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Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

November 17th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post

Member of the New York State Snowmobile Association and Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs Non-profit groups dedicated to the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles





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Chairperson: Curt Watts

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Chairperson: Rick Weitz

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: November 17th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron.

By-Laws Vote: We had a vote at our last general meeting and our by-laws got amended. Thanks to all who helped with this process.

Next Board Meeting: December 10th at 7:30 PM at Marvin's Restaurant on Goodrich Rd in Clarence Center.

Safety Courses: We will have 2 classes this fall. See page 3.

Don George's Open House: Sat, Oct 29. We had many members stop by our tent and check out the great sales at Don George's. Congratulations to Don for 40 yrs on Don George's!!

Ski-Doo's Million Dollar Club Support Program: Ski-Doo is 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 on their website and drop it off at a local Ski-Doo dealership. Go www.ski-doo.com to get the form. Please support the club and fill one out today!

Enjoy the City Books: \$20. Help the club and save some money too! We will have these available for purchase at our board and general meetings!!

Apparel: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! We now have pink t-shirts too!! Call 741-NESS to buy yours today!!

Come on out and have some fun!

"Thank You" landowners for a great season!

Landowner raffle is here....

We drew a name from our landowner list.

The following landowner has won a \$ 50 gift card:

November: John Davis

**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**

Hello Everyone,

Well, we had our board meeting in October and Eric Glassman, our President, turned in his letter of resignation. His last day as president was October 31, 2011. Eric has been the president of NESS for 9 years. He has decided to step down due to a new job obligation. We wish him well in his new endeavors. Eric will continue to be an active member of our club. Eric and his wife, Sue, are looking forward to running the Landowner Christmas Party again on Saturday, December 10th. Eric has done a lot of the behind the scene jobs! Without his hard work and dedication, we would not be the club we are today. I would like to take this time to thank him for all that he has done for the good of the club. I have been vice president for 5 years, and I look forward to being the president and fulfilling the responsibilities of this position. I hope, with all the members' help, I will be able to "fill his shoes!"

We have a great group of people running our club and committees. I have no doubt that we will be able to keep our club going in the right direction. We just completed the process of amending our bylaws. We really appreciate our members who turned in their proxies and/or attended our voting night at our last general meeting. We had pizza and wings for all. Thanks!

You can help support the club by purchasing NYSSA super raffle tickets, and "Enjoy the City" coupon books. These are all available at our general meetings or you can ask a board member for them. Also, our groomer donation boxes will be in our local establishments when the snow flies. We are also looking for donations for our Chinese auction for our Christmas party. Please call the sno-phone if you can help.

Our members will soon be able to log onto the computer and see our whole trail system. We have spent many hours with our GPS in our hand. We have GPS'd our whole trail system. When you view our trail system on the computer, the club name, trail number and type of trail will be able to be viewed. The parks also mentioned that soon we will all be able to download our whole trail system on our GPS handhelds and smart phones!

As we get ready for the upcoming season, we will be setting up stakes, trail-heads and signs throughout our trail system. We will also be going through the groomers and drags to make sure they are ready to make smooth trails. Now is the time to let us know if you would like to help. We will be having a few work parties scheduled in the near future. Please keep an eye on our website, so you can see when the work parties will be.

Thank You,
Dan
President



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2011 Landowner & Club Christmas Party!!

Saturday, December 10th
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Doors open at 5:00 PM until??

Dear Members and Landowners,

All of us at the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers would like to thank you for supporting our club. As a token of our appreciation, we cordially invite you to our Annual Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party!

- Admission for trail landowners (+ 1 guest) is free!
- General public only \$7.00/person! Kids under 12 are free!
- Huge Chinese raffle with lots of gifts!
- 50/50 drawing too!
- Food, drinks and sweets too!

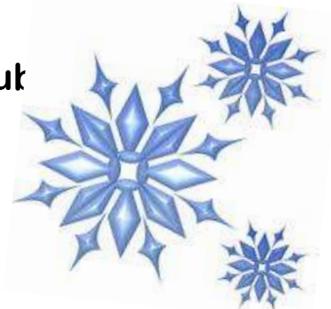
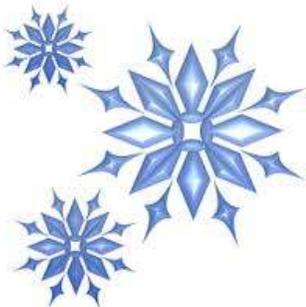
Due to the increasing popularity of this party, we want to assure our landowners a spot so we ask you to RSVP by Dec 7th. Please call 741-NESS to reserve.

We've always had some great laughs and good times! We welcome that favorite desert so bring it along to share! We'll have many items to raffle and great prizes too!

Hope to see you there!

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**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.
Board Meeting October 13, 2011 Summary
Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, NY 7:00 PM**



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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM – 12 board and officers plus 5 other members present
Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! We have 208 members as of today.

Open items from last meeting:

- 1) Accept minutes from last meeting.
- 2) STEP class. Curt W., Randy W., Rich P. and Dan D. attended this meeting, regarding trail marking, which was held at the Genesee Sno-Packers. Curt gave Mary Beth a copy of the handout for additional copies. Dan mentioned that consistency with signs is very important. Don't over sign. Hazard markers should mark the entrance of the narrowing of a trail and entrances into the woods. These are just a few of the topics covered.
- 3) Trail Grant class. Mary Beth, Curt W. and Rich M. attended this class in Warsaw, NY. Office of Parks and Recreation has implemented a new automated program for documentation. Work logs, groomer logs and more will need to be inputted into this single program. It will make the process uniform for all clubs. Our GPS trails also are shown on the site. It will show our trails, when last groomed and so much more. Trail captains will still give Curt the logs and he will input into the system. Our club will probably have to purchase a GPS unit for each groomer. We should budget for that.
- 4) CFA grant. Eric mentioned that there is another grant - we should take a look at it.

Committees:

- 1) **Legal.**
 - a. By-Laws. Mary Beth mailed out, by first class mail, a copy of the by-laws and proxy to all current members as of October 3, 2011. An additional proxy was included if the membership was considered a family membership. We will be voting on them at our next general meeting.
 - b. Insurance.
 1. D & O Insurance. The insurance has cashed our check so our policy should be in force. Sandy is waiting to get a response from the company confirming this.
 2. Inland Marine policy. Joe Floss would like a copy of our NYSSA policy to confirm we have the coverage we think we have. Sandy will provide a copy of our coverage without giving him the names of our agents thru NYSSA.
- 2) **Emergency Response.** No update.
- 3) **PR/Marketing.** Steve W. will be working on advertising this month. Mary Beth will get Steve the 6 months that the newsletter gets mailed out.
- 4) **Fundraising.** We have a number of fall events coming up.
 - a. Don George's. The open house will be Friday, October 28th and Saturday the 29th. Dan asks if anyone is available to run the tent on Friday? No one responded so Dan said we will only do event for Saturday. 10am -4 pm. Friday's hours are 10am – 8pm.
 - b. Coupon books. Sandy has some – who wants to sell?
- 5) **Apparel.** No update.
- 6) **Social.** Our Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 10th. Eric has sign-up sheets for the event. We need to pick up some more tickets from Ray Gay Sales. Dan D. has some with a numeric sequence. How many tickets did we sell last year? Rick J. will check on it.

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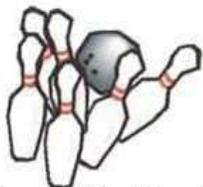
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Sled of the month Page

Snowmobiling started for me 21 years ago when a friend's father let me ride his 1981 John Deere Liquifire snowmobile behind the Harris Hill Fire Hall. At that time I thought it was the fastest thing I had ever been on! That one ride got me hooked and I've been snowmobiling ever since.



My first sled of my own was a 1980 Polaris TX 440, followed by a Polaris Centurion 500. Very fast, but I forget about turning or stopping! I have owned several Polaris Indy's through the years including XLT's and a XCR 600.



In 2003, I decided to try the new world of 4 stroke snowmobiling with a brand new Yamaha RX-1. A sled that is still in my family today.

I am currently riding my 3rd Yamaha 4 stroke, a 2011 Nitro. I like the 4 strokes because of their engine durability as I usually average 3000+ miles each season.

My involvement with NESS started way back in the beginning in 1995. I have been a continuous member ever since and through the years have held the elected positions of President, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, and board member. I have also been a trail captain since the late 90's and mark a large section of trail in our clubs South Newstead/Alden area.



Al

We will have 2 safety classes this year:

- 1) Tue, Nov 15: 6pm-10pm & Thu, Nov 17: 6pm-10pm.
You must attend both nights to complete course.
- 2) Sat, Dec 17: 9am-5pm.



Both courses will be at: Swormville Fire Hall 6971 Transit Rd. East Amherst, NY
Please contact: Al or Camille at 439-1240 for more information & registration!!!



- 7) Membership. No update.
- 8) Groomer/UTV Equipment. Bill asked if anyone needs the groomer for an upcoming event. He mentioned about the new input process for logs. Do we have an updated groomer operator list?
 1. Bombie needs some lights on the back of the drag. There are no side lights. Bill will take care of that.
 2. Battery. Frank recharged the battery.
3. Ranger & trailer and the Buggie & trailer are good to go. So let us know who needs to use these.
- 9) Trail/Landowner.
 1. Village of Akron. Monday night is the meeting. Bill dropped off the insurance paperwork and said we were all set – the village has everything they need.
 2. North of Campbell has been rerouted.
 3. Transit Road bridge is done.
 4. Groomer policy regarding missing signs. We need a policy to document missing signs, location of missing signs and when the sign was replaced. Make a phone call and log it.
 5. Permit. Darien and Letchworth parks. If you want to ride at night – you will need to get a permit. We will put info on website and in the newsletter.
 6. We have stakes. Curt will pick up paint tomorrow. He has people to paint most of them.
 7. Bike path. Barrels, pumps, signs... We normally set up trail the first weekend in December. The guys want a week's notice for pump truck availability. Let's make sure we have the correct valves and hoses so we don't get too wet.
 8. Allstate signs. Curt returned about 80 signs – there was some miscommunication. Curt has about 8.
- 10) Trail Guides. We think the maps are ready for pick up and distribution.
<http://jimapco.com/maproom/snowmobile/nys/>
- 11) Newsletter. Mary Beth will get out the due date for inserts.
- 12) Website. Some options for the website were discussed.
- 13) Safety/Education. Check the website for details.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. See newsletter for details. Do we know where our vests are? Our aprons are missing too.

New Business:

- 1) We have a board opening.
- 2) Eric Glassman turned in his letter of resignation. He will complete his duties as President of NESS at the end of October. Eric has been president for about 9 years. He will still be active with the club and he and his wife will still be running our great Christmas party this year. He would like to spend more time with his family. We thank him for all he has done to make the club what it is today!

Treasury Report:

- 1) Rick has this month's treasury report for everyone. He suggests making a payment on groomer loan. It would lower our monthly payment. Our club currently is paid through Oct 2012. The bank is running numbers for us. Rick will have details at our next meeting.
- 2) Bills and expenditures. Is the Verizon bill in Scott's name? Yes. The next bill should say NESS. Rick will check. Curt W. motions to pay bills, Dad D. seconds. 12 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried. .

Our next Board meeting will be November 10th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center.

Our next General meeting will be October 27th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth
Secretary



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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. General Meeting October 27, 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 7:35 PM – 44 people present

Meeting ended at 9:35 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!

Business Items:

Accept minutes from last meeting. Dave motions, Rich P. 2nds, 42 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Committees:

- 1) **Legal.** By-Laws. Since we became a not for profit 5013 (C), we needed to amend our bylaws. Tonight we will vote on them. We received many proxies by mail. Rick J. and Ray S. will tally them. Mary Beth mentioned that we are waiting to hear back from the attorney to help us with the law. Do we need 2/3 majority from the general membership or 2/3 majority from the general membership who are present at This meeting? We will discuss with attorney. Thanks to all who turned in their proxy and/or are present at meeting tonight. We will give an update at the next meeting.
- 2) **Emergency Response.** No update.
- 3) **PR/Marketing.**
 - a. We picked a winner for our November Landowner drawing. Congrats to: John Davis! You will be receiving a gift card in the mail soon.
 - b. Steve has started the process of renewing the ads for the newsletter, website and trailheads.
 - c. We should look into changing the type of mailing permit we have. If we change it we should be able to have banks and insurance companies advertising with us again.
- 4) **Fundraising.** Dan ran the 50/50 tonight. Congratulations to Bill P. He won \$42.50 and he donated it back to our club!! Thanks Bill!
 - a. Don Georges. Ness will have a booth at the 40th anniversary Open House on Saturday, Oct 29.
 - b. 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. Please tell other members – let's turn in more forms than last year!!
 - c. Enjoy the City Coupon books are in. Sandy has a few tonight if anyone would like to purchase one. We sold some at our events this fall.
 - d. NYSSA has a new bumper sticker. I Snowmobile. I Vote. Eric has them up front.
 - e. Groomer boxes. We will be having our groomer donation boxes out this season. Season starts Dec. 21st this year. Let's not ride trails until then. It is till dear hunting season.
- 5) **Apparel.** See Molly tonight if you would like to purchase a shirt.
- 6) **Social.** Our Christmas party is scheduled for Dec 10th. Eric & Sue will be heading up the party again this year. They do a great job! Eric has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Our invitations will be going out soon...
- 7) **Membership.** Currently we have 252 members. It usually ends up being 750!
- 8) **Groomer/UTV Equipment.** Machines are ready to go!

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Adopt-A-Highway Program

Did you know...

NESS participates in the Adopt-A-Hwy Program for Akron, NY. Two times a year we pick up trash. From time to time we even find treasures. We had our Spring clean up on Sunday, May 1st at 9:00am. It took 2 1/2 hours to get the job done. We also did our Fall clean-up on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00am. We will have another one this Spring! We meet at Maple Rd and Rte 93 at 9:00 am.



Thanks to Mike Schifferle, Rick Weitz, Rich Pfentner, Dan Dressel, Frank & Bev Schroeder and the others for working this fall clean up. We had a great crew! They had breakfast first at the Newstead Fire Hall. Does it get better than that? We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members. Do you want your name added to our list?

Come on out this spring and join in on the fun!

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9) Trail/Landowner.

- a. Trail Marking. We need to log all work parties. Everyone needs to get the information to Curt. We need to keep this updated. Any and all trail work needs to be handed in to Curt. Stakes are 2/3 painted. Thanks.
- b. STEP training course at the Genesee Sno-Packers. We have a few copies of the STEP trail marking instructions. See front desk. Our trail marking is the best –let’s keep it up!
- c. Pete’s corner. Bill and Al took a look and may have enough room to swing through. The south side owner gave us permission 25ft from the porch. There was a discussion of other options also.
- d. Transit Road. We re-decked bridge. All set.
- e. We have some extra signs if anyone needs them.
- f. Trail captains. Try and invite your landowners to our Christmas Party. We need to confirm the landowners addresses on our excel spreadsheet.
- g. We need to post the work parties on our website so the volunteers will know how to help our club.
- h. We will be preparing the bike path at the beg. of December. We need barrels, water and markings for trail.
- i. Landowners. Please check with your landowners to see if there are any changes to your section of our trail system. We also have a few trail captain openings – are you interested?
- j. Hake Road. We will need to move a part of the trail due to some construction in the area.

10) Trail Guides. The Federation prints our maps each year. Curt will check on Tuesday at the meeting. They may not have been printed yet. We are looking for a few people to help distribute them, keep the supply stocked and collect money for purchased maps. Are you able to help? We are working towards getting our GPS’D map downloadable on your handheld and your smart phones!!

11) Newsletter. Our November newsletter will be posted on website. Our December one will be mailed. Anyone who would like to add an article or ad to our newsletter, please see Mary Beth.

12) Website. We need to make some changes to our website. Trail reporting, photos & ease of updating.

13) Safety/Education.

- a. We will have 2 safety classes this year. The first class will be over two nights. Tue, Nov 15: 6pm-10pm and Thu, Nov 17: 6pm-10pm. You must attend both nights to complete course. The second course will be on Sat, Dec 17:9am-5pm. Both courses will be at: Swormville Fire Hall - 6971 Transit Rd. East Amherst, NY. Please contact: Al or Camille at 439-1240 for more information & registration. There is a 35 student..
- b. State Parks. If you are planning on snowmobiling in our State Parks at night this season, you will need to get a permit. There is a link on our website regarding this. We will have the permit applications at the next meeting for anyone that wants one. There is no fee for this permit.

Good of the Club:

- 1) The Sno-phone was out of commission from approx. May 1 – Sept . If you left a message or couldn’t get through, please call us back. Mary Beth will post on website this information also.
- 2) A member mentioned that we should have an event where we ride to a bunch of restaurants and have our own – who has the best wings on our trail system. We should spend a whole day with this!
- 3) Eric Glassman announced that he will be resigning at the end of this month. He has been President for 9 years. He said that it was a hard decision, but he needs to focus on this job and family. Dan, our vice president, will fulfill the role of president. Dan hopes that he will be able to do as good a job as Eric has! Eric will still be an active member of our club.

Treasury Report: Rick read aloud the details on this month’s treasury report. Dave F. motions to accept. Rich P. seconds. Any questions? 0 opposed. It’s carried.

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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

The Phantom tries to take a couple snowmobiling trips each winter. It surprises him that in conversation with other sled heads, how many people, especially younger people, have never ventured out of the area. Sure our trails are great, but it's a pretty big world out there just waiting to be explored on snowmobiles. the Phantom's recommendation for the first time trip planner, go to the Adirondacks. Tug Hill and Old Forge are two very popular spots for snowmobiles. Sleds are permitted on most roads and with the statewide effort for uniformed signage, he newbie will feel right at home on the trails. Old Forge requires a permit, reasonable in price,. Tug Hill does not. Why the Adirondacks for a first trip you ask? It's an easy tow down the thruway. 3 hours to Utica and head north up route 28 for an hour, puts you in Old Forge. Tug Hill is perhaps even a little closer. The Phantom advises a get away during the week as sled traffic is considerably lighter Monday thru Thursday. The weekends can be quite busy out on the trails. These trips will give the traveling first timers a feel for overnight stays at hotels, motels, cabins, bed and breakfasts or wherever. The Phantom stayed at a bed and breakfast with his brother one night while back packing (staying some place different every night) on sleds. B & B's are just that ' you'll get a bed to sleep in and breakfast in the morning-then you leave. In this case the Phantom and his brother stayed in a very nice woman's attic. In retrospect, it was the nicest place we stayed on that trip. In any event, it is an enjoyable memory that will always be cherished. Another Adirondack plus - it's still NYS-your registration is still valid which may not be the case in a neighboring state. The moral to the story-consider taking your winter hobby to the next level, you wont regret it.

until then...

The Phantom Snowmobiler-he see's ALL

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

- The season is off to a good start or that is what I thought until the phone started
- ringing. The trail in Terry's Corners, S46 will be rerouted to the east side of the parking lot to keep sleds off of the fresh blacktop. There has already been a work session planned for this reroute. Trail C4D, between Old Beattie and Crosby Road, please read the signs and stay on trail as per Landowner's request. The corner of Salt and Keller Rd., please slow down and follow trail or this will no longer be a usable trail for us. Now for
- the good things, stakes are painted and they are being reflected - some of the trails are
- being marked to get ahead of the water conditions. I would like to thank those who have helped me out in getting this far, because I don't do it alone. If you want to help please contact the sno-phone, call me or watch the web site for work details. Thank you.

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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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- 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!
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