

September 2011 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

September 29th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

October 13th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant

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Committee: Curt Watts

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

Snow Phone: 741-NESS

Club Headlines

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 Next Board Meeting: October 13th at 7:00 PM at Marvin's Restaurant on Goodrich Rd in Clarence Center.

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).

Thanks to:

■ Clarence Center Fire Hall: Thanks for allowing us a booth at your Labor Day Fair weekend!!!

Ross Rental: Thanks for the tent, tables and chairs donation for the fair!

Don George's and Buck's Motorsports: Thanks for letting us a display your sleds at our booth - the crowds liked checkin them out!

Brian Braunscheidel: Thanks for towing our groomer and sleds! Your trucks looked great!! Thanks for the use of your sleds!!

Come on out and have some fun!

Check us out on-line at www.snoseekers.com

"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 \$ 50 gift card:

September: Christopher Turcherielli



Congratulations!! We will have a give-a-way each month!

So please check this out to see if you are a winner!

President's Page

It's time

Labor Day marks the beginning of fall and that's when most of us start thinking about snow-mobiling. Contrary to what many people believe, the club works *all* year in order to make it work, but we always look forward to winter. If you've read any of the past newsletters, I'm sure you've seen that mentioned maybe a thousand times or so.

Now that our sights are on snow, it's time. We need to get the trail system in and get ready for the season. We had about 40 members renew at our Labor Day booth and expect more to follow. I hope you too can join us and lend a hand. Most of our members join us for the trail system we provide and we appreciate that. A few get more involved and help out a bit and we *really* appreciate that! Then, a few more dig in more and we have the "Best Trails in WNY!" Yes, it's time....time to dust off that sled, time to renew your membership, and *most importantly*, time to join us to lend a hand.

Remember last year were those trails awesome or what?

See you on the 29th

Eric

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.

WANTED! NESS WEBSITE CHAIRPERSON

We are looking for someone to help our website. It could use a few changes. Are you up for the challenge?

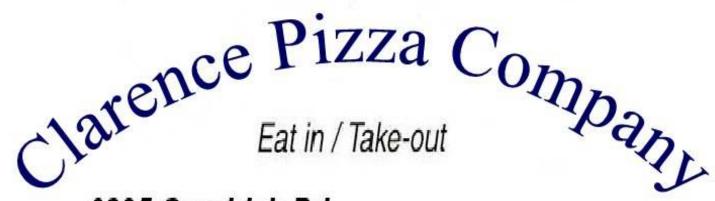
2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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 20 & 21 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up.

DON'T WAIT SIGN UP NOW.

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Now on the Trail!!!







Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message on our website if any area of you 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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Sled Of The Month Page

Sled Page



I have been riding for about 10 years. I am a Polaris guy all the way! My first sled was a '89 Classic. I then bought a '00 600 XC 45th Anniversary Edition. I put 800 miles on it. Then I got my

favorite sled - a '05 900 switchback. When asked why it was my favorite? I said - it's a 900!!

Currently I ride my 2008 700 dragon



switchback. I love the way it rides. I don't have any modifications on my sleds - you don't need any. It has never broken down on the trails - that's why I ride a Polaris!

I like to ride in the southern tier. The Adirondacks are nice too. I have done day trips to Letchworth State Park. My favorite place to ride is right out my back door. It's awesome living near our trail system! I average about 1000 miles a year. So when I do ride - I want to make it fun! Hopefully this year I will be able to ride down to Allegany!!

Stay on the trails or go home!

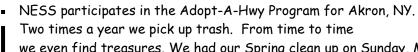


NESS Club member for last 6 yrs



Adopt-A-Highway Program

Did you know ...





we even find treasures. We had our Spring clean up on Sunday, May 1st at 9:00am for our Spring clean-up! It took 2 1/2

hours to get the job done. In case you are a planner, we have scheduled our Fall clean-up for Sunday, October
 2nd at 9:00am.

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

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

We couldn't have been successful without you guys.



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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Thanks to the few people who showed up at the captains meeting. If you missed it, here are some of the highlights of what was discussed and concerns that were addressed.

- Looking for a trail captain for the trail from TRANSIT RD. to SHIP AND SHORE. I know this trail gets used, because when we get snow there are tracks. If you use it please help.
- Trail C4D has the same problem between Crosby Rd. and Simms Rd. This one has a lot more traffic. You would think there would be a lot more help.

We have asked the members, when it comes time to mark the trail, make sure corridor markings and emergency response signs are put where they need to be. If you need to know where they go or which signs to put in place please contact me.

Anyone interested in painting stakes? This job can be done at your house and at your leisure as long as it gets done before the snow flies just let me know.

There are sections of the trail that need brushing - remember those from last season? What comes to mind from running the groomer are North side of Terry's Corners, east of Wolcottville and the trail leading into Orleans County. Anyone who lives close to these areas and could help please let us know.

The bridge on C4D east of Transit Rd has lumber coming for it and some help on way so this will be done soon.

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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

It's tough to write an article dealing with snowmobiling on a 90 degree day, but snowmobiling is all the Phantom ever thinks about according to Mrs. Phantom, so here it goes. It occurred to the Phantom that he puts a snowmobile twist on a lot of things he does. He attended the Niagara swap meet in June. The phantom doesn't really have the type of car that he would be looking at parts for, but every year he seems to come home with at least one sled item. This year it was a hood off a '68 Ski Doo. \$5. The phantom doesn't even have a '68 Ski Doo....yet he attended the Strykersville town wide garage sale earlier the same month and found a brand new power made tool box that fits a multitude of sleds - \$2. Mrs. P asked what sled he was going to put it on? I already have one was his reply and to her puzzled look he reiterated- \$2. The Phantom's family enjoys sitting around the camp fire on a warm summer evening as the phantom regales them with tails of snowmobiling adventures from years past. The moral of the story is the snowmobile season never really ends - you should just attend a club meeting - and you'll see. Until next month...

The Phantom Snowmobiler - he see's ALL



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Feelin' lucky?

Did you know....

We have 50/50 draws at our general meetings. The proceeds will be used to support our club and trail system. You now have 1 more reason to come join us every last Thursday of the month! Hope to see you there!!



Thank You!!!!

American Legion L.L. Tillman Post No. 900

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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. General Meeting August 25, 2011 Summary Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 PM

> Officers present: President – Eric Glassman Vice President – Dan Dressel Treasurer – Rick Johnson Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:44 PM - 14 people present Meeting ended at 9:45 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!



Business Items:

Accept minutes from last meeting. Randy motions, Ray seconds, 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

RTP grant. The process may not be completed this year.

Sno-phone. Will be active Friday, September 26th by 1:00 pm. Scott is all set. The phone has been put in NESS name.

Committees:

- 1) <u>Legal</u>. a. By-Laws. Eric will contact attorney. Why is it taking so long? NYSSA has an attorney should we think about switching? We really should have them for our Sept board meeting.
 - b. Insurance. No update.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing. Does Steve want to do advertising for us? Randy will speak with him.
- 4) Fundraising. There was no 50/50 tonight. We have a number of fall events coming up.
 - a. Buck's open house. Their swap meet has been scheduled for Sept 24th. Frank says we are all set.
 - b. Labor Day fair. We will have our groomer on a flat bed for the parade. We will also have sleds on a flatbed. Buck's Motorsports will give us a trailer with 2 sleds for display for the booth. Don George's will also donate 2 sleds and trailer for display in our booth. Dan is looking for people to help work the booth. If you can work and hour or two fill out the sheet Dan has. Randy has two children that would like to be in the parade. We also need a 10-15 second description of club for judges to read during the parade. Eric will write it up. We should have a raffle at the fair. Let's raffle the cost of membership if you renew or join this weekend. Mary Beth will put information on website.
 - c. Don Georges. No update.
 - d. BRP coupons Ski-doo. Members will have to go online and fill out the form then drop off at our local Ski-doo dealership. Our club receives money for each coupon turned in.
 - e. Coupon books are in. Sandy has them. We can sell them at the Labor Day fair.
- 5) <u>Apparel</u>. We ordered 18 kid shirts and 12 ladies shirts. We should have them for the fair. Should we order pink hats?
- 6) <u>Social</u>. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 10th. We need to coordinate gifts, DJ, etc. We need to start collecting donations. Randy and Eric will discuss details after this meeting.
- 7) <u>Membership</u>. Currently we have 70 members. Rick mentioned that we have received a lot of renewals thru the NYSSA website.
- 8) Groomer/UTV Equipment. No report.

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- 9) <u>Trail/Landowner</u>. We still need 3 permits. National Grid, TRP, Royalton. DEC Town of Newstead, Village of Akron and Town of Clarence. We need to print and mail requests. We will be having a trail captain's meeting. Rich W. ordered 500 stakes. Curt mentioned that our new signs are in. He has them. Do we need to order paint? 1 gallon of paint will cover 80 stakes. Eric will speak with Rich W. about the type of wood ordered.
- 10) Trail Guides. Mary Beth will redo advertisement for trail maps. We need to mail it in with a check.
- 11) Newsletter. No update.
 - 12) Website. Maybe have up by Nov 1st.
 - 13) <u>Safety/Education</u>. We need to start thinking about dates for our 2 courses. The Osbornes would like to help. Dan will check with Scott to see what's up.
 - 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Our next work day will be October 2nd.

Treasury Report:

Rick read aloud the details on this month's treasury report. Dave motions to accept. Dan seconds. Any questions? 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Bills and expenditures. Dan motions to pay bills, Eric seconds. Any questions? 10 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Our next Board meeting will be September 8th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center. Our next General meeting will be September 29th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Secretary

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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Board Meeting September 8, 2011 Summary Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, NY 7:00 PM

Officers present: Vice President – Dan Dressel Treasurer – Rick Johnson Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM – 10 people present Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!



Open items from last meeting:

Accept minutes from last meeting. Ray motions, Frank seconds, 8 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

RTP grant. No update.

Sno-phone. Our sno-phone is up and running.

NYSSA raffle. Nyssa is looking for donations for super raffle. Mary Beth motions to send \$250 check donation. Dave seconds. 8 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried. Rick will send check with donation form. If any one has a donation, just let us know.

Committees:

- 1) <u>Legal</u>. By-Laws. Eric sent all board and officers the updated version of the by-laws. Dan asked it there were any questions or comments. Mary Beth questioned the removal of email and website from Section 4-notice of meetings... it says it is not permitted by the statute. So as long as we mail the newsletter it should be fine. The part about Roberts Rule was brought up by Randy. He read the part that these rules are complicated and we don't need to mention them in the by laws. So all changes made by the lawyer are good. Curt motions to accept the bylaws with the corrections made by the attorney. Dan seconds. Any questions? 7 in favor 1 opposed. It's carried. There was some concern that we were missing Kevin, Bill, Eric and Al from the voting process. We will check with Eric to see if the motion can stand with only having 8 board and officers present for vote.
- 2) <u>Emergency Response</u>. Eric noted that the Erie Federation is looking for an updated emergency contact list. Dan will discuss with Eric for the next month's meeting.
- 3) <u>PR/Marketing</u>. The landowner drawing: September winner is Christopher T. Your gift card will be mailed out soon. Sandy would like to call the landowner and give them the great news before the gift card gets mailed. Steve will be handling advertising. Randy discussed a few details about the ads.
- 4) Fundraising. We have a number of fall events coming up.
 - a. Buck's open house. Their swap meet will be Sept 24th. 9:00 am 4:00 pm. Frank discussed some details about the event. Eric applied for the health permit for event. Thanks Eric.
 - b. Labor Day fair. We sold 37 memberships. We also sold apparel, coupon books and decals. The pink shirts went quick. We should order more for our other fall events. Our floats won 3rd place in the parade. We donated the prize back to the Clarence Center Fire hall. The fire hall has been very good to us in regards to our booth we have each year. We had a raffle and Jessica Strom won her membership money back congratulations Jessica!! Curt motioned to send check to her. Randy seconds. Any questions? 8 in favor 0 opposed. It's carried.
 - c. Don Georges. No update.
 - d. BRP coupons Ski-doo. Mary Beth will put on website.
 - e. Coupon books. No update
- 5) <u>Apparel</u>. Curt motioned to purchase more pink shirts and pink caps. Ray seconds. Any questions? 8 in favor 0 opposed. It's carried. Mary Beth will send Rick the invoice from the previous order. (con't on next page)

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- 6) <u>Social</u>. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 10th. We will talk with Eric to see if he will still be organizing the event this year. We need to update the landowner cards. Should we mail them with the Christmas invitation like we have in the past? Yes. Mary Beth will update both and bring to next meeting. We may want to think about a new location for our bonfire this year.
- 7) Membership. Currently we have 102 members. Rick has 37 from Labor Day so our number is closer to 139.
- 8) <u>Groomer/UTV Equipment</u>. The groomer got a great makeover by Brian Braunsheidel's crew. The track was sparkling! The groomer is back at Bill's house. The ranger and trailer are good to go if anyone needs it. The buggy has a soft tire, but other than that it is good to go. We are waiting to get back from Rich W. the updated groomer list and contracts. We are looking for documentation from 2006- current: groomer logs, operator training information and other paperwork. We are looking for 2 chain saws, 2 cycle oil, bar oil and chains. Anyone know where these items are?
- 9) <u>Trail/Landowner</u>. We will be sending in the Town of Clarence request soon. Akron? Newstead? Sandy will look into Newstead for us. Curt and Frank went to the Erie Fed meeting Tuesday night. Rich M. was also at the meeting. Pete Duchman had asked Rich to come and provide some information with the paperwork our club turned in. We should find out details so we will have information for the future. Curt thought that he should have been contacted also. There will be a meeting at the sno-packers on September 16th. The office of parks will be there for discussion. The transit Road Bridge needs re-decking. Curt will needs some 2x10x10. Pressure treated. Curt motions to buy boards and screws. Ray seconds it. 8 in favor 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 10) Trail Guides. Mary Beth is working to get the GPS map functional. We need the map by October 15.
- 11) Newsletter. No update.
 - 12) Website. No update.
- 13) <u>Safety/Education</u>. The Osbornes will help Scott run the fall safety course. We will be able to have both courses at the Swormville Fire Hall. Scott will schedule the two courses.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Our next work day will be October 2nd.

New Business:

- 1) We have a board opening. Bill suggested that Bev become St. of Arms and Ray would then be a board member. Bev and Ray both said that would work. We need to check our by-laws to see if there can be 2 people in a family with both of them having voting rights. Mike S. was asked if he was interested, but declined. Al Osborne declined. No response from Jeff G. Let's discuss this at the next meeting.
- 2) We need to check with the Tillman Post to see what time they would like us to finish up our meetings. Mary Beth will check with them.
- 3) CFA trail grant. No discussion.

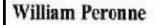
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- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at American Legion
 Tillman Post 9 Eckerson Road Akron, New York. It's located right on C4C trail (the 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!
- We have two groomers; one we purchased in 2005 costing over \$130,000 and another
 in 2009 costing over \$170,000. These help us maintain over 125 miles of trail right
 in your neighborhood!
- Our trail system is possibly only through the generous support of over 200 **private** landowners. We respect them by staying on the marked trails! Follow the signs not always the tracks!
- We provide NYS approved Safety Courses for both kids and adults.
- Come join us and visit our website at: <u>WWW.snoseekers.com</u>