1st annual bonfire ride on Jan 17th. It was along the trail between Bloomingdale and Indian Falls Roads and was well attended. We also had a nice family ride on Jan 25th. Thanks goes to the social committee and all those who helped arrange it. Both were a huge success! If we get more snow, there's another bonfire on Feb 28th. See the website for details. I hope members and friends can join us and stop by to say hi and meet some new friends!

Again, thanks to everyone who made this season possible. It was the result of a lot of input from many people. This did not happen by itself and we need your help for the upcoming season. Elections are coming in March and we need some new faces to step up and volunteer so we can continue to enjoy what we just had! Yes...it can happen. Was this year proof enough?? I hope you took the time!

See you at the next meeting!! (and hopefully on the 28th!)

Eric

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A Few Upcoming Events

- **Watch the website for events— some events may be posted with little advanced notice as they may depend on the weather.**
- **Summer Camping Events—See page 16 for more details.
- **CLUB BONFIRE: Saturday, February 28th. If weather conditions allow—there will be an other club bonfire. Watch the website for further details. Volunteers are needed to help out. Contact Scott Trapp at 435-7841.
- **NYSSA Super Raffle is underway. See page 17 for more details. There are 62 great prizes. Get your ticket today!

Attention Members and LandownersOur 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.

No email address? Call an officer and let them know so arrangements can be made to get the newsletter to you.

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Safety Corner

Whether you're new to the sport or an old pro—sometimes it's good to brush up on snowmobile safety. There's a lot of good resources on the web that have information about safe riding. The NYSSA website (www.nyssnowassoc.org) has a side bar under the main menu dedicated to snowmobile safety. Clicking on it will bring up a drop down menu with pages about groomer awareness, hand signals, Safe Riders! training and other beneficial information every rider should know.

The best recommendation is to take the snowmobile safety course offered by one of the local clubs. At the very least, check out the Safe Riders! training on the web—it is a self guided website that goes through basic snowmobile safety. Check it out through the link on the NYSSA website or go to www. snowmobilers.org.

Happy and Safe Riding!





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Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message at 741-6377 if any area of you property needs attention this year. We greatly appreciate the use of your land for our trails and will do what we can to keep the ATV's and trespassers off.

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.

Thanks again for all of your support, without your generosity, we wouldn't have these wonderful trails.

NYSSA Scholarships

Did you know the NYSSA offers several scholarships? Go to www.nyssnowassoc.org for more details or to apply. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2009. Applications are also available by contacting the NYSSA Office at 1-888-624-3849.

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NOMINATIONS FOR NYSSA AWARDS

The 2008-2009 awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting and Forum.

These Awards include Snowmobiler of the Year, Snowmobile Family of the Year, Groomer Operator of the Year, Club of the Year, Dealership of the Year and the President's Award.

Deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2009.

Nominations can be made through the NYSSA webiste. You will need your 6-digit NYSSA Membership number (located on your membership card or voucher) to create an account and login to the "Members Only" section.



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Monthly Landowner Drawing

Congratulations to the following landowners who were randomly selected from the landowner list. Each winner received a \$25 gift certificate.

Nov 2008: Helen Kelkenberg Jan 2009: Donald & Shirley Walters

Nov 2008: Ron PetrieJan 2009: Barbara RobinsonDec 2008: Donald RoehlingFeb 2009: Bob & Jody PetersDec 2008: Eugene HofmeierFeb 2009: Morris Winguard

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Thank you to Bob Strach for sharing this excel spreadsheet he created for planning his snowmobile trips. It provides a great way to plan a trip that stays in your budget, has all of your information in one place, and plans each days ride throughout the length of the trip. One added benefit—it leaves a "map" of where you will be in case of an emergency.

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Saturday	RIT	Sudbury to Post 392 (Geganna)		D83-0105	Sportsman Lodge, Shirting Tree	210	Post 392 (706) 266-1606	\$160.00	d Rooms Includes Dinner and Breakhast	\$4.00
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Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc. General Meeting 11/20/08 Tillman Post, Akron NY 7:30 pm

Officers present

Eric Glassman – President ScottTrapp - 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:

- -Adapt a highway program Still selecting a section of road.
- -Christmas party Dec. 13th. Newstead Fire Hall. Need raffle donations. Starts at 5pm.
- -Advertising. Have a new volunteer, Vince LaGreca. Thank You!!!!!!
- -News letter. Shannon Landow new editor. Transitioning to electronic media. Coming soon.
- -Safety Course Administrator. Need a volunteer to plan, organize, and teach classes.
- -Clubs Top Priorities and Goals for 09

Signs – New State requirements.

Electronic News Letter.

Fundraising – Life time memberships, Raffles, Dinners, and Games.

Better work sessions – Planning and organization of work details.

Club House 5 year plan - \$5,902.52 fund balance.

-Dec. 6th. Grommer safety class at Colden Lakes. 10am to 3pm.

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

9:15 meeting started.

Continued from General Meeting 11/20/08 Pg. 12

Trail Capt. Report:

- -Trails Open Dec. 17th
- -Received approval from Clarence and Akron. Still waiting for Newstead.
- -Bike path Barrel set up Dec. 6th. @ Barnem Rd. 9am.
- -Need trail captain for North trails.
- -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.
- -Club has new signs.

Double stop signs

Curve ahead

Stop/Barricade ahead

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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Check it out and maybe you'll be planning your next snowmobile trip to one of the destinations!

Feelin' lucky?

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Week #2 Aug 7th-9, 2009 Fri-Sun

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