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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON August 27th  
at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30PM**

**August  
2009**

**Next Board Meeting: September 10th at the  
American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:00PM**

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Contact #998-7966

### *Website Committee:*

Chairperson: OPEN

### *Adopt-A-Highway Committee:*

Chairperson: Rick Weitz  
Contact #713-9018

## Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: August 27th at 7:00PM at the Marvin's Bar and Grill (Corner of Goodrich Rd. and Delaware Rd.) in Clarence Center.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: September 10th at 7:00PM at the American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **General Meeting: September 24th at 7:30PM at the American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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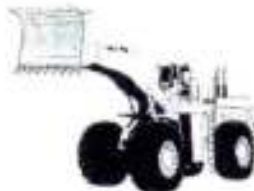
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## Feelin' lucky?

We will now be having 50/50 draws at our general meetings. The proceeds will be used to support our club and trail system. You now have 1 more reason to come join us!

**President's Page****Another major chapter is written!**

I hope everyone's enjoying your summer. Granted, the rain has certainly made it difficult for summer activities but it still seems like the time flew by.

Even in the summer we here at NESS still meet and plan for the never-ending tasks that need to be done. As I've said a thousand times before, the one major goal we have is to provide the best riding experience in WNY. That's sounds pretty simple but there's a lot more to it than simply riding.

As you know, our riding season is short and, when it finally arrives, we get out and maintain our trails almost continuously. In fact, last year, we spent nearly 18 hours *a day* grooming when the snow was here. Not bad for a bunch of volunteers who also want to ride and have other responsibilities too! Even with a schedule like that, we asked: "what can we do to improve that?"

Keeping in line with that goal, we continually review what we've done or haven't done to make this club work. Even with the nearly around-the-clock schedule we've had it still, at times, did not give us the product we wanted. Grooming seems to be the most labor and equipment intensive activity we have and, with 125 miles of trail, even the "experts" tell us we fall short in that department. So.... I'm glad to announce that we've made a decision to purchase another groomer!!

A lot of thought and work went in to this decision but we've come up with a plan that'll work if everyone does their part. After reviewing many options, visiting dealers, and asking clubs all around the country, we've chosen to go with a Piston Bully Trail. Its looks similar to our current groomer but has a few features better suited for our trail system. Given the cost, performance, reliability, and long-term needs of the club, it was the best unit we could find.

As I said, this is a big event and we'll need everyone's commitment. A few of our members have already stepped up and offered to help. We plan to have it ready for the upcoming season and will be rolling out several programs to help us pay for it! Details will be coming but I'm excited about this and hope you are too! We look forward to once again raising the bar and hope everyone can support that goal!

Smooth trails just got smoother in NESS country!

See you at our next meeting on the 27th.

Eric

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**A Few Upcoming Events**

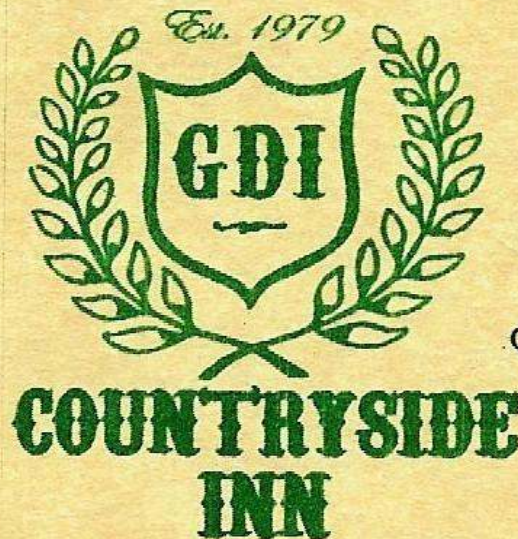
- \*\*Labor Day Fair Booth—Clarence Center Firehall 9/5 to 9/7. Volunteers needed. See page 6 for more details.
- \*\*Landowner/Christmas Party—Save the Date! December 12 at 5 PM. Watch the newsletter for more info.
- \*\* NESS Camping Weekends. See Page 15 for more details.

**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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## **2009 LANDOWNER PARTY**

Don't forget our Landowner/Christmas party is at Newstead Fire Hall on 12/12 starting at 5PM.

Everyone...we need donations to make it work! Please do what you can to get those for us!

## **NESS CLUB APPAREL**

Club apparel is in!! There are still some items available for sale. Orders are being accepted for the next shipment.

T-Shirt (Short Sleeve): S-XL \$10, XXL \$11, XXXL \$12

T-Shirt (Long Sleeve): S-XL \$13, XXL \$14, XXXL \$15

Sweatshirt—Hooded: S-XL \$30, XXL \$32, XXXL \$34

Baseball Cap: \$10

Winter Knit Cap: \$10



## **Events needed to fill our newsletter calendar**

If you have an event you would like posted please send the info to [slandow@rochester.rr.com](mailto:slandow@rochester.rr.com). Deadline for submission is the 10th of each month.

## **How's a free \$10 sound?**

BRP (makers of ski-doo and more) has offered to give our club \$10 for every member (up to \$1500) that fills out and drops off a card at their local dealer. No obligation so what could be easier! If we get 70% or more participation, we'll be eligible for another \$1000 drawing and a chance at a new sled! We challenge EVERY member to do this with no excuses why they can't! See the NYSSA website or come to a meeting for an application.



### **Labor Day is here!**

We will be having a tent at the annual Labor Day Fair and parade from 9/5-9/7 at the Clarence Center Fire Hall. We need members to help with the booth. Usually 2 hours is all we need and we'll even supply drinks! Please call us on the Sno Phone (741-NESS) or come to the next meeting to sign-up!

### **Here's the Begging Part**

If you read the Presidents Page, you'll see that we've just committed to purchase a new groomer. We'll be launching several programs to help raise some funds but the good 'ol cash donation works just fine for us! We'll be asking everyone to help us through donations and will be adding this option to our membership application. I think we all agree you get a heck of a trail system for 25 or 30 bucks a year! Especially when you compare it to other places where you sometimes shell out a \$100 for a weekend! Please consider any amount that will help us give you the "Best trails in WNY"

### **2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**Membership applications are now available for the 2009-2010 season. Memberships run from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Applications are available on Page 17 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up. DON'T WAIT—SIGN UP NOW.**

### **Safety Corner**

Registration season is upon us. Any snowmobile operated in New York State must be registered with the NYS DMV even if it is registered in another state (there are exceptions that do apply). Registration and proof of insurance must be carried on their person at all times when snowmobiling. These documents are required to be produced should a law enforcement officer request them or at the request of anyone who is injured or suffers property damage as the result of the operation of the snowmobile.

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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 your 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.*

### **Thank You!!!!**

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# August 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 Tuesday in the Park Concert Series — Chris Isaak	5 Wednesdays on the Gorge— Railroad Earth	6	7 NESS Camping Weekend  Molson Canal Concert Series Eddie Money  Attica Rodeo	8 NESS Camping Weekend  Attica Rodeo
9 NESS Camping Weekend  Bills vs. Titans 8:00PM Canton, OH  Attica Rodeo	10	11 Tuesday in the Park Concert Series — The Machine performs the music of Pink Floyd	12 Wednesdays on the Gorge— Sloan  America's Fair	13 Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Tillman Post, Akron  America's Fair	14 Molson Canal Concert Series Charlie Daniel's Band  America's Fair	15 America's Fair  Bears @ Bills 7:00 PM
16 America's Fair  Taste of Lockport	17 America's Fair	18 Tuesday in the Park Concert Series — The Outlaws  America's Fair	19 Wednesdays on the Gorge— Celtic Night: Black 47 & Scythian  America's Fair	20 America's Fair  America's Fair	21 NESS Camping Weekend  America's Fair	22 NESS Camping Weekend  America's Fair  Bills @ Packers 8:00 PM
23 NESS Camping Weekend  America's Fair	24	25 Tuesday in the Park Concert Series — Peter Frampton	26 Wednesdays on the Gorge— Galactic	27 General Meeting 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron  New York State Fair	28 New York State Fair	29 New York State Fair  Bills @ Steelers 7:30 PM
30 New York State Fair	31 New York State Fair					



# September 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New York State Fair	2 New York State Fair	3 Lions @ Bills 6:30 PM New York State Fair	4 New York State Fair	5 New York State Fair Clarence Center FC Labor Day Fair National Buffalo Wing Festival
6 New York State Fair Clarence Center FC Labor Day Fair National Buffalo Wing Festival	7 Labor Day New York State Fair Clarence Center FC Labor Day Fair	8	9	10 Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Tillman Post, Akron	11	12
13	14 Bills @ Patriots 7:00 PM	15	16	17 Buffalo Sabres Pre-Season Begins	18	19
20 TB Bucs @ Bills 4:05 PM	21	22	23	24 General Meeting 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron	25	26 Shawnee Sno-Chiefs 11th Annual Grass Drags
27 Saints @ Bills 4:05 PM	28	29	30			



# October 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Sabres Regular Season Schedule Begins
4 Bills @ Miami 4:05 PM	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Tillman Post, Akron	9	10
11 Browns @ Bills 1:00 PM	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18 Bills @ NY Jets 4:15 PM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Bills @ Panthers 4:05 PM	26	27	28	29 General Meeting 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron	30	31



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## Sportn' the Latest

Don't forget we now have apparel with the NESS logo on it! We have T's, sweatshirts, hats, and more! Call us on the Sno-Phone (741-NESS) or come to the next meeting to get yours!

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Do you have an idea for an article for the newsletter? Or would like to write one? Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Please send all suggestions, ideas, comments and articles to [slandow@rochester.rr.com](mailto:slandow@rochester.rr.com). If you would like an item posted in the next newsletter—all submissions are requested by the 10th of the month.



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## 2009/2010



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**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!"**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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- Our general **meetings** are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at **American Legion Tillman Post 9** Eckerson Road Akron, New York. It's located right on **C4C trail** (the bike path at Cedar Street) so you can come join us by sled! All ages are welcome! Bring a friend, too!
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