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## **January 2010**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON January 28th  
at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30PM**

**Next Board Meeting:** February 11th at Marvin's  
Bar and Grill (Corner of Goodrich Rd. and Dela-  
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## Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: January 28th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: February 11th at 7:00PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill (Corner of Goodrich Rd. and Delaware Rd.) in Clarence Center.**
- **General Meeting: February 25th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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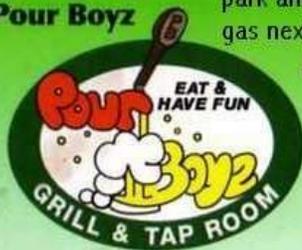
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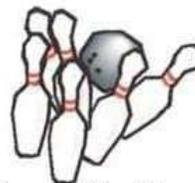
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**President's Page****Halftime!**

I hope you got out and rode over the past few weeks. The cold came fast and gave us just enough snow to ride. We got out and groomed the best we could but there wasn't a whole lot to work with. We still had some wet spots and rough terrain but most of the trails were pretty good. In early season, the water takes time to freeze because of the rain and warm temps, but once it freezes, it usually stays until spring. It would be nice to just wait until there's just the right amount of snow and the trails have a good base, but I don't have to remind you that you're in WNY, where temps can fluctuate 40 degrees in one day and we can lose it all in 2 days! Get it while you can!

We also had a chance to try out some new trails. For the most part, they're working great. Remember to **STAY ON THE TRAIL** and follow the markings. The only problems we've had is when some numbnuts rides across somebody's driveway, front lawn, cuts across a field, or rides where there's NOT a trail. This is 100% of the reason why we loose trails so if you see anyone, make sure you get the plate numbers/ make so we can give *them* some grief! Maybe we should start a "numbnuts of the week" award????!!

We also had a chance to use the new groomer. What a machine! We can groom a little faster and more efficiently because (with 2 units) we can plan our routes a little better and not have to be everywhere all the time! It runs great and is definitely a beautiful piece of equipment! Remember to donate to the groomer boxes and keep 'em full!

Thanks again for all who stepped up at the last minute and got the remaining trails installed and marked. With 125+ miles, it's quite a job! If you see anything out of place please fix it or call us to let us know. NESS wants safe trails!

That's it for now. I can't believe its halftime already! Hope the second half lasts longer and is more intense!

See you at our next meeting on the 28th.

Eric

**MESSAGE FROM NIAGARA COUNTY TRAIL COORDINATOR**

As of JAN 11th, we have a plan to get trail C4H marked so that we can get to Orleans Co. The groomer has been out when we felt that it was needed & not out for a joy ride. I along with some other groomer operators finally decided on SUN JAN 10th to take our sleds for a ride. We all seemed to meet at the SNOPACKERS pancake breakfast. After done eating everyone seemed to go their own ways but we still crossed paths before we got back home. It finally gave me a chance to ride other clubs trails and I think we do a good job with the amount of snow that we have or had to work with. Still looking on the bright side and hoping for more snow. Thanks again to the 30 plus helpers that we have in Niagara County to get the trail work done.

Any help or info please contact me.

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## A Few Upcoming Events

**NYSSA Super Raffle:** Get your tickets now for the NYSSA Super Raffle. Tickets are on sale until April. \$5/ticket will get you a chance to win one of three snowmobiles or one of the other 50 great prizes. We need your help—stop into a meeting and pick up some to sell. Drawing will be in April at the NYSSA Annual Meeting and Forum. You do not need to be present to win.

**SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE—SHAWNEE SNOCHIEFS:** The Snochiefs plan to hold their second and final New York State Snowmobile Safety Course of the season on Jan. 25th and 26th at the Shawnee Fire Hall, 3747 Lockport Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. If you're interested in becoming an instructor or assisting with the class, please contact Rodger at 716-731-2174.

If you want to attend or have your children attend, please call Pat at 716-731-9451 or Gary at 716-807-7002 for reservations. A parent or guardian must drop off and sign the paperwork and pick up children after the class. Students should bring a snack. Soft drinks will be provided by the club. Students must be at least 10 years old on the day of the class to receive credit from New York State.

**2010 Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week:** February 12 to 22. See [www.gosnowmobiling.org](http://www.gosnowmobiling.org) for more details

### DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 80 percent of snowmobilers use their snowmobile for trail riding and touring in marked and groomed trails. The other 20 percent of snowmobilers use their snowmobile for work and ice fishing.

## 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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## **Snowmobiling provides physical and mental health benefits**

### **Winter recreation fights seasonal affective disorder**

(Dec 1, 2009 – Haslett, MI) Staying active during the winter months can be a challenge with the icy temperature convincing many to stay nestled indoors. Snowmobiling provides both a great physical workout and supports strong mental health.

Even though you're often sitting when riding a snowmobile, this winter activity is great exercise. Snowmobiling builds a strong core, requiring strength and flexibility to maneuver on the trails. In fact, the average person burns about 238 calories per hour while snowmobiling.

Sunlight deprivation contributes to both winter weight gain and Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), more commonly known as the winter blues. SAD is a form of depression in which people who have normal mental health throughout the year experience depressive symptoms during the winter months. The National Health Association estimates that 10 million North American residents suffer from SAD.

In order to treat SAD, many use light therapy to mimic natural outdoor light. With light therapy, exposure to bright light from a light therapy box is thought to alter your circadian rhythms and suppress your body's natural release of melatonin causing biochemical changes in your brain that reduce symptoms of SAD. Snowmobiling provides a much more fun and easy way to get natural lighting and exercise.

On average, people spend about 90 percent of their time indoors, breathing in stale air and mixing with other people's germs. There are even fewer people outdoors in the winter. Staying active year-round boosts your immune system and helps ward off winter colds.

To combat the threats posed by today's indoor, inactive lifestyles – such as the growing obesity epidemic, several hundred organizations have teamed up to promote outdoor recreation. This United States national effort is led by the U.S. Forest Service. The mission of the effort is to:

*Unify public and private-sector interests in efforts to influence American lifestyles, in ways that maximize the physical, mental and other benefits derived from activities in the Great Outdoors.*

The National effort is simply called – **GO Day**. In the snowmobiling world, we call it **Go Snowmobiling**. We encourage you to invite your friends and family members to get outside and go snowmobiling. The enthusiasm is catchy!

For those interested in learning more about snowmobiling, [www.gosnowmobiling.org](http://www.gosnowmobiling.org) is an essential tool for guidance. The site provides information on getting started in snowmobiling, dealers and renters who can supply you with a snowmobile, locations to snowmobile, and more.



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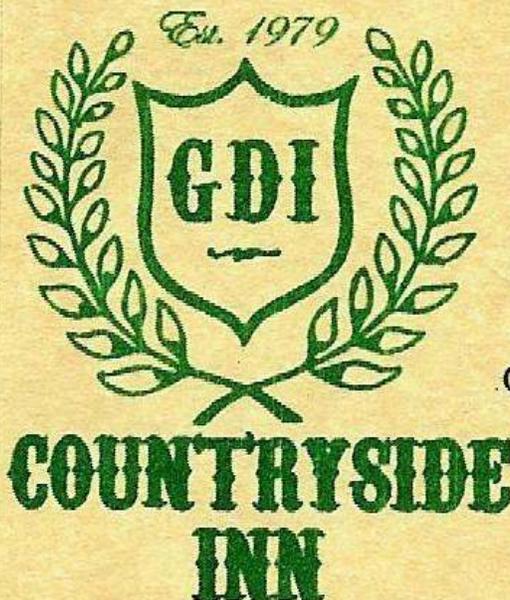
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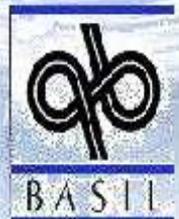
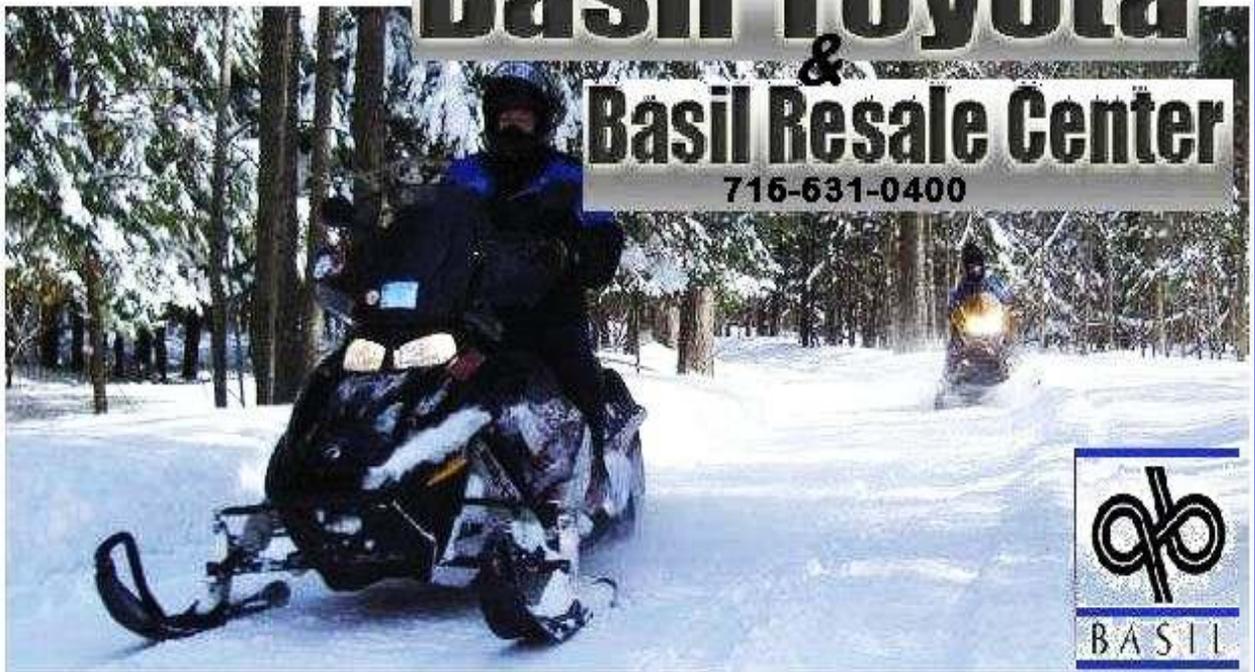
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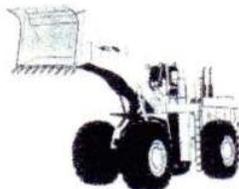
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\*Membership in this club entitles you to NYS Snowmobile Registration fee of \$45 on each snowmobile registered to the names and address above. A voucher will be issued upon club membership payment. You may register on-line at [www.nyssnowassoc.org](http://www.nyssnowassoc.org) (be sure to choose NESS as your club) or bring this application to the monthly

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!"

- Officer/Board member
- Advertising/PR Committee
- Trails/Landowner Committee
- Groomer/Equipment Committee
- Newsletter/Website Committee

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. ® (NESS) was established in 1973 and has been promoting the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles ever since. We are a 100% volunteer, 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization serving 3 counties and the communities of: **Clarence, Newstead, Amherst, Akron, Alden, Lancaster, Pembroke, Lockport, Gasport, Royalton and Hartland.**

- 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!
- We spend over 4000 hours/year conducting the activities needed for

**"The Best Trails in WNY®"**

- We have over **720 members** of all ages who share the same passion and enjoy making snowmobiling such a wonderful sport!
- We have two groomers; one we purchased in 2005 costing over \$130,000, and another in 2009 costing over \$170,000. These help us maintain over **125 miles of trail** right in your neighborhood!
- Our trail system is possibly only through the generous support of over 200 **private landowners**. We respect them by staying on the marked trails! Follow the signs - not always the tracks!
- We provide Safety Courses for both kids and adults.
- Come join us and visit our website at: [www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)