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November 2009

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at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30PM**

**Next Board Meeting: December 10th at Pour
Boyz, 6241 S. Transit Road in Lockport at 7:00PM**

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Club Headlines

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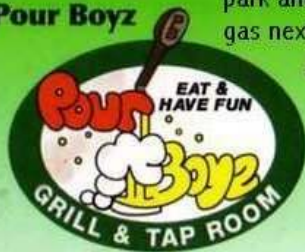
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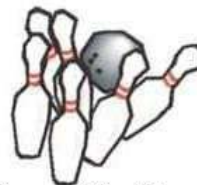
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**President's Page****The good and bad**

Most of you know, I always try to report the story with as many facts as possible. I try to say it like it is and have never been a supporter of "politics" or any other creative packaging. I feel that type of approach takes away from the goal and serves only a minority's agenda. Both the good and bad alike deserve an objective view for the benefit of all. That said, I thought I would share our latest news.

The good:

November 14th marked one of the most productive days in the *history* of this club! On that single day, through the efforts of a just a handful of our members, the Northern Erie Sno-seekers:

- Installed 2 culverts and formed approaches on 2 of the new trails we have.
- Repaired a 3rd culvert and approach.
- Replaced a full deck on a bridge.
- Coordinated repairs needed for another bridge.
- Marked trail in 3 separate locations.
- Conducted an 8 hour NYS safety training class with 35+ students.

I want to thank all those who worked so hard to make that possible. It goes to show you that we can accomplish a lot when people volunteer. We've said it before and the above really shows it can be done – thanks!

The bad:

If you recall, we launched a groomer fund campaign several months ago to support our new purchase. We have several fund-raising activities currently going on but all of them require all of us to pitch-in and make them successful. To date, only 11 out of 700+ people have offered to help with our coupon book sale. Needless to say, we won't hit our targets on that one! A bit disappointing – hey?

Let's hope more people offer to distribute our groomer donation boxes throughout our trail system and they'll produce some much needed funds.

Again, thanks to all who have made an effort to help. We all have different ways to contribute and have some huge accomplishments to be proud of. That's what we want to focus on. We must continue to forge forward and find ways to get it done.

Speaking of...our annual landowner appreciation party is less than a month away and we could use your help! We need gift donations! Almost anything goes...even handmade gifts or baskets so please get out there and start asking! You can bring them to the meeting or call us for pickup.

See you at our next meeting on the 19th.

Eric



A Few Upcoming Events

****Landowner/Christmas Party—Save the Date!** December 12 at 5 PM. See page 16 for more information.

****Snowmobile Safety Course—December 5th, 2009,** Shawnee Fire Hall, 3747 Lockport Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. Registration at 8:30 am. Students should bring a sack lunch, soft drinks provided by the Shawnee Sno-Chiefs. RSVP Required: Call Pat 731-9451 or Donna 731-9377.

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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“Enjoy The City” Coupon Books

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! If you would like to purchase one a book or sell them and can not make it to a meeting call Sandy at 741-3285.

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.**

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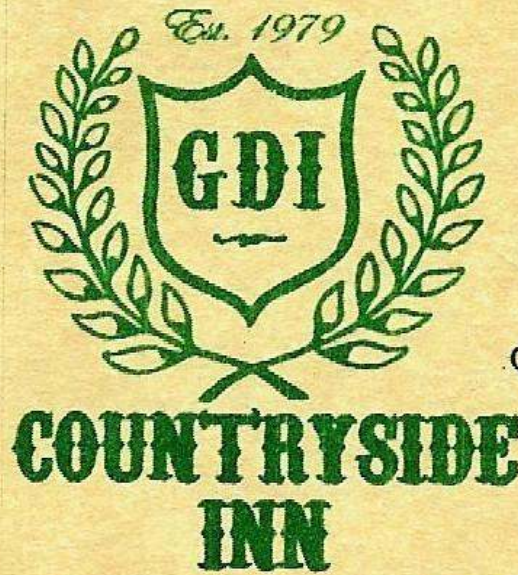
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With the help from many others there is progress in the works on the Niagara County side. As of November 10th, the trail from GASPORT to TERRYSCORNERS has been marked. Also from LINCOLN AV. to BUNKERHILL RD. there are now posts and signs. The section from SIMMS RD. to WOLCOTTSVILLE RD. has the stakes in for now and will need to have the signs added after hunting season is done. The section from TRANSIT to BEATTIE AV. needs 17 metal stakes for snow fence support. This looks like a great head start. Thank You to all of you who are making this possible.

THANKS FOR THE HELP!
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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

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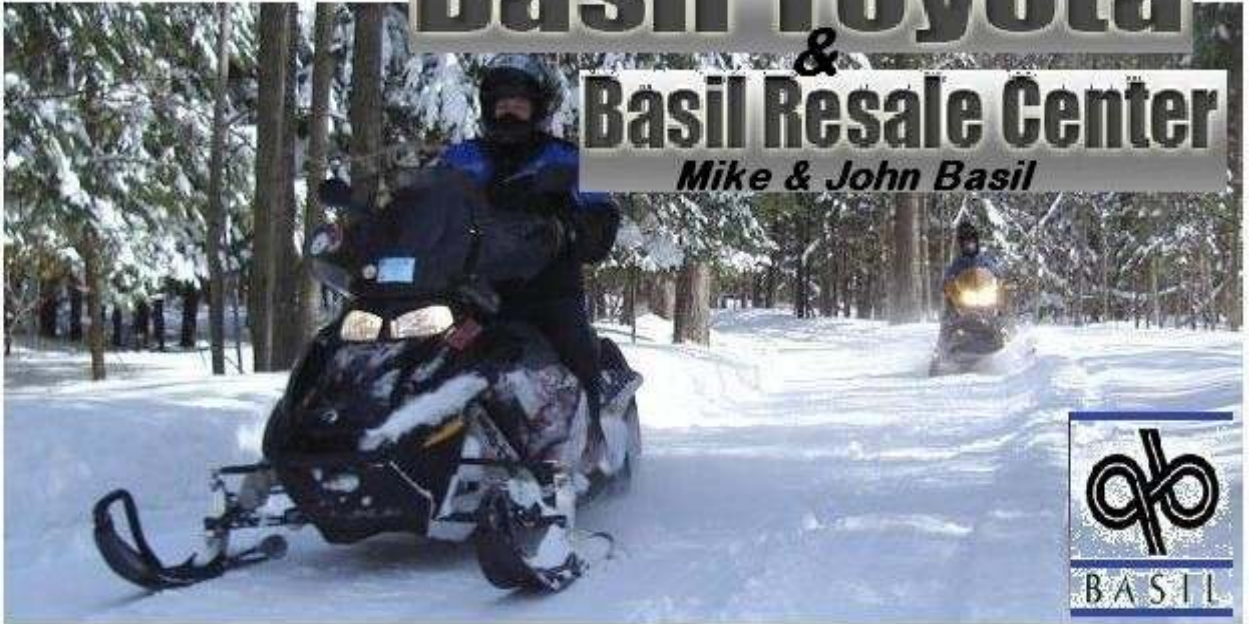


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The only exception to this law is during a snow emergency as declared by the Thruway authority or other agency having authority over the highway in question.

Snowmobiles **MAY** be operated on the shoulders and inside banks of highways, other than limited access highways, **PROVIDED** that the highways have been designated **AND** posted for snowmobile use by the governing authority (State of New York for state highways, county government for county highways, town government for town roads, etc.).

Snowmobiles may also be operated on designated highways for a distance not to exceed 500 yards to gain access to operational areas or trails adjacent to the highway. Again, an exception to this law may occur during a snow emergency as declared by the agency having authority over the highway in question.

Snowmobiles **MAY** be operated on the **OUTSIDE** banks of highways other than limited access highways.

Snowmobiles **MAY** be operated on highways, other than limited access highways, when necessary to cross a bridge or culvert.

Snowmobiles **MAY** be operated on county, town, city, or village highways which are customarily unplowed and unused by wheeled vehicles during the winter months. These roads must be designated as such by the governing authority.

Snowmobile operation on any highway **MUST** be in single file on the right hand side of the road, except to overtake and pass another snowmobile.

Snowmobiles **MAY NOT** pull a person on skis or in a sleigh, sled, or toboggan on or across any roadway.

Snowmobiles **MAY** make a direct crossing of any highway other than limited access highways at any time of day provided that:

- a.) the crossing is made at approximately a ninety degree angle, and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing
- b.) the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the highway
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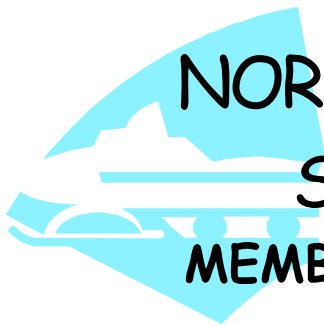
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2009/2010



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- ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ _____**

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Please remember, 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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