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IS ON December 30th at 7:30 PM at American Legion
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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: December 30th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: January 13th at 7:00 PM at Clarence Bowling Lanes, Main Street, Clarence in the Hollow.**
- **General Meeting: January 27th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**

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President's Page

Landowner Appreciation

Thanks to all the members, businesses, and landowners who contributed to our annual Christmas/Landowner appreciation party last Sat. night. We had over 200 people attend and gave away some great gifts including TV's, Ipod's, baskets, games, tools, GPS', lots of gifts certificates, and even an Xbox! The food, drink, and desserts were great too!

We take this time to thank our landowners who, with their help, make our trail system possible. I always talk about the hard work that goes into making this club happen but the one key element is the land that allows us to go beyond our backyards. I hope everyone who enjoys that can appreciate how fortunate we are. Please thank them when you see them and *always* respect their land when you ride and help us stop the ones who jeopardize it for the rest of us.

After a few hiccups with pumps and hoses, we were able to get the bike path installed as we planned on the 5th. Thanks to everyone that showed up and got the bike path done. We all had a good time! A few adjustments are needed but we should be good to go by the 22nd. Some early snow made some our other trail installations a bit more challenging. Normally our UTV's work great but this year we actually had to use the groomer to mark some sections. This is a first for us but thanks to the crews who went the extra mile and got it done. I hope this is a sign of a long cold winter!

See you on the 30th!

Eric

A Few Upcoming Events

Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week: February 12-21, 2011. Read more about this campaign and others like it at www.snowmobile.org.

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

Safety Course: The Northern Erie Sno-Seekers will be hosting a NYS safety course at the Swormville Fire Hall on 1/29/11 from 9AM-5PM. This course is available to anyone who is 10 yrs of age or older and is required for anyone ages 10-17 who operate a snowmobile off of their land. Adults are welcome too. Please call Scott at 716-435-7841 to register. We are limited to 50 students.

Super Raffle Tickets: Super Raffle Tickets are here. Tickets are only \$5. There are three chances to win a snowmobile and many more great prizes. Stop into a meeting and grab a handful to sell.

Trail Install: Watch the website (www.snoseekers.com) for trail install work sessions. If you can lend a hand please contact the snow phone at 741-NESS.



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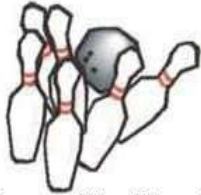
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***RESPECT THE LANDOWNERS
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Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

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.

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General Meeting November 18, 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 at 7:32 PM – 34 people present
Meeting ended at 9:15 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! We have a full crew tonight. There are some new faces. Remember to register your sleds.

- 1) We have 316 members as of tonight.
- 2) Dan will be running the 50/50 tonight. We also have our apparel here tonight with the new 1/4 zip sweatshirts. The super raffle tickets from NYSSA are here. We are selling the tickets for \$10.00. Buy some or take some to sell. They have really good prizes!
- 3) Eric reviewed the minutes from the NYSSA monthly meeting. We received some 911 trail signs at our last meeting. We will need to install them on the trails. Nyssa is also working on an online version for the safety course.

Business Items:

- 1) Our Annual Christmas Party details. We will be setting up Friday night at 7:00 pm. Saturday will also have some prep work that needs to be done. We are looking for a few people to help work the tables during the party also. We are in need of some donations and baskets. We have a great time so we hope everyone is able to come.

Trail Systems:

- 1) All our stakes are painted. Thanks to all who helped.
- 2) We will be having a few work sessions for our trails. Some of our trail captains will have work that needs to be done too. Please check the website to keep updated with these events. We will be working on Sunday, December 5th at 9:00 am at the Barnum Road bike path crossing. Come on out and have some fun.
- 3) We have worked on a few bridges and rebuild some decks for this upcoming season. A big thank you to all who helped!!
- 4) Wolcottsville Inn would like a trail to their restaurant. We have already staked it.
- 5) December 1st. The groomers and drags will be ready to go!
- 6) Does anyone want to groom?
- 7) The signs we ordered for our trails came in.
- 8) We have been using the Ranger and our new Buggy. We may want to get a front rack for the Buggy.
- 9) We still need a few of the reflectors punched for the stakes. Curt has about 170 stakes in need of reflectors. Each stake needs 2 reflectors, one for each side of stake. Now that the stakes are all painted, anybody interested in punching them?

Marketing and Memberships:

- 1) We are selling the "Enjoy the City" coupon books. Don't forget to buy one for yourself.

For The Good of our Club:

- 1) We had a 50/50. Congratulations to John. He won \$75.00!!

Our next Board meeting is December 9th at 7:00 PM at the Clarence Bowling Lanes.
Our next General meeting is December 30th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Kiesel



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**Northern Erie County Sno-Seekers, Inc.
Board Meeting December 9, 2010 Summary
Clarence Bowling Clarence, NY 7:00 PM**

Officers present:

President - Eric Glassman

Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel

Treasurer - Rich McNamara

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM - 14 people present

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM

Review from last meeting:

- 1) Signs are ordered. Bill needs a few "STOP" signs. Bill has about 25 blank brown/yellow signs. Eric could use about 6 of them. The bike path needs confirming signs and trailheads. We have some blank yellow vinyl signs. Eric will have Steve print some up for the trails.
- 2) We had a meeting at the Akron Fire Hall regarding a disaster plan on Tuesday, December 7th. Most officers and board members were present.

Trails:

- 1) There have been a few changes to our trails this year. Please be aware of our "Trail Closed" and "Trail End" signs.
- 2) From the website contact submittal form, we received one regarding a 1979 sled. The owner is willing to donate his sled to our club if we are interested. Randy will look into it.
- 3) We received the official letter from the Village of Akron granting NESS use of their bike path this year.
- 4) We had a work day on Sunday, December 5th on the bike path. Thanks so much to all who helped. From dumping barrels, filling them, positioning them and marking trails, we got a lot done. Thanks to Pizza Inn for donating lunch. We had a great turnout!
- 5) The hollow still needs to be staked. Rich M. will take care of it.
- 6) There are some extra stakes at the barracks. Eric still needs about 30 stakes too. Bill suggests we leave it this year and get a new GPs map ready for next year.

Marketing/Membership items:

- 1) Landowner Christmas party invitations. Eric sent an invitation out to Gary Broderick who is the President of NYSSA. We will also ask our landowners for a phone number and email address for our records.
- 2) We currently have 437 members.
- 3) Newsletters. We will be discussing the process involved with getting the newsletters mailed on time. Eric will make a flow chart for our next meeting. We may need to change the deadline date for additions to newsletter to help the process move forward.
- 4) We will be having another safety course this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 29th. The course will be held at the Swormsville Fire Hall. Please contact Scott Trapp at 741-1545 to sign up. Eric, Dan and Rick will be running the course. Lunch will be served. Eric will order the materials needed.
- 5) We need to update the sponsors and the links on our website. The Advertisers will need to be looked at also. Mary Beth will look into it.

Grooming/Maintenance:

- 1) UTV trailer. We bought a 12' trailer from Buck's Motor Sports. Eric will weld pins and chains to trailer for easy use.



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- 2) Fuel for Bombi. Can we order fuel? Bill says we could use some now. Randy says we will have by January 1st. We already have a pump.
- 3) Groomer Policy. We will have list at our next meeting. Bill & Frank will need one.
- 4) Database for work logs. Rich M. has a paper version. We have not received the new version yet from the State. We should have the new one any day.

For the good of the club:

- 1) Sandy would like all unsold coupon books returned by December 30th.
- 2) Mary Beth will be ordering 5 clear plastic groomer donation boxes with keys. Mary Beth will make the signs for them and deliver to Sandy.
- 3) Rich and Rich got invited to the NYS Thruway and County meeting regarding the snow storm and Thruway closing event on Thursday, December 9th.

Our next General meeting will be on Thursday, December 30th at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron.
Our next Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 PM at the Clarence Bowling in the Hollow.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Kiesel
Secretary

FROM THE NIAGARA COUNTY SIDE

Things are under way and off to a good start as of first week of December. First of all, I would like to thank all the landowners who allow us to have a trail system. I also want to thank the 34 helpers that the club has in Niagara County that makes sure the trail gets installed and opened. Some of the jobs that have been completed to date are: the belting for BOWEN Road has been delivered to the site, all stakes have been painted and some have already been seen on the trail, C4D and C4H has been marked and only need a little fine touching up, and trail heads for CAMP-BELL'S and C4H - S46 (aka BUNKERHILL) are in place.

They have all been done a little early to get ahead of the famous water holes that catch some of us by surprise! As for KINNE Road there is no change - it just needs your help! Still looking for some one to help with S46 out of GASPORT heading north to BECKER FARMS and RT 104. I still need help in regaining a trail on the north side of WOLCOTTSVILLE to connect with C4H to ORLEAN'S COUNTY

If you are a landowner and need minor changes done please let us know by calling the snow phone at 741-NESS. We're always looking for positive ideas and helpers -

THANKS for your help -

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