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Club Officers

President: Eric Glassman 741-4334 Vice President: Dan Dressel Secretary: Mary Beth Kiesel Treasurer: Rich McNamara 741-4819 Sergeant of Arms: Rich Wood Trail Coordinator: Steve Wdowka Board Member: Curt Watts Board Member: Bill Peronne Board Member: Frank Schroeder Board Member: Randy Wdowka Board Member: Al Wolbert Board Member: Kevin Kruschke Board Member: Scott Trapp

Committees

PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee Chairperson: Steve Wdowka

> **Social Committee:** Chairperson: Scott Trapp

Membership Committee: Chairperson: Rick Johnson

Groomer/Equipment Committee: Chairperson: Rich Wood 759-8528

> Trails/Landowners Committee: Al Wolbert

Safety/Education Committee: Chairperson: OPEN

Trail Guides Committee: Chairperson: OPEN

Newsletter Committee: Chairperson: Mary Beth Kiesel (temporary)

Website Committee: Chairperson: Mary Beth Kiesel

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee: Chairperson: Rick Weitz 713-9018

Snow Phone: 741-NESS

Club Headlines

• Next General Meeting: February 24th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.

Other Meetings:

- Board Meeting: March 10th at 7:00 PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill, Corner of Goodrich and Deleware Roads.
- General Meeting: March 31st at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.



Thank you Shannon for 3 years of Newsletter Editor. You did a great job for us, good luck with your job promotion!!!





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President's Page

Busy time ... you in?

Last month I talked about how the season is upon us and how I hope you made time to enjoy it. These are the best conditions we've had in a long time. No, I didn't say we had the most snow, just the best overall mix of cold temperatures *and* snow. We were able to get the groomers out early and haven't parked them in over a month. As I write this, I just returned from my shift in the groomer and I can say I've *never* seen it this good! Forecast says that the warmer temps may finally get here so, again, I hope you had the chance to ride it!

The season is here and we've been busy:

- Thanks to all who helped with our annual bon fire last Sat night. We had over 100 sleds come and go all night and enjoyed the company. We look forward to the next one and hope we can get some more people involved to make it even bigger next year!
- Thanks to all who attended the Buck's dice run. Special thanks to Jan and Gloria for sponsoring it and making such a great contribution to our club. Unfortunately, no one won the "muddiest sled" award because we only had snowy groomed trails to run on!
- We graduated 38 students from our second safety course this year. Thanks to Swormville fire hall who let us borrow their beautiful training room to hold the vent. Also thanks to Dan, Scott, Rick, Randy, Mary Beth, and Molly for helping with that class. We received many comments that it was the best one around!
- If you made it to Clarence Winterfest, you may have seen the groomer there! It was one of the few days it wasn't out on the trail! Thanks to Rich who coordinated that!

And don't forget to attend the Feb general meeting. We'll have nominations for officers and we always hope to get some fresh faces for the upcoming season. As we enjoy the remaining season, please remember that it's made possible by all the people who volunteer. This March we will hold our annual elections and need to continue that drive. Hope to see you there!

Now get out and ride!

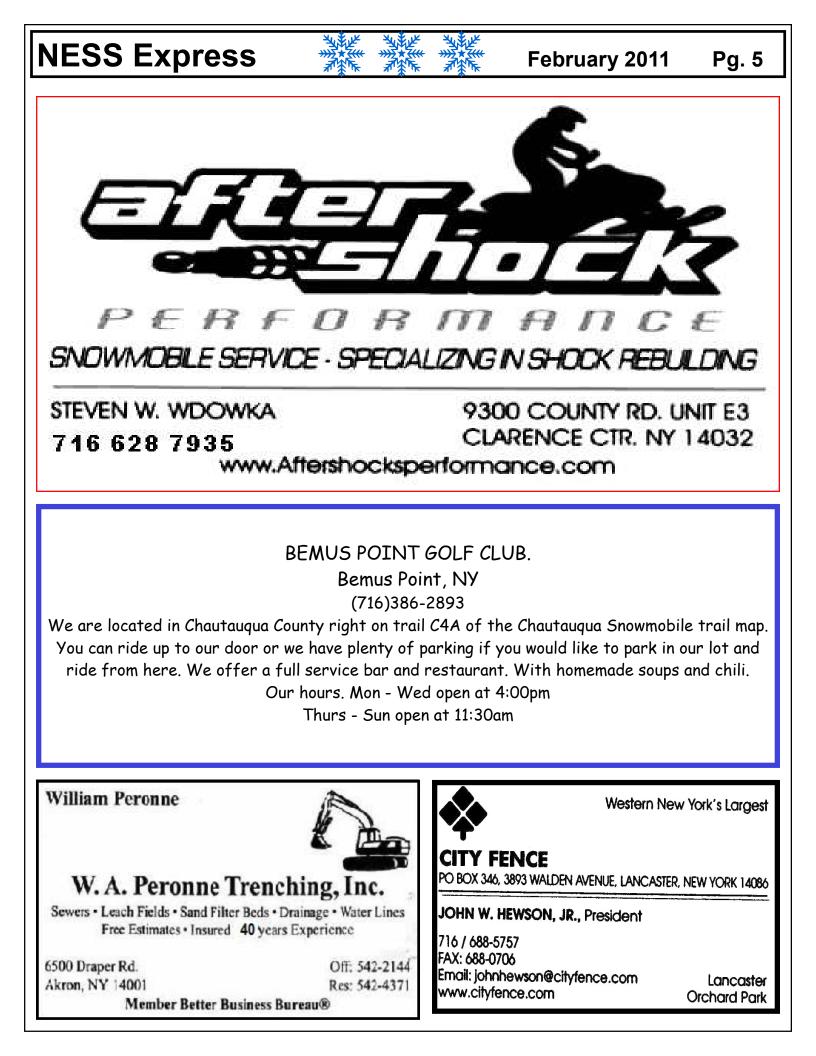
See you on the 24th!

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!

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.





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FROM THE NIAGARA COUNTY SIDE

From the Niagara County side, we are in need of more snow. We have been working with what we have been given by the snow gods. We have two new rookies in the groomer who are getting a lot of experience.

The Town of Royalton has advised us to use caution when taking off from stop signs at the road crossings. The concern is the damage being cause on the shoulder at the crossing point. We have had to do some mid-season brushing in order to have the groomer pass through easier. I want to thank the crew for getting the work done during this snowmobile season. They could have very well been riding their machines instead of working on the trails. I appreciate their efforts. When everyone pitches in and helps, it makes it easier to get the job done.

I ask your assistance to identify possible problems like STOP and STOP AHEAD signs that may be missing on the trail. With a little effort, we can continue to have one of the safest trail systems in the area. Any landowner problems please contact the snow phone ASAP: 741-NESS. Thank you.

Curt Watts 435-7068



WANTED! NESS NEWSLETTER CHAIRPERSON

This is a perfect opportunity to volunteer without doing the grunt work on the trails! No experience necessary. All it takes is a few hours a month. Most of the information you need is supplied by the Board members or information can be easily found through the NYSSA website. If you can use Microsoft Word then Microsoft Publisher will not be a problem.

Email mbkiesel@roadrunner.com for more details or stop into a meeting.

Buck's Dice Run Event



Buck's had a dice run on Sunday, January 23rd. We had 108 riders! Everyone had a great time!

We would like to thank the following people:

<u>At Buck's:</u> Matt & Josh Schroeder Curt Watts Randy Wdowka Tony Rook



- Dan D., Josh and Curt for installing the signage for the trails.
- Laura & Sarah from Buck's for event registration and 1st and last rolls.
- Mac for helping at the Clarence Pizza Co.
- Dan, owner at Pop's.
- Richie Pfenter & Lynn Leising for helping at the Log Cabin.
- A special thanks goes to Jan & Gloria and their employees for helping at the dice run event and for the \$150 donation for a prize and also for donation the proceeds to NESS.
- Clarence Pizza co. for the dice roll and \$25 donation.
- Pop's restaurant for the dice roll and \$35 donation.
- Log Cabin for the dice roll and \$35 donation. Campbell's Inn for \$25 cash donation for a prize give-a-way.
- A Big thank you to Frank & Bev for all their hard work!

Winners:

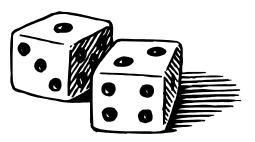
1st: Richard Owen rolled 112 and received Buck's \$150 gift

- 2nd: Jim Behm rolled 108 and recieved Pop's \$35 gift
- 3rd: Garrett Ryckman rolled 107 and received Log Cabin \$35 gift
- 4th: Carolyn Owen rolled 104 and received Clarence Pizza Co. \$25 gift
- 5th: Kevin Frost rolled 68 and received Campbell inn \$25 gift

5 dice - all 6's - Cindy Kelly & Keith Gregson each won a t-shirt

Check out website Gallery for pictures from event.

Thanks to everyone for making Buck's dice run a success!!



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Now on the Trail!!!



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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. General Meeting January 27, 2011 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 7:30 PM – 25 people present Meeting ended at 9:15 PM



Welcome:

Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! We have a lot of people that rode to our meeting tonight. Remember to register your sleds and your neighbor's sleds too! As of tonight we have 724 members!

Business Items:

- 1) Approval of minutes from last meeting. Eric G. makes a motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Rich P. seconds it. 25 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 2) Dice run. We had a dice run last Sunday. We had 108 riders. Buck's Motorsports ran the event. Thank you Jan and Gloria, and Frank and Bev Schroeder, for your hard work. It was chilly, but everyone had a great time! We may just have another one before the season is through! Please see newsletter for more details.
- 3) Enjoy the City books. We sold many books this year. Thanks to all who purchased one!
- 4) Planning on going to Old Forge this year? There is a discount coupon for Waters Edge Inn & Conference Center on the NYSSA website. So if you have a minute take a look...
- 5) Safety Course. We are having a safety course at the Swormville Fire Hall on Saturday, January 29th from 9:00 am– 5:00 pm. Children 10- 17 years of age need to be certified with this course in order to ride their own sled with an adult present off their own land. We look forward to having Eric G., Dan D. and Rick J. teach the course. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Let's learn how to ride safe.
- 6) Clarence Winterfest at the Clarence Town Park on Main Street. We will have our NESS groomer on display for all to see! The festivities are on Sunday, January 30th. Come out and have some fun!!
- 7) Annual bon fire. We are all set for our bon fire. It will be on Saturday, February 5th at 4:00 pm ?. We will have hot dogs, hot chocolate, hot cider and more. The party will be on our C4C trail between Bloomingdale Road and Akron Road near on the power lines. If you would like to help at this event, just call the NESS phone: 741-NESS. Scott T. motioned to spend up to \$300 for bon fire. Rich W. seconds it. 10 in favor 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 8) RTP Grant. We didn't get the grant this year. We scored very well. Buffalo Olmsted parks won the grant. We may try again next time.

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Trail System:

- 1) Trail canal path. New York State just cleared the way for snowmobilers to use the Canalway Trail. There are 280 miles of trail that parallel most of the NYS canal system in Upstate New York. There is an article on our website with more details. Curt W. may map route and get landowner permission. Then he would need to go the Royalton board and get permission. We could use some help to get this process started.
- 2) Accident on trail. Anytime there is an accident with injuries, our club needs to report accident to NYSSA and our own insurance company.
- 3) Our trails are great. We have had enough snow this year to groom our trails many times! It's time to have fun!!
- 4) Bike Path. A few of the barrels have been moved. Let's try to put them back in place if we notice they are tipped or not in the correct location. Please stay on trails or we will lose them. So far our groomers have spent 135 hours keeping our trails flat! Thank you, thank you and thank you groomers!! We have a few new groomers this year. 6 or 7 guys have "taken the seat". Keep up the good work!
- 5) Registration and Insurance for sleds. There has been a noticeable amount of law enforcement out on our trails this year. Be sure to have your sled registration and insurance card ready to show them it makes the stop go faster. We support them on our trails to keep us safe. Maybe there could be a sticker from DOT that we could put on each of our sleds to show we have reg. and ins. current for the season, then it would make for an even quicker stop along the trails.
- 6) A few of our closed trails are getting run. We really need to stay off closed trails since they are closed for a reason!! It's up to the landowners to let us know if people are riding on the closed trails.
- 7) Kinney Road. Don't groom to Transit Road. The town put up a new sign.
- 8) Ship & Shore. The airport on Transit please stay off the runway. The airport would like to know if we can run the groomer down the runway for a pontoon plane that will be landing. Ness decided to help and run the groomer to pan the snow for next weekend.

Marketing/Memberships:

- 1) Elections. March is the month for elections. Do you want to get more involved with our club?
- 2) Priorities for the year. We are reorganizing our committees. We have many different options for our members who want to get more involved in our club. We are trying to simplify the process to make it easier for members to participate!
- 3) Emergency response team. After the dust settled from the Thruway incident last month, the Thruway authority realized that they didn't' have a sufficient plan in place. Our club now is on their comprehensive phone tree if they need our groomer. We would then initiate our phone tree if needed.
- 4) Dave Perkins is retiring from NYSSA. Our club has decided to send a \$50 check and card to congratulate him on his retirement. Good luck Dave!
- 5) We had a 50/50. Congrats to Kevin K. He won \$78.00.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Shawnee is having snow drags this weekend.
- 2) No treasury report. There are no changes since last meeting on January 13, 2011.

Our next Board meeting will be February 10th at Marvin's Restaurant. Our next General meeting will be February 24th at the Akron Tillman Post.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Secretary



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