



December 2011

Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

December 29th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post

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Trail Guides Committee:

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(temporary)

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Adopt-A-Hwy Committee:

Chairperson: Rick Weitz

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: December 29th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron.

Next Board Meeting: January 12th at 7:30 PM at Mazia's Restaurant on Main Street in Clarence.

Safety Courses: We will have 1 class this fall. See page 7.

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!! Sale ends mid-January.

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

Dice Run: Stay tuned for more details...

Bonfire: We may have 2 bonfires this year—weather permitting... So keep on checking our website for upcoming details...

**Come on out and have some fun!
 Check us out on-line at www.snoseekers.com**

"Thank You" landowners!

Landowner raffle is here....
 We drew 2 names from our landowner list.



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

December: Anne Davis & Walter Van Buren

**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.

By the time you read this, hopefully you attended the Christmas-Landowner Appreciation Party and you had a good time. We hope you enjoyed the good food, drink, prizes and friends who attended.

As another party has passed, I would like to take the time to say that all the board members and officers would like to thank all the landowners for the use of their land. Without you, we wouldn't be able to enjoy our winter snowmobiling activities and trail riding. So, everyone, please respect their land and stay on the marked trails. Hopefully we didn't miss any landowners at the party, as we try very diligently to get all of you an invitation. If we missed you, call the Sno-Phone at 741-NESS and let us know, please.

I would like to thank all the businesses and members that contributed to the many gifts for the party. Also, a big "Thank You" to Eric & Sue Glassman for heading up the Christmas party again this year!! Their time is appreciated and they do an awesome job of making it look easy. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Molly Kiesel and crew for the food and food prep - it was great. Thanks also to all who helped with set up, clean up, drive around and pick up items and the many others who gave their time to this party.

Well on the trail side of things... the trails are getting staked and put up so they all should be ready to go by December 21st, opening day. So, please, stay off the trails until they are open. Thank you and hopefully we will get some cold weather to freeze up all the water before the snow flies so we can build a great base for a long season of riding!

Happy Trails and Happy Holidays
from all the officers and
board members of NESS!

Dan



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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Board Meeting November 11, 2011 Summary Marvin's Restaurant Clarence Center, NY 7:00 PM



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

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM – 9 board/officers plus 4 members present
Meeting ended at 9:10 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. Curt needs a certificate of insurance for a landowner. Sandy will give him instructions on how to get it on line. We also discussed the storage of our paperwork. Dan will let Sandy know on Friday if the filing cabinets are letter or legal size. Dan will also let Sandy know about storing the cabinets in his garage. Al will now be the liaison for the legal committee.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing. Steve W. has started the process this month. Steve is going to look into the cost of getting a different type of mailing permit. If we do get a different kind of permit, we then will be able to have banks and insurance companies advertise in our newsletter. There will be an increased cost of printing the additional pages of the monthly newsletter as well as the cost of mailing the newsletter. Steve will let us know the cost of the permit.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Landowner drawing. Sandy is going to take care of the drawing until the end of March. Curt would like to have 2 names drawn each month. Bill motions to have 2 landowner drawings a month with a \$50 gift card. Al seconds. We will do this for a year. Dec – Nov. 9 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.
 - B. NYSSA super raffle. Rick has ordered the tickets. Our club receives \$2.50 per ticket sold. They cost \$5.00. Hopefully we will have them at the next meeting. We have a few posters if anyone would like one.
 - C. Ski-Doo. Has everyone turned in their form into a dealership yet? Our club receives \$10 for each form turned in.
 - D. Enjoy the City Books. Sandy has a few more books with her. Does she need to order more?
 - E. Groomer boxes. Sandy will distribute the clear boxes this year. Tops, Marvin's, Napa, Log Cabin and Pour Boys.
- 5) Social.
 - A. Don George's. The open house went well. We sold 8 memberships and some apparel.
 - B. Christmas party invites. Mary Beth has the invites, landowner cards, envelopes and stamps. We will prepare these during this meeting. If anyone needs an additional invite, there are a few extras. Sandy will check with the fire hall to see what kind of sound system they have. We will decide at the next meeting. The liquor license has been applied for. Mary Beth and Molly met with Sue G. to discuss the menu for the party. We also need a few volunteers to help serve the food. All volunteer positions were filled. Thanks guys!
 - C. Bonfire. We have a few locations in mind. There is one house on Cummings Road. We will probably schedule the event in January on a Saturday.
- 6) Membership. We have 310 memberships as of today! Rick has been dropping off and monitoring the apps and vouchers that we have at a few stores in the area. Thanks Rick!

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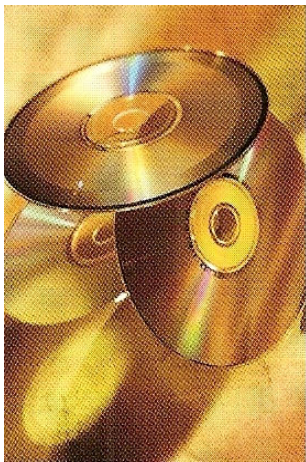
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Sat, Dec 17: 9am-5pm.



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Sled of the Month Page

Hello Everyone:

Well I really don't know where to start! So maybe the beginning would be the place.

I came home on leave from the service in 1965 for Christmas and saw this thing riding along in the road ditch. I told myself then that I had to have one. After I was discharged in 1969 I went hunting at my dad's friends in Holland and there it was... a 1968 Polaris Colt. Left the gun in the car and rode it around in the field most of the morning. I was hooked!

In 1971 a new Polaris dealer GMT opened in Williamsville. They bought two factory racers, a 650 and 440. They asked me to race the 650 that yr. and I really did not have any time to trail ride that yr. The next year I got my first sled, a Polaris Colt, new and improved version. Then my first love was a Brut which came next. The sled was way ahead of its time so it didn't last long. Back to Polaris in 1977 a TXL and again in 1978 I bought a second TXL. Where are you guys now?? 30 plus sleds later I have a 2011 Assault and a 2012 Switchback orange madness.



If you have a chance to climb on one (that's if you can get the owner off) do so! Dan D. and Jeff G. rode mine last yr. You got it.. two more Assaults in the club. My wife took over the Assault this yr. but now tells me her suit doesn't mach... TOO BAD!

Logan, Utah is my most memorable trip. Great riding and great friends made this an outstanding adventure. Mountain riding is the best. But will kick your butt! Ask anyone that's been there, including my wife.

In the 40 yrs I've been riding it had taken me to Utah, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, N. Dakota, Pa, Vermont and Canada. Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan is a must for everyone's bucket list.

This is my 25th straight yr going to the World Championship Snowmobile Derby and spending the next week backpacking thru great trails and many rest stops.

I have taken many friends up there over the years and all have been memorable times. The Decker family that owns the Derby Track and Decker Sno Venture Tours (which I have been on several) are great people and have opened their home to me, my wife and friends for many years. Winter and summer.

After 40 years of riding, including 7 yrs of racing, I'm enjoying giving back to helping the sport of snowmobiling as a member of NESS.

One last thing! Dan D. and I rode our motorcycles to the Polaris factory in Roseau, Minn. It was a perfect trip. For all you Polaris people... add this to your bucket list too! It's a must.

See you on the snow. Stay safe!

Bill Peronne



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- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment. Bombie needs some strobe lights on the back of the drag. There are no side lights. Bill will take care of that.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Terry's Corner. We will be moving the trail from the west to the east side and making a bridge.
 - B. Kinne Road. Needs help. At this point it is still "follow road to trail".
 - C. Strickler and Lapp Roads. It's all good.
 - D. We will have signs to put up that say "Trails don't open until Dec 21st".
 - E. We are having a work party on Saturday, Nov 12th at Terry's Corners.
 - F. Who needs new landowner packs? Mary Beth will make 10 for next meeting.
- 9) Trail Guides. Guides are not ready yet. Steve will distribute them. We need to get the list of bars to him.
- 10) Newsletter. Inserts are due Dec 10th. We will give our printer the newsletter on Monday, Dec. 12th.
- 11) Website. Mary Beth will be making a few changes to our website. The biggest change would be the trail report page.
- 12) Apparel. We need to order pink caps for Christmas party.
- 13) Safety/Education. The first course has been cancelled. See website forum for details.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

President:

- A. Bylaws. Dan read the letter from the attorney explaining that we needed 2/3 vote from members present at the meeting and proxies received. We did meet that quota so the bylaws amendments have been approved. Thanks to all you helped make this process happen.
- B. Open board position. Sandy mentioned that Ray is in favor of having himself be a board member and Bev S. would be the Sergeant of Arms. With the new bylaws, that cannot happen. Bill mentioned that he was talking with Eric and said that Eric would like to be a board member. Curt motions to have Eric Glassman take on the role of a board member until March elections. Bill seconds it. 9 in favor. 0 opposed. It's carried. Eric will join the board.
- C. Open Vice President position. Bill suggests we have Randy Wdowka fill in as Vice President until March. Dan motions to have Randy fill in as VP until elections in March. Al seconds it. 8 in favor. 0 opposed. It's carried. Mary Beth suggests that the officers get together and get Randy up to speed on the role of VP in the club. We will get together soon.

Treasurer:

- A. Rick has this month's treasury report. He also has a budget for the 4th qtr. It spells out details about making a payment in December on our groomer loan. If we also make an additional payment in Jan 2012 principal payment would not be due until October 2013 and it would also lower our interest monthly payments. Curt motions to make first payment. Randy seconds it. 9 in favor. 0 opposed. It's carried.
- B. Treasury Report. Curt motions to accept. Dave seconds. 9 in favor. 0 opposed. It's carried.
- C. Rick mentions also that we need to be aware of our expenses. King Oil will donate \$500 in fuel again this year, thanks!
- D. Bills and expenditures. Curt W. motions to pay bills, Dave seconds. 9 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

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Secretary:

- A. Accept board meeting minutes from Oct 10th. Dan motions. Curt seconds. Any question? No. 9 in favor. 0 opposed. It's carried.
- B. Microsoft Access. We have switched our Membership data into Access for easier reporting purposes. We will be able to email our newsletter soon to our members.

Our next Board meeting will be December 8th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center.
Our next General meeting will be November 17th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Other:

- A. RTP grant. No update.
- B. Niagara Federation monthly meeting: Cancelled this month.
- C. Erie Federation monthly meeting: Curt attended. They are working on a more accurate GPs guide. They discussed the online input for work logs.
- D. Genesee Fed meeting: Dan attended. NYS will be sending out an Economic Impact study. They are looking to see how much money people in NYS spend on snowmobiling. So, if you receive one, please fill it out. GPS units are being placed on groomers for this season. Not all clubs will have them this year. We will not have them on our machines this year. This year's promotion will be - Ride right! This will be promoted starting January 2012.
- E. Forum April 2012. It will be in Lake Placid this year. We need to decide how much to set a budget for and who will be going.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

- The deadline for getting things done is here. As of now, our club still has a snowmobile bridge in TERRY'S CORNERS to build and decking to repair on another. A trailhead still needs to be installed on trail C4D at BLOCKCHURCH RD, along with more caution signs for the PLOWED FIELD UNDER THE POWERLINES. The section on C4D in KINNE RD area is still in need of your help and yes, that does get used a lot. The club is still looking for some help in making sure all the GPS trail locator signs get put in place. Remember when you are out on the trail, if you see a problem with the markings, do what you can to fix it or please let someone know what they did incorrectly. Thanks again to the LANDOWNERS who allow this all to happen and the members who work on our trails.

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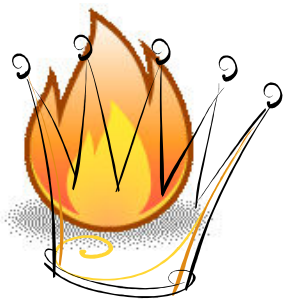
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Officers present:

President – Dan Dressel
Vice President – Randy Wdowka
Treasurer – Rick Johnson
Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM – 29 present

Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! We have a new Vice President: Randy Wdowka. Eric Glassman is now a board member. Dan also took a moment to introduce a few other board members and officers to the group. He also mentioned that our By-Laws were passed based on a letter and discussion from our Attorney. Thanks to all who helped in the process.

Committees:

- 1) **Legal.** Inland Marine. Our insurance agent will have our new policy rates available next week. We will discuss at next board meeting.
- 2) **Emergency Response.** No update.
- 3) **PR/Marketing.** Steve W. has started the process of invoicing the advertisers for the newsletter this month. We sold advertising for the side of each drag.
- 4) **Fundraising.**
 - A. Landowner drawing. We will be drawing 2 names each month. We will do this for a year. Dec – Nov. So read the newsletter to see if you are a winner!
 - B. NYSSA super raffle. Our club receives \$2.50 per ticket sold. They cost \$5.00. We will sell these at our Christmas Party.
 - C. Ski-Doo. The program ended Nov 15th. We hope everyone turned there card in so our club may receive \$ 10 for each one.
 - D. Enjoy the City Books. This sale will wrap up in January.
 - E. Groomer boxes. Sandy will distribute the clear boxes this year.
- 5) **Social.**
 - A. Christmas Party. We are getting ready. We are still looking for donations for the Chinese auction. We had a number of people volunteer to help during the party. We will have apparel to sell, a kid's table with crafts and food to serve. We look forward to a great event!
 - B. Bonfire. We have a few locations in mind. We will probably schedule the event in January on a Saturday.
- 6) **Membership.** We have 332 memberships as of today!
- 7) **Groomer/UTV Equipment.**
 - A. Niagara County. The groomer had some work done: filters, oil and battery. The drags will be going to Erie County soon. We will add strobe lights on the back of the drag for road crossings. We will be ready when the snow falls.
 - B. Groomer classes? Genesee Sno-Packers might have a class. Our club would have 10-12 people wanting to take the class. We would need to find a location and get a sign up sheet to see who would want to go.
 - C. The Ranger received a new battery.

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8) Trail/Landowner.

- A. Terry's Corner. We may need to put in a 28ft bridge at the end of the parking lot.
- B. Dunkenburg Bridge needs repair.
- C. Kinney Road. Needs help.
- D. C4K – new bridge trail – C4 under power lines needs a trail captain.
- E. Some of the trails have been marked. Marvin's and Rothland's golf course.
- F. We need something to hold up the trailhead at Campbell. John G. mentions that there may be some rims up at the Barracks.
- G. Reroute at Keller and Salt – a snowmobile bridge was put in.
- H. Utley Road heading west also got a new 1 way bridge.
- I. Dibble Railroad. Small change, new gate and 2 culverts but it still needs to be marked.
- J. Our trail will end at rte 93. We temporarily lost the trail out of Akron so we will have a "Trail Closed Ahead" sign at Hake.
- K. Bike path gates will need to be removed. Ray and Sandy will look into it. Can we do the work earlier than our scheduled Dec 11th work party?
- L. We have permit applications for the Parks if you will be riding at night through their parks.

9) Trail Guides. Guides are not ready yet.

10) Newsletter. Inserts are due Dec 10th. We will give our printer the newsletter on Monday, Dec. 12th.

11) Website. We will be seeing a few changes with the site soon. We are adding an education page and an apparel page. We will redo the trail reports and update the photo gallery.

12) Apparel. We will have a few new items to sell at the Christmas Party.

13) Safety/Education.

A. We have 26 people signed up for the safety course for Dec 17th. Al and Camille are getting ready. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor, you would need to attend 2 courses and assist. See Al if you are interested. The club will buy lunch at the Swormville Fire Hall. They will have a PowerPoint presentation as well as the railroad guys will present too.

B. The cards from the previous courses should be in the mail.

14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

For the Good of the Club:

1) Ray asks if there is a way to ride to the Clarence Grill. We can look into it.

2) We may change our board meeting location to Valley Inn or Mazia's. Valley Inn wants to advertise with us. We will check out the two locations and discuss at next meeting.

3) 50/50. Congratulations Kevin! You won \$ 45. He donated the money back to the club to be used with the fuel fund. Thanks Kevin!

4) Accept board meeting minutes. Ray motions. Bill seconds. Any question? No. all in favor. 0 opposed. It's carried.

Treasury Report: Rick reviews this month's report. Any questions? No.

Our next Board meeting will be December 8th at 7:00 pm at Marvin's Restaurant in Clarence Center.

Our next General meeting will be December 29th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth
Secretary



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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?

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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

As promised, a quick look in what the Phantom carries on his snowmobile. Of course he carries a tow strap, a spare belt and spark plugs. He also carries zip ties, 2-3 thermo blankets, those little hand warmer packs (on sale now at Ace Hardware), one Phillip's screwdriver and a flat head screw driver. A 3/8 drive ratchet, a set of metric and SAE sockets, a vise grip, a small set of box open-end wrenches, a foldable hand saw, a flash light, matches, lighter, a half dozen paper towels, a roll of good electric tape, J-B weld, bungee straps and a length of fuel hose.

A quick explanation of some of these items: vise grips can take the place of many wrenches and will double as a hammer in a pinch. The Phantom knows....

1. Zip ties – there are many uses for zip ties. You can piece back together your windshield or tie your thermo blankets together for a wind break.
2. The hand saw – The Phantom prefers a blade that will cut metal as well as wood. Who knows what situation you may find yourself in.... Some people prefer an ax.
3. Matches, lighter and paper towels - store them in a zip lock bag to keep them dry. Use the paper towels as kindle to start a fire or just to blow your nose in. If the matches don't work, maybe the lighter will or vice a versa.
4. JB weld - this stuff is pretty good. It will hold a blown out spark plug in to complete a trip or seal a cracked chain case.
5. A first aid course is not a bad idea for any snowmobiler. First aid kits are fine, but knowing what to do in the event of a serious injury is better.

You can pack all this stuff in a relatively small space. Bolt on storage is available for most sleds, if needed. The Phantom's father-in-law also told Mrs. Phantom that she may not know how to use these tools but somebody else in the group might. Does all this seem a little extreme for the local rider? Consider the only time The Phantom had considered an outdoor over night stay, he and the Mrs. got caught in a blizzard in Genesee County. It was supposed to be a three hour outing, just like on Gilligan's Island. Luckily, the storm let up enough so they could continue on to safety. The moral of the story - Be Safe - Be prepared.

Until next time

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