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September 2009

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON September 24th
at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30PM**

Next Board Meeting: October 8th at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:00PM

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**P.O. Box 167
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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: September 24th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: October 8th at 7:00PM at the American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **General Meeting: October 29th at 7:30PM at the American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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**President's Page****Time to show your passion to ride!**

Most of you know we've turned another page in our history and purchased a second groomer. For those who visited us at the Labor Day fair, we displayed a poster with some great pictures of what it will look like. Our plan is to take delivery sometime in December. This was a huge decision for our club and I hope everyone who rides our trails will appreciate the hard work that went into getting us where we are today. Let's hope we get a good snow season and can get out and use it!

Most of you also know that the trails and all the trimmings that go with them don't happen by themselves. We're fortunate enough to have some great volunteers who have worked hard to get us to where we are today. Now that we've just raised the bar, we'll need an equivalent increase in the help we need to sustain our new level. As I mentioned in past months, we have some new programs designed to help up support this new equipment and we now need everyone's help to make it happen. In summary, here's what we need:

- We have several donation boxes made for groomer donations. We need some volunteers to take a few and deliver them throughout the trail system and occasionally collect the donations. A few hours a month is all it'll take.
- The club will be selling "Enjoy the City" coupon books loaded with some great coupons for restaurants, services, etc. located around WNY. I would like every member to sell at least 5 and if you do, you can keep the sixth book free for you! Not only is that a great deal, but its not hard to do and will help us raise the funds we need.
- BRP will donate \$10 to our club for every member who fills out a form and drops it off at a dealer. What could be easier than that? No excuses on this one folks! You can find the coupon at your Ski-doo dealer or on-line at the BRP website.
- Continued support for trail work, trail captains, and all the other things that make this club work. Participate and we all will be rewarded.

Everyone wants a trail system we can enjoy. We've provided that for some time now and have just raised it to a new level. We now need *you* to show your commitment to this sport and do *your* part to make it work. Are you passionate about riding? I hope so!

Smooth trails just got smoother in NESS country!

See you at our next meeting on the 24th.

Eric



A Few Upcoming Events

****Landowner/Christmas Party—Save the Date!** December 12 at 5 PM. Watch the newsletter for more info.

****Buck's Open House—October 10th** from 9 am to 6 pm. 13090 Main Street, Route 5 Akron. Volunteers needed to work the food booth.

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.

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

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

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

BECOME A NESS SPONSOR

Would you like to be a sponsor for NESS, its easy and very affordable. You can advertise in our newsletter (1/8 page, 1/4 page , 1/2 page or full page) or on our trail billboards (located at high traffic areas), trail directional signs, have a banner ad on our sponsor page linked to your website, or your own individual vinyl grafix signage on the trail. Please contact Steve at 716 609 0368) or email nystevexr@verizon.net for all the prices and many package discounts. Thank you for your continued support.

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. 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.



Come on...you want smooth trails don't you?

We'll be selling "Enjoy the City" coupon books as a club fundraiser. They're loaded with coupons for a lot of local establishments and services. Please come to the next meeting to get a few to sell. As an extra incentive, anyone who sells 5 will get one free to keep for your self! What a great way to support your club in a time of need and get "paid" to do it!

End of summer party went well!

Thanks to all the members who volunteered to help out with booth at the Labor Day fair. We renewed about 50 members and talked trails with many more. We all can't wait to ride! We also thank Don George's Sports Center and Buck's Motorsports for the sleds on display, Ross Grand Rental Station for the tent, Braunshiedal Property Services for the trucking and great parade float, and all who donated to our new groomer fund.

Our next event will be October 10th at Buck's Motorsports in Akron, NY. We'll need help with the NESS booth and hope you can spare an hour or so please call us @ 741-NESS or come to the meeting to sign up.

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 18 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up. DON'T WAIT—SIGN UP NOW.

Safety Corner

There is a **55-mph speed limit** on New York's trails unless otherwise posted lower.

Riders are urged to travel at "reasonable and prudent speed for the existing conditions". *Reasonable* means remembering that many families are out riding together, enjoying the outdoors. Slow down when you meet other sledders, ease up when you come to a curve, bridge or rise in the trail.

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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!!!!

American Legion L.L. Tillman Post No. 900

For accommodating us for our
Board Meetings and General Meetings

9 Eckerson Ave. in Akron
(that's were Rte 93 and the bike path meet).

Remember, we are open and on the trail. Ride in and have a
drink and get warm.

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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
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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 Buck's Motorsports Open House 9 am to 6 pm
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 Happy Halloween 



November 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Texans @ Bills 1:00 PM	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Tillman Post, Akron	13	14
15 Bills @ Titans 1:00PM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Bills @ Jag- uars 1:00PM	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 Dolphins @ Bills 1:00 PM	30					



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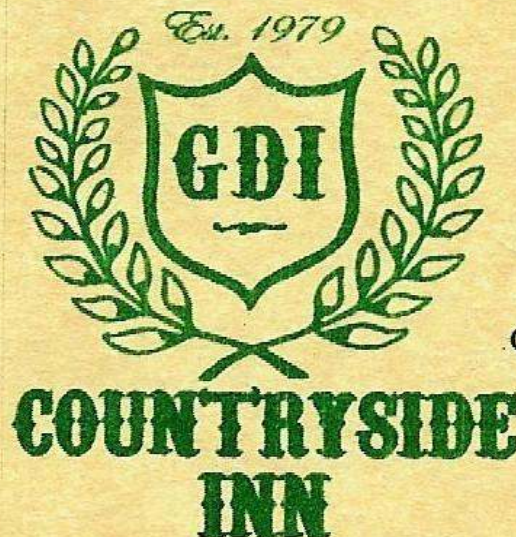
If you read the Presidents Page, you'll see that we've just committed to purchase a new groomer. We'll be launching several programs to help raise some funds but the good 'ol cash donation works just fine for us! We'll be asking everyone to help us through donations and will be adding this option to 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"

MESSAGE FROM NIAGARA COUNTY TRAIL COORDINATOR

Things are moving ahead for the season so far. There are still a few sections that the signs need to be counted but that can be done when installed. Only a few unpainted stakes to be accounted for. What I am looking for are materials for the BOWEN RD bridge that needs to be redecked. Also in search of a gate approx 14 ft. wide. And deck boards for a sled bridge only that would be approx. 20 ft. long.

Also, would like to send appreciation out to the people that were left out of last months letter. Bill Perrone for equipment. The Schroeder Family for the help and treats after the work session. And Danny D. for just being there. Any help would be appreciated. I do have 2 sections that need trail captains and one that just needs extra help. If you can lend a hand with labor and/or materials please contact Curt Watts home # 772-7186 cell #435-7068.

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Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Company Labor Day Parade Pictures



Brian Braunscheidel facilitated two trucks and floats for the parade. Everybody loves a parade and Brian loves “Struttin” his big reds. Andy Sutton doing his “Usual” fine job of driving the “Big” parade KenWorth.



Parade was enjoyed by everyone and next year we'll have a new red Pisten Bully Groomer to match Brian's trucks.



Josh Schroeder guarding the sled on the trailer. Excited - maybe...

Thanks again to everyone for their efforts and keep the \$\$\$ donations coming.

The “Bully” needs all the \$\$\$ he can uncover.





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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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