



# May 2011 Newsletter

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**NEXT GENERAL (COMBO) MEETING:**

May 26th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post



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## Committees

### **PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee**

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Chairperson: Scott Trapp

### **Membership Committee:**

Chairperson: Rick Johnson

### **Groomer/Equipment Committee:**

Chairperson: Bill Perrone

### **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  
*(temporary)*

### **Adopt-A-Hwy Committee:**

Chairperson: Rick Weitz

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# Club Headlines

**Next General Meeting:** May 26th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron.

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**President's Page****Welcome to summer**

As summer approaches we tend to forget about all the work that everyone did to give us the "Best trails in WNY". We've got some new faces now and look forward to preparing for another year. I look back at my monthly blurbs and see the message is pretty much the same no matter how you look at it. The trail system and the club "business" we've been so fortunate to have, is the result of many people who volunteer to take a piece of that and run with it. As we've grown this "business" over the past ten years or so, we've also increased the amount of needs we have. What used to be a fairly small, simple process has now grown into several major areas with every one of them equally as important as the next. While the trail system is our biggest product, there are many other "things" that we need to produce it.

We've kicked off the committee program this year and still have several positions available. Check the newsletter for all the details but what we need is some champions to help with a few tasks like newsletters, trails, social events, trail guides, advertising, landowners, etc.etc. Breaking it down into manageable groups not only makes it easier, it makes it better! This is exactly how we got to where we are today! We've always managed to get it done (for the most part) but we've raised the bar and are now to point that requires more involvement from all of us. Please don't consider this as a complaint, it's not, it's just a fact. Riding our trail system in the winter season is one of the most enjoyable recreational activities we have and I believe we all want that to continue! I know I do!

If you're wondering how you can help with that goal, just stop into one of our meetings and say hello. It really isn't that hard and we promise to help you out! We have some great veterans who come with years of experience so it'll be easier than you can imagine.

The trails will open sooner than you think so enjoy your summer but don't forget how awesome those trails were last year! Flat (I mean *flat!*), marked, and snow-covered! The "Best trails in WNY!" A huge thanks to all who made that possible. I love to ride and I hope you too can be part of that!

See you on the 26th!

Eric



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## Feelin' lucky?

**Did you know....**

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**2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**Membership applications are now available for the 2011-2012 season. Memberships run from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. Applications are available on Pages 23 & 24 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up.**

**DON'T WAIT SIGN UP NOW.**

A photograph of a snowmobile rider on a snowy trail through a forest. The trees are heavily covered in snow, and the ground is a smooth, snow-covered path. The rider is wearing a red helmet and a white jacket. The overall scene is a winter wonderland.

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## Here are our committees!

How do you want to join in on the fun?

**Objective of committee formation:** Our club is setting up specific committees to help utilize our membership and to make the process easy for you to get involved. We have tried to simplify and specify the responsibilities of our hard working volunteers.

- Legal Committee:** Responsibilities include handling our by-laws, insurance, legal actions and correspondence.  
**Sub-committees:** To be determined by chairperson
- Emergency Response Committee:** Help our communities in their time of need. Responsibilities would include coordinating, on our club side, a disaster response team including groomers, equipment and sleds.  
**Sub-committees:** Groomer, sleds
- PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee:** Responsibilities include signs, selling ads for newsletters and trail head advertising.  
**Sub-committees:** Signs, selling advertising
- Fundraising Committee:** Coordinate fundraising items from list below.  
**Sub-committees:** Coupon Books, Nyssa Raffle, Groomer boxes, 50/50
- Apparel Committee:** Responsibilities include ordering and distributing our NESS apparel.  
**Sub-committees:** Apparel, Logo
- Social Committee:** Responsibilities include organization of all activities listed below.  
**Sub-committees:** Buck's open house, Don George's open house, Labor Day Fair booth, Labor Day Fair Pizza, Bon Fire, Christmas Party, Club rides, Summer Events
- Membership Committee:** Responsibilities include receiving applications and processing memberships. Producing vouchers for sled registrations and decals with the temporary NESS membership cards. Responsibilities would also include distributing applications to various locations around town.  
**Sub-committees:** To be determined.



8. **Groomer/UTV Equipment Committee:** Responsibilities would include keeping the groomers and drags in working order, organizing the grooming schedules for the winter and organizing groomer education/safety courses. Keeping UTV in working order and organizing UTV usage for trail work.  
**Sub-committees:** Groomer maintenance & Groomer scheduling, UTV/Trailer, Groomer education/safety courses
9. **Trail/Landowner Committee:** Responsibilities would include coordination the county trail captains to see that their 3 or 4 mile stretch of trail is being taken care of and handling all landowner issues and requests. All trail openings and closings are determined by this committee. Erie County - Niagara County  
**Sub-committees:** Trail Captains
10. **Trail Guides Committee:** Responsibilities include distribute maps to establishments and collecting money.  
**Sub-committees:** To be determined by chairperson
11. **Newsletter Committee:** Responsibilities would include creating each month and coordinate input from others and have ready to print our newsletter for either print or website.  
**Sub-committees:** To be determined.
12. **Website Committee:** Responsibilities would include moderating and update with activities and club news. Keeping the website functional and register users for site.  
**Sub-committees:** To be determined.
13. **Safety/Education Committee:** Responsibilities would include Setting up, organizing and running our courses and discussions at meetings.  
**Sub-committees:** To be determined by chairperson
14. **Adopt-A-Highway Committee:** Coordinate Fall & Spring clean-ups on Rt. 93 in Akron.  
**Sub-committees:** Spring Clean-up, Fall Clean-up

How do you want to join in on the fun?

**“Thank You” landowners for a great season!**

**Landowner raffle is here.... We drew a name from our landowner list.**

**The following landowners have won a gift card:**

**March: Emily Fitzner    April: The Kreher Family**



**Congratulations!! We will have a give-a-way each month!  
 So please check out our newsletter to see if you are a winner!**



## Thank You!!!!

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## Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

Well it looks like summer is trying hard to get here, but winter just won't go quietly. This is the perfect time to put your snowmobile to bed for the summer. A little time spent now pays off big time in the fall. It kills the phantom to see sleds sit outside all summer long. These are the sleds you see broken down on the side of the trail in the winter.

### Some simple tips on summer preparation:

- 1) Wash it. Get that salt and road grime off. If you don't, it continues to eat away at your machine all summer long. Don't forget to wash under the hood also. A little water isn't going to hurt anything.
- 2) Change the chain case oil. Don't let moisture contaminated oil sit in your chain case during the summer season. Things in there will rust.
- 3) Spray bare metal surfaces with a metal protector like WD-40. Don't forget to spray things like tie rod ends and shock absorber shafts.
- 4) Armor All your seat. It will stay soft and pliable next season in the cold. Worried about a slippery seat? Don't worry, by next fall the slipperiness seems to wear off. You can also Armor All your track. It will last longer and resist dry rotting.
- 5) Grease all fittings -again this displaces moisture.
- 6) Drain the carbs if so equipped. Adding fuel stabilizer is a good idea also, but this will not stop fuel from evaporating in your fuel system and leaving a gummy mess that could damage your engine next winter. At the very least draining the carbs will save a carb service next fall.
- 7) Store your snowmobile in a dry cool environment. Leaving in an enclosed trailer will bake your machine like a cake come this July. If the enclosed trailer is your only option, park it in a shady spot. There you have it. 7 simple things you might want to do before summer winds up. There are those that say-bah, i trade my snowmobile in every 2 or 3 years. Do these things each spring and you will command a much higher trade in value. Until next month.....

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**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting April 14, 2011 Summary**  
**Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, NY 7:00 PM**



Officers present:

President - Eric Glassman

Vice President - Dan Dressel

Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel

Treasurer – Rick Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm - 15 people present

Meeting ended at 9:29 pm

**Review actions from last meeting:**

- 1) Forum. Eric G., Kevin K. and Curt W. will be attending forum this year. They will need a check for the NYSSA super raffle tickets. They will meet at 6:00 pm at Eric's house.
- 2) Randy W. gave the laptop to Curt for the trail grant paperwork.
- 3) Steve W. will head up the advertising for next year.
- 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> trailer. Eric has the trailer at his house.
- 5) Jan from Buck's Motor Sports had hip surgery. Sandy G. has a card for us to send.
- 6) Storage for the drags and groomers. Frank S. has the Bombi and Bill P. has the Piston Bully.
- 7) Trail Grant Phase III. Curt W. has been working on it. He has done a great job piecing it all together. He is missing a few work logs. We will take a little time later in this meeting to have the correct trail numbers for input.
- 8) By-Laws. Eric has a copy of the dates and a most current copy. He has the details on how to set up dates for the mailing process.
- 9) Rick J. is missing paperwork for the past years. He has a written report for last year. No disk.
- 10) Phone line. 741-NESS. Is it available? It may cost \$50 to reactivate line. Scott T. will host phone and answering machine at his house.
- 11) Christmas party. We need to book. Should we have it at Newstead again? It was a bit crowded last year. It is close for members to attend. What is the capacity of the fire hall? 250? Is it available Dec 10<sup>th</sup>? We will need \$100 deposit to hold date.
- 12) Steve W. will help Curt W. with Erie County trails.
- 13) Goals and Priorities. Eric suggests:
  - A. Website – logo and trail reports
  - B. Grooming equipment and operators
  - C. Improve trail captain process
  - D. Signs to say – who captain is
  - E. Club promotion
  - F. Emergency response
  - G. Groomer barn process 2-5 years
  - E. Develop committee process

Let's think about these and we will prioritize them at our next meeting.



- 14) Website. Mary Beth has a plan to have our website redone this summer. We will need to discuss needs and wants the next few meetings so we will get it done right.
- 15) Bill P. discusses the trail head signs. Are we going to put our new map on them? We need better and lighter ones.
- 16) Federation meeting. Bill attended. He discussed that NYSSA may want to collect \$5 from each member for 3 years to promote marketing for industry. It would cost our club approx. \$3,500. There will be a vote in the future on this topic.
- 17) Eric will like all topics for upcoming meeting to be given to him prior to the meetings. This will help keep the meetings on point and short.
- 18) Rick P. may not be able to help with tax returns next year. The groomer grant may affect the way we do our taxes this year.
- 19) Treasury report. Rick J. inputted all of 2010 entries into QuickBooks as well as Jan thru Mar 2011. Everything matched. See attached. Groomer loan – next payment isn't due until 2012 for principal payment. We only have monthly interest payments until then. Eric makes a motion to accept. Scott seconds. 14 in favor- 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 20) Post office box. Who all has keys for the box? Rick J. will get mail.
- 21) Bill P. discusses the Groomer and Equipment coordinator position with the club. Bill thinks there should be a change. Bill and Dan D. would be interested in sharing the position. Eric leads a discussion. It is an appointed position. The board could nominate and then vote on the matter. Before a nomination takes place, Rich W. decides to step down. Bill and Dan will take over position. Thanks to Rich W. for all of his work this past year.
- 22) Ideas for P/R. Delivery turkeys to City mission, have the groomer hand out Christmas presents to riders... more to come!

## **Committees:**

We will be following a new format for our meetings. We will be having all committee liaisons reporting their information each meeting.

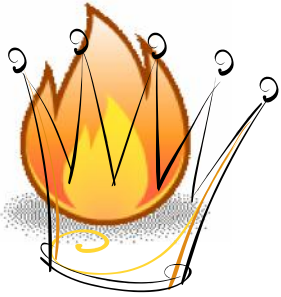
This is the list of committees at this point:

- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Newsletters/website | 8) Marketing/Advertising   |
| 2) Grooming/Equipment  | 9) Social/Public Relations |
| 3) Membership          | 10) Website                |
| 4) Safety/Education    | 11) Apparel                |
| 5) Emergency Response  | 12) Adopt-A-Hwy            |
| 6) Legal               | 13) Fundraising            |
| 7) Trail/Landowner     | 14) Trail Guides           |

Our next General meeting will be a Combo on May 28 at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth  
Secretary



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- If you are interested in helping, just show up! We meet at Maple Rd and Rte 93 at 9:00 am.



Thanks to Ron Rosenberg, Mike Schifferle, Rick Weitz and Rich Pfentner for working this spring clean up.

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Do you want your name added to our list?

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## Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. General Meeting April 28, 2011 Summary Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 PM

Officers present:

President – Eric Glassman

Vice President – Dan Dressel

Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Treasurer – Rick Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:41 PM – 19 people present

Meeting ended at 9:55 PM



**Welcome:** Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!

### **Business Items:**

- 1) Approval of minutes from last meeting. Ray S. makes a motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Dave F. seconds it. 19 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 2) Annual Forum. Curt W., Eric G and Kevin K. went to forum. There is a new director for NYSSA. His name is Dominic Jacangelo. His 4 goals this years are:

- Ensuring the integrity of our trail development and maintenance funds,
- Undertaking a new economic study of our sport and related businesses,
- Improving the operations of NYSSA and how we communicate with each other,
- Maximizing the political power of snowmobilers.

Jim Roth is the new trail coordinator. He has two goals this year:

- 1 – Uniform signage with step program
- 2 – Enhance our groomer operator training courses.

It was also discussed what clubs spend their money on. Parks know but not NYSSA.

There was some discussion about High snow/low mileage clubs that have no trails. They want to make it even and fair – maybe with 3<sup>rd</sup> party audits.

- 3) Some information about this past year... from the OPRHP Season Report 2010-2011:
  - NYS has 10,501 miles of trails and received \$4,298,375 for maintenance of trails. Erie County has 386 miles, Niagara County has 74 miles and Genesee County has 218 miles funded this past season.
  - NYS had over 300 active volunteer instructors who are certified by OPRHP and offer safety courses. Approx. 4,800 students will be certified for the 2010-2011 season.
  - There were 19 fatalities this year.
  - 134,566 registered sleds in NYS with 31,230 original and 103,336 renewals.
  - 17,226 registered sleds from out of state with 4,276 originals and 12,850 renewals.

The process to register a sled should be easier in NYS.

For more information – go to [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)

- 4) Committees. There are a few openings.
- 5) Is it official? Will our club need to sell ads for the trail guides next year? If so – maybe we can produce our own map.
- 6) We bought a new trailer. It's at Eric G.'s house. He needs to mount some tie downs.



## **Trail System:**

- 1) Curt W. received a call from Raymond Road. He picked up a box of signs and stakes.
- 2) Bike path to 9 McDonald's is still up. Dan D. will take care of it.
- 3) Hake Road is still up.
- 4) Swamps. Still have signs up. The field to gas station.

## **Marketing/Memberships:**

- 1) Last month was elections. Eric introduced the newly elected to group.

## **For the Good of the Club:**

- 1) Curt W. updates us on Phase III. Erie County is due on 5/1.
- 2) By-Laws. We will have a quick special board meeting right after this meeting tonight.
- 3) RPT grant. We are in the process of completing the paperwork to continue the whole process. We need a person in charge of this process – called a “signatory”. We need 2 signatures. Eric and Randy? Is there a timeline? Not yet. The last motorized grant funded application was 08-09. It was paid in 10-11 season. We are waiting for the federal approval from the parks DOT. We need board approval for the two signatures. Eric doesn't want to be a signatory so the board decided to have Rick J. and Randy W. be the two signatories.
- 4) Christmas party. We set the date for our Christmas party at the Newstead Fire Hall on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Scott T. will need a deposit check to secure the date.
- 5) Goals and objectives. Website, groomer equipment, improve trail captain process, trail captain signs, execute groomer barn in the next 2-5 yrs, committee formation, trail heads, logo and GPS.
- 6) All reroutes and new trails need to be GPS'd. The county has a GPS for us to use. Parker trail needs to be put in as a new trail. [www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com) and [www.snowmobile.unit@ohrp](mailto:www.snowmobile.unit@ohrp).
- 7) Our bulk sign order is due 7/23.
- 8) The section over near Pete's Corner will have a few changes. There will be a fence installed for about 25 ft. We need to go check it out.
- 9) Adopt-Hwy is this Sunday.
- 10) Sandy G. would like to discuss a location to keep paperwork. We need to keep 7 years worth. Anyone have any file cabinets to donate? Let's buy some supplies to get this all organized. Sandy will organize some of this. Sandy also is working on the insurance for the club. She will fill out the paperwork needed to get a few quotes.
- 11) We had a 50/50. Congrats to Jim. He won \$63.00.
- 12) Treasury report. Sandy G. motions and Eric G. seconds. 19 in favor - 0 opposed. It's accepted.
- 13) Sno-phone information about transferring to Scott T.'s house was sent to Rich M.
- 14) Sweatshirts are here. If you ordered one – come on up!

Our next Combo meeting will be May 26th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Our next Combo meeting will be June 30th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Our next Combo meeting will be July 28th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth  
Secretary



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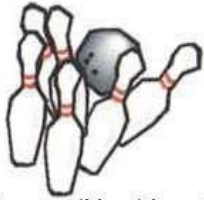
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## A Few Upcoming Events

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

**Adopt-A-Hwy Program:** Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am. We meet at Niagara Label (corner of Hake Road and Rte 93 in Akron).



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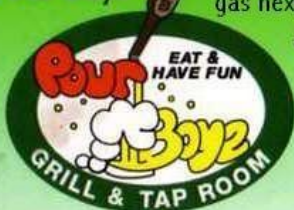
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Mail to: **Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.** Box 167 Akron, New York 14001-0167

If a family membership, include 1<sup>st</sup> names of all. Primary name must match NYS snowmobile registration for voucher discount.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
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All memberships are from Apr 1 to Mar 31 to coincide with NYSSA vouchers. \$5 of this fee is for membership to NYSSA who will donate .25¢ to the NYS Snowmobile PAC. Note: If you do not want to donate this .25¢, check here \_\_\_\_\_. If you are already a member of NYSSA (through another club) deduct \$5 from the amount below and write the club name and voucher ID# here \_\_\_\_\_

- NEW MEMBER**
- RENEWAL** (Please check all that apply)
- LANDOWNER (ON TRAIL)**

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- SINGLE \$ 25.00**
- FAMILY \$ 30.00** (Incl. spouse & all children 17 & under)

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- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
- OTHER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Membership in this club entitles you to NYS Snowmobile Registration fee of \$45 on each snowmobile registered to the name 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 the club) or bring this application to the monthly meeting or mail it to the above address.

**If you are interested in promoting your business we offer many forms of advertising. You may choose from spots in our newsletter, along the trail and on our website. Please call us or visit our website for more information.**

**REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION AND ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

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!"**

### How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Board member  | <input type="checkbox"/> Website                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A - Hwy    |
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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- 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 in Akron) 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 **750 members** of all ages who share the same passion and enjoy making snowmobiling such a wonderful sport!
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