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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: September 30th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: October 14th at 7:00 PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill (Corner of Goodrich Rd. and Delaware Rd.) in Clarence Center.**
- **General Meeting: October 28th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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President's Page

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I'm amazed how the weather changes so fast when Labor Day gets here. This year was no exception. It was 89° on Thurs and 59° on Sat. Talk about a change! We had a great summer and know it can't last forever.

The club is planning several events this fall. Some will prepare us for the upcoming season and some will be for fun! Here's a short list:

- Adopt-a-Hwy Sept 26th @ 9AM. Meet at Niagara Label in Akron. We need 6-8 people for an hour or two to help. Please show you support and help out!
- 1st annual Swap Meet and show. Oct 9th from 9-5 at Buck's Motorsports located at 13090 Main Rd, Akron, NY. 97 Rock will be there and spaces are available to sell your parts, gear, or machines. Call Vince @ 200-9713. We also need help with the NESS booth!
- We'll be holding a safety class Oct 23-24 at the 1st annual WNY Xtreme Powersports Show, Erie County Fairgrounds in the Agri-center. Call Scott at 435-7841 for more info on the class, or www.pwrevent.com for more info about the show.
- Annual Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party Dec 11th at Newstead FH. Expecting the usual great time and we need gifts and help! Any donation accepted!
- Trail work parties. We have 125 miles of trail to install so we'll be having many work parties throughout the fall to get it done. We also have stakes to pound, trees to trim, culverts to install, bridges to build, and landowners to contact. Please see website for scheduled times/dates.

Of course, all of this takes people. The more the better! Thanks to all who helped during our Labor Day fair – it was a huge success!

See you on the 23th!

Eric



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As we get closer to the time to ride the list of things to do seems to get longer at times. To all landowners, please let the club know of any changes or trail markings that could be improved upon. At this point we have purchased the lumber for the Bowen Rd. bridge and two helpers have stepped forward. If we could get a couple more volunteers the project would get done a little sooner. As for the KINNE Rd. section of C4D, it still needs help! To the trail captains looking for their stakes and signs - I have been told they are on the way. Please keep in mind I am always looking for some positive input and thanks for your help.

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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.

A Few Upcoming Events

Adopt-A-Highway: Adopt-A-Highway date for 2010 is scheduled for September 26th. Meet at Niagara Label (corner of Hake Road and Rt. 93 in Akron) at 9am.

Swap Meet: October 9th from 9am to 5pm at Buck's Motorsports located at 13090 Main Rd in Akron. Booths are still available—call Vince at 200-9713 for more info. Stop in at the NESS booth and grab a hotdog, renew your yearly membership or just say hello!

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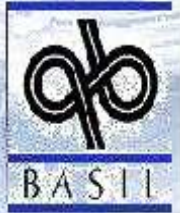
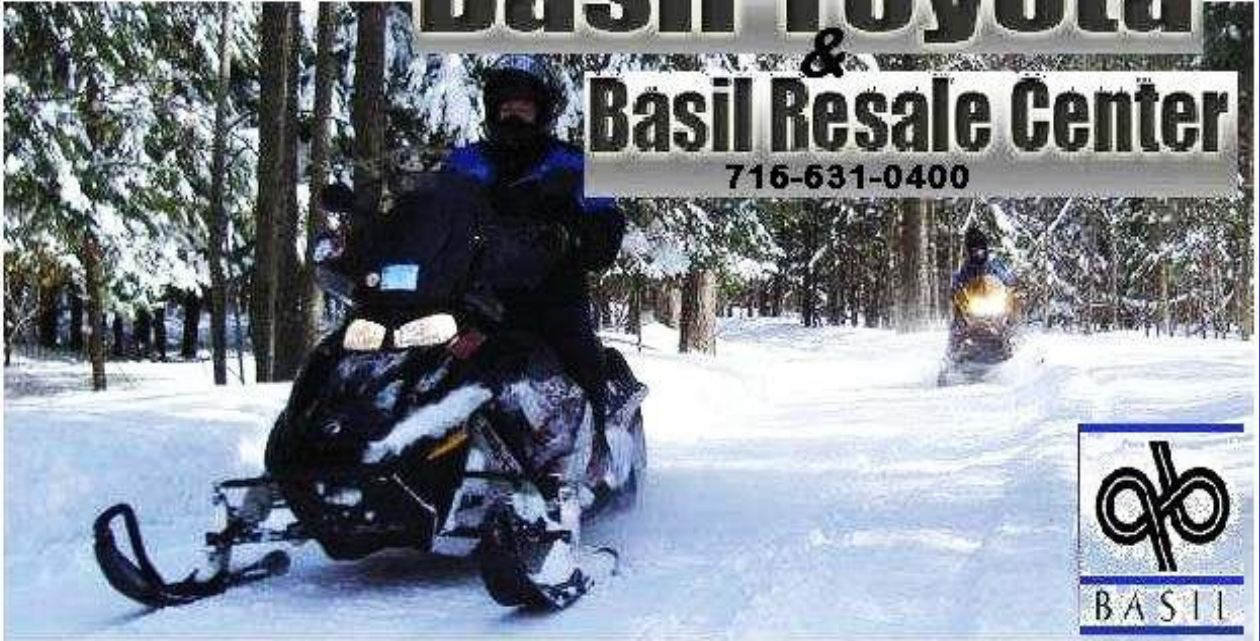


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Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers Club, Inc. Board Meeting September 9, 2010 Summary Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, NY 7:00 PM

Officers present:

President - Eric Glassman

Vice President - Dan Dressel

Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel

Treasurer - Rich McNamara

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm - 12 people present

Meeting ended at 10:25 pm

Review actions from last meeting:

- 1) Ranger – Dan Dressel took the ranger to Dale. It's been serviced and repaired. It needed an oil change and parking brake pads. Randy Wdowka said the belt is good. It was all greased too. Dale pulled the wheels and it's in really good shape. Dan had him check the gear boxes also. Ness owes Randy for the oil. Randy has the pads receipt for reimbursement.
- 2) Our Christmas Party is all set for December 11th at the Newstead fire hall. We will need to decide about the music and DJ. Should we get our own PA system? We will start to plan as we get closer. Gifts and budget need to be set.

Trails:

- 1) Ship and Shore – we are waiting on the church. Steve Wdowka visited the church and gave him information about us. Not sure when we will have a decision. We can use our 40 ft flat bed. Bill Perrone is concerned that if the deck floats and goes down stream – it will be a mess. Does it need 4 posts so it will rise and stay? Steve says if we get the church, we can groom the whole trail.
- 2) Landowner lists and approvals. Steve says we are waiting on one. There are 2 possibilities. Will we need more stakes or signs – we will need fewer. It will end at New Road. Transit Road is fine.
- 3) Material budget- anything else? Eric Glassman has a list for signs – still working on plastic stake options. What about culverts? If we need to buy any, we need to know soon. Bill says we need 5. Let's set deadline for the end of this month.
- 4) Richardson Woods – we got an email from him today. He is requesting some help on his property for the trail. If he is open to do that – we should get in there and open it up. Do we want to schedule a work session? We think its Al Wolbert's trail. Steve Wdowka says he will take care of it.
- 5) Genesee County is having a ribbon cutting for the new bridge at 12 noon on September 18th at Sour Springs Road.
- 6) GPS – can we have copies of map for us? Rich M. will put in .pdf format.
- 7) Town of Lockport rule changes. How does it affect us? Kinney Road. Pray for snow so we can run the snow banks. Curt Watts says we should talk to the landowner again. Do we need a bridge at the ditch? Can we get a groomer back there? Maybe we should send someone out to talk to landowner. There may be a need for 2 gates.

Marketing/Membership items:

- 1) Labor Day Fair. Overall the whole event went well. The booth, selling pizzas and the groomer and sleds in parade were really fun! The weather was great too. We had 32 members sign up. Congrats, Rich Martin won the \$25 Salvatore's gift certificate. Parade was good with 3 sleds and our groomer. Thanks to all who volunteered and stopped by to say hi. We can't wait to do it all again next year. Dan Dressel gave the summary of activity for the weekend festivities. We won 3rd place for our float in the parade!
- 2) NESS reflective stickers. Do we need more? Eric thinks we have some.



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Marketing/Membership items (cont):

- 3) We will be having a safety class on Sunday, October 24th at the Power Show. We need permission slips for children under 18 years old. The course is free. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Rich Johnson and Dan Dressel will be the instructors. Scott Trapp will get a list of participants. There is a 50 person max. There will be tables and chairs. Steve Wdowka is taking care of it. We will supply TV – video – everything we need to lead the class. What AV equipment do we need? We can set up Saturday. South Park entrance at the Agri-Center.

Grooming/Maintenance:

- 1) UTV – Oct 1 delivery. Need tax form.
- 2) Bombi – needs tracks off and fix shaft leak. Bill Perrone wants to know if the oil is still leaking. Let's take tracks off and see if it is leaking. Still don't know how much it will cost. It could be just the seal.
- 3) Groomer policy – not ready yet? We need it done, published and signed.

Other:

- 1) Goals and objectives: short list. Eric handed out list. Please write down your comments. We will discuss at a later meeting. There was some discussion....
- 2) Do we need a UTV for this fall? Can we work out a way to get one? Is timing an issue? We need one with a cab. Motion to look for a second UTV, Dan Dressel motions, Steve Wdowka seconds. We want to keep in the Polaris brand with windshield.
- 3) Thanks to all who have been storing our equipment over the summer months! We really appreciate it!
- 4) Swap meet - Curt Watts asks if we have a committee. Vince is the committee. He was the only one to volunteer so far. There will be a hot dog booth. We need about 10 people to work that day. We need to set up and man the booth. Eric went through the details of the event. Dan Dressel will show to help set up the event. Mary Beth Kiesel can organize what we need for food.
- 5) By-laws – what changes do we need to make? Should we have a separate meeting for it? Should we wait for the elections to vote on it? No. We need to get moving on it. What's the process? Rich M. will let us know. There was quite a discussion on the topic. We are having a special meeting next Thursday, September 16 at Marvin's at 7:00 pm.
- 6) No treasury report this month.

For the good of the club:

- 1) Stakes: plastic or a wood? Eric had a sample here. Eric will get quote for machine by next week hopefully. Beck's will drop off the water barrels at the trailers. There should be room in # 3. It's unclear as to how many stakes we need this year. So we will buy more wood ones. Rich Wood will order them. All we need to do is paint them before use. Plastic ones – tbd. There will be a sign marking seminar @ the Eden volunteer Fire Hall on Tuesday, September 28 starting at 7 pm. Several from NESS will attend.
- 2) Rich McNamara will return the GPS unit to Gary B. from NYSSA.

Our next special meeting will be on Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 pm at Marvin's in Clarence Center.

Our sign marking seminar will be on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm the Eden Volunteer Fire Hall.

Our next General meeting will be on Thursday, September 30 at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm at Marvin's in Clarence Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Kiesel
Secretary



Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.
General Meeting August 26, 2010 Summary
Tillman Post, Akron, NY 7:30 PM

Officers present:

President – Eric Glassman
Vice President – Dan Dressel
Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel
Treasurer – Rich McNamara

Meeting called to order 7:35 PM – 25 people present.
Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming.

Business Items:

- 1) Thank you to all who sent letters into the State. The sweep didn't happen this year.
- 2) Labor Day Fair at the Clarence Center Fire Hall. We will have a booth there. We will have a couple of sleds on display, membership applications and information about our club. We will also be selling pizzas. The fair goes for 3 days. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Rich McNamara is scheduling help for the pizza and Eric Glassman is scheduling help for the booth.
- 3) Swap meet – We will be having an open house at Buck's on Saturday. October 9th. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There will be spots for sleds, apparel, food and membership. We are looking for a few more people to help with vendors, food tents and memberships. Buck's will be giving away \$100 gift certificate. They will have ATVs, bikes and sleds. 97 Rock will also be giving away a bike.
- 4) Power Sports Show at the Hamburg Agri-center. It will be similar to the Big East show, but a smaller venue. October 23 and 24. We may have a safety course at the show on Sunday. We can have a second class maybe in November or January.
- 5) Eric had some fun trivia about snowmobiling.
- 6) We purchased a trailer. We can pick it up in October.
- 7) We set our priorities for the year. Eric discussed them briefly. See last meeting's minutes for details.
- 8) We are getting ready for the fair. We passed around the sign-up sheet for the pizza and booth volunteers.
- 9) Sandy Gaulocher has a donation for the Christmas party. It's a gift certificate. It's the second item. Curt Watts is sending one of his donations, a welding machine, to NYSSA.

Trail Systems:

- 1) Curt Watts needs a 28 ft by 4 ft rubber mat for one of the bridges. He would also like some stakes. Bill Peronne has about 300. Curt would like them all.
- 2) Martha has some railroad ties – 8 or 10 foot long – 20 ties. We will let her know when to deliver them from Newfane. Thanks.
- 3) Randy Wdowka said we will take our ranger to his friend. He will service the ranger for us. We will supply the parts needed.

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- 4) The GPS system is complete. Many thanks to all who helped with the process. There were tons of hours put in by our members. Thank you all!!! Rich McNamara has laid out the system and has submitted it to 3 counties. What a process – thanks Rich. We now have a great map of our trails. All 11 counties need to be on GPS next summer. Glad we are done.
- 5) Gasport –S46 to Gasport is no longer ours- it may be given to the parks system.
- 6) Curt is looking for a few more trail captains...
- 7) Bridge work. There are probably 2 bridges that may need some work.
- 8) The Pizza Inn trail needs some more fill.
- 9) 1)We have an aging groomer. The yellow one. We need to pull the seals. Bill suggested we not take apart the unit. We should send it out to get a quote of how much it would cost to fix.
- 10) Our Groomer policy is up for review...
- 11) Stakes. Plastic. Eric has a sample of a plastic on. There is no reflective tape on the plastic ones. We can print anything on it. Steve Wdowka will have a sample. They are 5 foot in length.
- 12) Bill wants to know when we will get the trail work done. Steve is working on it. There will be a trail captain's meeting in the next month or so.

For The Good of our Club:

- 1) We mailed about 1300 newsletters this month. We sent out newsletters to our members from the last 2 years, our advertisers, our landowners and our politicians in our area. We also sent out a newsletter to our area clubs.
- 2) Sandy Gaulocher has the coupon books that we will be selling at the fair.

Our next Board Meeting is September 9th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant.

Our next General Meeting is September 30th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post.

Respectfully submitted,

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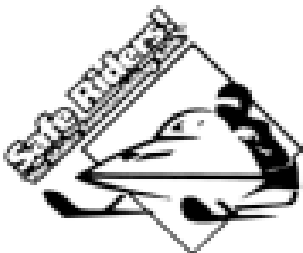
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