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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: October 28th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: November 14th at 7:00 PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill (Corner of Goodrich Rd. and Delaware Rd.) in Clarence Center.**
- **General Meeting: November 18th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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Sometimes we just don't give a thought. A ton (and more) of work gets done to make this happen. Thousands of decisions were made. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent. Thousands of man-hours were used. When I look at the amount of work that's been done, and where we are today, I'm impressed. It seems like such a "normal" thing, but when you step back and look at it, it's not. I want to thank all those who contribute and make that possible.

We are fortunate enough to have 700+ people who want to ride. We are more fortunate to have a handful that make that possible. Stop for a minute and give it a thought. I hope you're part of it.

See you on the 28th
Eric

A Few Upcoming Events

Christmas Party/Landowner Appreciation: December 11th at the Newstead Firehall. Further details to come in the November Newsletter!

Safety Course: There will be a safety course on Sunday, October 24th at the WNY Extreme Power Sports Show, Hamburg Fairgrounds and Events Center. You must sign up to attend the course. Call Scott Trapp at 716-435-7841. Hurry slots are filling up fast!

Snowmobile Registrations: Snowmobile registrations have arrived in the mail. Don't wait re-register now!

Don George's Open House: October 29th from 10am to 8pm & Oct 30th from 10am to 4pm. Renew your membership, buy a coupon book, or get your club apparel.

Ski-Doo's Million Dollar Club Support Program: Ski-Doo is again giving money away this year to our clubs. For every certificate they receive from a current member they will donate \$10 to our club. All you have to do is fill out the form and drop it off at a local Ski-Doo dealership. See page 15, visit a local dealer, or go to www.ski-doo.com to get the form. Please support the club and fill one out today!

WNY Extreme PowerSports Show: October 23rd and 24th at the Hamburg Fairground and Events Center. See PWREVENT.COM for more details.



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Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.

General Meeting September 30, 2010 Summary

Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:00 PM

Officers Present:

President - Eric Glassman
Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel
Treasurer - Rich McNamara

Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM - 26 people present
Meeting ended at 9:21 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! Please sign in. Let's get our sleds registered for this upcoming year! Thanks to all who helped at the Labor Day Fair. We had our booth, pizza stand and the parade. Fun was had by all!

Business Items:

- 1) We are currently at 194 members for this year.
- 2) Adopt-A-Hwy: We cleaned up the streets. Thanks to the five who did a great job!
- 3) There are some upcoming events.
 - A. Buck's swap meet on October 9th. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.
We are sending around a sign up for help. We will be selling hot dogs and memberships. Come out and enjoy the event!
 - B. WNY Power Sports Show on October 23, 24 at the Agri-center in Hamburg. We will be having a booth for both days and a safety course on Sunday. Seating is limited to 50. See Scott Trapp for details.
 - C. Trail signage seminar. STEP. October 12th in Oakfield.

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Thank You!!!!

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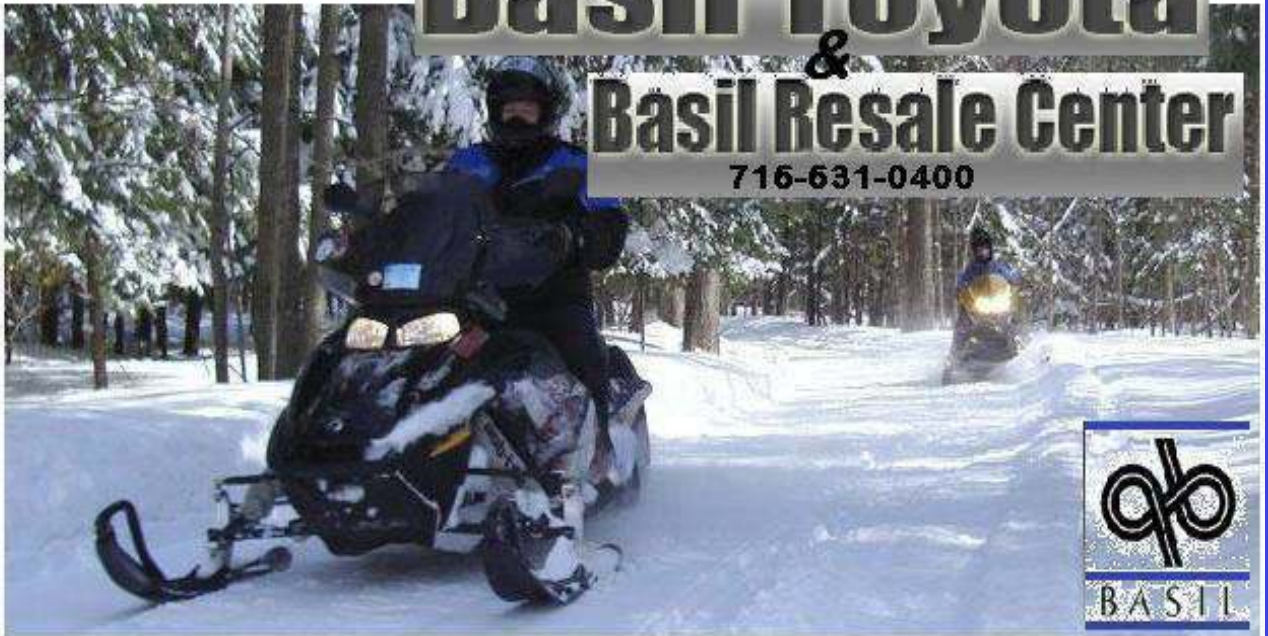
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- 4) BRP Million \$ club support. Ski-doo has a form. Please fill out and return to a Ski-doo dealership. Our club gets \$10 for each signed form. We will have them at Buck's swap meet. Steve Wdowka suggested we put in the newsletter for next month. Let's see it add up!
- 5) By-Laws. We will be voting on it soon.
- 6) We bought a new side by side UTV for trail maintenance. We sold our 4 wheeler over the summer. We now have 2 side by sides for trail maintenance and marking. We will pick up the UTV in a few weeks. We will run all equipment requests through our Trail Coordinator. We have only 1 trailer. We may need a second one. Not sure when that will happen.
- 7) 50/50. We had some extra prizes tonight. Curt Watts donated pumpkins and gourds. Thanks. Curt Watts, Randy Bolt, Annette Betzold and Richard Phentner took home the prizes. Congrats to all!

Trail Systems:

- 1) We need to get some bridges built. We need to add a few culverts this season.
- 2) Bike path install – Oct/Nov – we need to pick a date.
- 3) Culverts – 4 more.
- 4) Bridges – one in Clarence Center.
- 5) Curt Watts has some wood – he needs help to build one bridge . Where are the orange paint cans? Does anyone know? Let's order some. Glidden – safety orange. We could use 5 gallons now, so Eric Glassman will purchase them.
- 6) Groomer may need to be fixed.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Sandy Gaulocher is selling Coupon Books. Randy Wdowka has about 20 books with him tonight. We could buy a trailer with the profits.

Our next Board Meeting is October 14th at 7:00 PM at Marvin's Restaurant.

Our next General Meeting is October 28th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Kiesel

Secretary

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**Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.
Board Meeting October 14, 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 7:09 pm - 15 people present

Meeting ended at 9:29 pm

Review actions from last meeting:

- 1) Eric Glassman ran through a few open items from last meeting.

Trails:

- 1) Eric would like to know what items we need to purchase for this year. Wooden stakes, signs and culverts are pretty much done. Bill Perrone will need material for 2 bridges.
- 2) Ship and Shore: It may need a culvert or bridge. We are all set with signs and stakes.
- 3) Village of Akron: Their Annual meeting will be held on October 18th at 7:30 PM. Bill Perrone will attend. Usage of the bike path will be discussed.
- 4) GPS: Can we print an 11" X 17" map for our trailheads? Rich McNamara will look into a vinyl sign.
- 5) C4D: Frank Schroeder discussed details about the Simms Road trail.
- 6) South Newstead: Bill would like to add a culvert at the bottom of the pond to help with the overflow near the field.

Marketing/Membership items:

- 1) Buck's Swap Meet: The weather was great! Thanks to Frank and Bev Schroeder for running the event. Their family members all participated too. Kevin Kruschke was flipping burgers like a pro. We sold hot dogs and hamburgers. We raffled a \$50 gift certificate to Bucks. Bill was able to get the hot dogs donated, thanks Bill. We appreciate all who came out to support our club and enjoy the sunny fall day.
- 2) We will be having our Christmas Party at the Newstead Fire Hall on December 11th. In preparation for the party, we will be mailing out the blue cards with the invitations. We will stuff envelopes at our November meeting.
- 3) In our newsletter this month we will be including the \$10 Ski-doo coupon.
- 4) Applications and vouchers: Let us know which locations will need a refill.
- 5) Safety course at the WNY Power Sports Show: We have 35 of 50 spots filled already. We received all of our ordered materials for the class. We will check with Scott Trapp for details of equipment needed. Let's do a dry run on Saturday - just to make sure everything works properly.

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- 6) WNY Power Sports Show: October 23, 24 at the Hamburg Fair grounds. We will be having a booth at the show. We are organizing people for set up and running the event. Let us know if you would like to participate.

Grooming/Maintenance:

- 1) Dan Dressel would like to buy a right hand mirror for the Bombi. We need to check the pintle hooks on the Bombi and the Piston Bully. Let's look into replacing them.
- 2) Groomer policy: We have about half the people currently signed. Please see Rich Wood with questions.

Other:

- 1) This year's priorities. Eric Glassman read through them just so we can monitor the progress.
- 2) Our new UTV: We need to look into getting it registered and insured. We may just need to put on UTV "NESS", "Trial Maintenance" and a triangle that says "slow moving". We may be able to have a "special business" plate too. There was some discussion about these details.
- 3) By-Laws: We had a special board meeting September 16th. We reviewed the by-laws and sent it on to the attorney.
- 4) Don George's open house: October 29th 10 am-8 pm and 30th from 10 am-4 pm. Dan Dressel will be organizing and running the event. We are looking into having a booth there for both days. We will be selling memberships, coupon books, apparel and having a raffle. Come and check it out.
- 5) Randy Wdowka would like to know if any of our trails go to local historic sites. Clarence Hollow, Akron Falls, Indian Falls, Lockport locks and the Erie Canal. We should look into what our area has to offer.

For the good of the club:

- 1) Klim grant: We applied for a grant at the Big East Show, but the Genesee Snopackers won the grant. Congratulations! They will be having a sled ride for the disabled and now they will stay warm with a warming tent for the event.
- 2) Clarence winter fest: We are looking into participating at their event this year.
- 3) We discussed the next few months of meetings. They will be posted on the website.
- 4) Sandy Gaulocher is starting to organize the groomer boxes for the upcoming season. There was some discussion about the design of the boxes. We will discuss at our next meeting.
- 5) Curt Watts will be ordering some 1/4 zip and full zip sweatshirts. Don't forget to place your order with him.

Our next General meeting will be on Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Our next Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at Marvin's in Clarence Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Kiesel

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