



January 2012 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

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

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Chairperson: Mary Beth Kiesel

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

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

Next Board Meeting: February 9th at 7:30 PM at Mazia's Restaurant on Main Street in Clarence.

Safety Course: We completed our safety course in November.

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

Dice Run: At Buck's on Sunday, January 29th with Feb 5th as a no snow date. Stay tuned for more details..

Bonfire: Saturday, Jan 28th and a no snow date of Feb 4th.

Keep on checking our website for upcoming details...

Come on out and have some fun!

"Thank You" landowners!

Landowner raffle is here....

We drew 2 names from our landowner list.



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

January: Eving Lennert & Joseph Peruzzini

**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,

On a somber note... we lost a very good friend. Rich Wood passed away in December. He was also known as "Woodie". He supported our club immensely. He was groomer coordinator for many years and he did an awesome job at it! He also helped us with many landowner issues. Woodie will be greatly missed in all areas of our club - but most importantly, he will be missed as our friend!!! Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends.

Dear fellow members,

We have some great events coming up so keep an eye on the website for details. When we get snow, please wait for our website and/or snophone to inform you that our trails are open. There have been trails closed this year due to sledders who are riding on trails that are not opened. The landowners were not at all happy that people rode on a closed trail.

Don't give up hope! We have had years like this before when we didn't get any snow until the last week of January and then we had a good month and a half of great riding weather! So let's all do a "snow dance" and see you on the trails!

Dan

Our beloved club member & friend, Woodie, passed away.

WOOD - Richard H. Suddenly December 19, 2011; dear father of Correy R.; beloved brother of Jayne Wood (Sue Stanislowski); stepfather of Cheryl (Matthew) Rejewski, Robin Suffoletta and Jayson O'Donnell (Rev. Paul Lillie); step-grandfather of Noah, Olivia Zachewicz, Darien, Braedon Suffoletta; uncle of David Magoss. Memorials may be made to Mercy Flight, 100 Amherst Villa Rd., Buffalo, NY 14225

He will be greatly missed!!





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



Officers present:

President – Dan Dressel

Vice President – Randy Wdowka

Treasurer – Rick Johnson

Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM – 14 present

Meeting ended at 9:44 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. Sandy dropped off all filing paperwork. Everything has been filed and will be in storage at Dan's.
- 2) Emergency Response. We have updated the contact list. Sandy mentioned that there are some search and rescue information in the files at Dan's house.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Steve W. has sent out invoices that will be due in January for the newsletter ads. Any ad signs for trailheads?
 - B. We would like Steve to use the vinyl cutter and make some signs for us. We would like 10 signs that have: Our logo and "Welcome – You are now riding on our Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Trail System!" We would also like 8 signs: Our logo and "You are riding on our NESS trail system". They should be on corrugated plastic and screwed onto stakes. Randy will check with Steve.
- 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 news letter to see if you are a winner! Anne Davis and Walter Van Buren won in December.
 - B. NYSSA super raffle. Our club receives \$2.50 per ticket sold. They cost \$5.00. We will sell these at our Christmas Party and have some tonight to sell.
 - C. Enjoy the City Books. This sale will wrap up in January. Sandy ordered some more books for the free books we receive for the number of books sold.
 - D. Groomer boxes. Chantel will take to Tops, Marvin's, Napa, log Cabin and Pour Boys, Braun's and Filling Station.
- 5) Social.
 - A. In January we will update our landowner list.
 - B. Christmas Party. We are getting ready. Most gifts are in. Eric will need a lot of help from a lot of people. Friday night 7 pm set up and 2pm Saturday for more set up.
 - C. Buck's would like a phone call to discuss the dice run this year.
 - D. Clarence Winter fest. Probably not this year.
 - E. Bonfire. We have 2 locations in mind. South Newstead and off Clarence Center near McD's.
- 6) Membership. We have 405 memberships as of today!
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
 - A. Groomer classes? Colden and Hamburg may combo a groomer operator safety course – not a training course. Gary B. may also have a groomer safety class.
 - B. The strobe lights have been ordered. Dan has 2 shocks.
 - C. Bill is going to pick up a drill for the Piston Bully. We need a few post pounders. Ray makes a motion to buy 4 post pounders. Dan seconds. 14 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. We have blank work logs on the website.
 - B. Terry's Corner needs a 6" X 26" bridge. We can't take the groomer over it. We have 3 steel beams – we should use them for this. Buy 10 footers and have Gui's cut them in half. That would cost about \$212. Bill makes a motion to spend \$300 to do bridge near Terry's Corner. Eric seconds it. 14 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.
 - C. Dunkelberg bridge needs a few boards replaced.
 - D. Trail heads – the wheels were located that were needed for the posts.
 - E. The Niagara Fed meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month. Randy will attend them.

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Sled of the Month Page

No snow—
no Sled of The Month!

Waiting for snow..... and
waiting..... and waiting.....



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- F. The Erie Fed meeting: there was a discussion about vintage sleds – 25 years or older. The state may have a noise ordinance in place soon. There is an economic survey on-line. Please – everyone should fill one out. Colden may have the groomer class on January 29th. Colden will be having a poker run on 1/21 from 9-11:30 am. There will be an automated on-line class at the sno-packers on Mon, Dec 12th.
- G. Allstate- GPS signs. We would like them located at all crossroads. Longitude and Latitude or the name of the streets that intersect will need to be posted on signs.
- H. Peter's Corner and Genesee. There is a fence at the road... it's located on the easement. Al went and spoke to neighbor. They are all good.
- I. Bike path set up. We will be filling barrels on Sat, Dec 10th. We need the gates unlocked and we need to lock them up when finished.
- J. We lost part of our trail temporarily. We will post a sign that says "Trail Closed Temporarily" east of 93 at the Village Inn.
- 9) Trail Guides. Guides are at the printers. We also need to GPS some of our trails.
- 10) Newsletter. Inserts are due Jan 7th. We will give our printer the newsletter on Monday, Jan. 9th since it is being mailed this month.
- 11) Website. Our changes will be finished soon.
- 12) Apparel. We will have a few new items to sell at the Christmas Party.
- 13) Safety/Education. We are all set for the safety course for Dec 17th.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Forum. Eric, Dan, Bill and Mary Beth would like to go to the Forum in April. We need to set a budget and motion at our next board meeting.
- 2) Gas receipt program. We will put information on the website and our newsletter.
- 3) Sno-Phone. What do you guys think about having the sno-phone actually be a cell phone for ease of transport? Let's think about the benefits. We will discuss at next meeting.
- 4) Did you know you can get Enjoy the City books with Rochester coupons? We can.
- 5) King Petroleum donated some fuel for the groomer. We will need about 400 gallons this year. We will need to fill our tanks. It will probably cost about \$5,000. There is no need for a motion – we will just budget the amount needed.
- 6) We will have Randy hold 2 positions until elections.
- 7) RTP grant. Bill will check with 2 other clubs to see what they are doing about the grant.

Treasury Report: Rick reviews this month's report. Any questions? No. Al motions to accept report. Ray seconds. 14 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried. We received 2 counties' 30%. We are waiting for Genesee. We also had a motion to pay the bills. Curt motioned and Randy seconded. 14 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Our next Board meeting will be January 12th at 7:30 pm at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth
Secretary



Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message on our website if any area of your 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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**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.
General Meeting December 29, 2011 Summary
Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:00 PM**



Officers present:

Vice President – Randy Wdowka

Treasurer – Rick Johnson

Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:39 PM – 26 present

Meeting ended at 9:37 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! Dan was unable to be here tonight, so Randy will be running the meeting. Randy is the VP until March.

On a somber note, I'd like to take a few moments to acknowledge the loss of long time club member, Rich Wood. Rich passed away unexpectedly early last week. Rich has been a great asset to our club in many ways. From helping to secure landowner permission, building trails and bridges, advising and directing us with our equipment purchases and overseeing our grooming operations for many years!! He will be greatly missed!!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. All good.
- 2) Emergency Response. NYSSA and Erie County would like a copy of our contact list.
- 3) PR/Marketing. Randy has price lists for advertising for our newsletter and website. We also sell ads for our trail-heads. Dave Faron won the 50/50. He donated back his \$70 to our club. Thanks Dave!
- 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! Eving Lennert & Joseph Peruzzini are the winners for January!
 - B. NYSSA super raffle. Our club receives \$2.50 per ticket sold. They cost \$5.00.
 - C. Enjoy the City Books. We have completed our sale for this year. We will have #'s at our next meeting.
 - D. Groomer boxes. When the snow flies...
- 5) Social.
 - A. Christmas recap. We had a great event!
 - B. Buck's will be having a Dice Run on Sunday, January 29th with a no snow date of Sunday, February 5th. We will be riding to Braun's, Pizza Inn, Campbell's, Log Cabin and then back to Buck's. We will need some help running the event. We will need a few lap top computers also.
 - C. Bonfire. We will be having our Bon Fire on Saturday, January 28th and a no snow date of Saturday, February 4th. Location – to be determined....
- 6) Membership. We have 460 memberships as of today! We will drop off some maps and apps at the DMV in Lockport. Al O. has about 100 maps.

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7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.

- A. Groomer class. There will be a groomer safety course. This is a safety course. Any one interested will need to sign up early. This class needs to be taken if you are interested in learning how to run the groomer. It will be January 15th in Eden. We also have the fuel – we are just waiting for snow!
- B. The strobe lights have been installed. Drill was purchased. 4 post pounders were purchased.

8) Trail/Landowner.

- A. We have blank work logs on the website. Please, turn yours in!
- B. Terry's Corner needs a new bridge.
- C. Dunkelberg Bridge needs a few boards replaced.
- D. Blue Bridge section needs to be marked.
- E. There are a few spots that need Corridor signs.
- F. Who has extra stakes and signs? Curt would like to inventory for next year. Rich has 50 stakes, Dave has five stakes and Bill has 40-50 stakes. We have tons of "Bridge crossing", "Stop Ahead" and "Barbed wire" signs.
- G. Utley Road towards County is not yet marked. It will be done this Saturday.
- H. Allstate signs. Curt has 18 signs. Mercy flight is the only emergency group that used the GPS coordinates. We would like them located at all crossroads. The name of the streets that intersect will need to be posted on signs.
- I. We will be getting our Welcome signs made so we can put them up on trail.
- J. Bike path is done. We still need to put up trailheads.

9) Trail Guides. Not in yet.

- 10) Newsletter. Inserts are due Jan 7th. We will give our printer the newsletter on Monday, Jan. 9th since it is being mailed this month.
- 11) Website. We have a sample of what the home page will look like. We will pass it around during the meeting. Frank asks if we need the app in the newsletter after January, we are pretty much set for year at that point.
- 12) Apparel. We brought a few new items tonight. Take a look at the break.
- 13) Safety/Education. We had our safety course on Dec 17th. Thanks to Al and Camille O., Scott T., Sandy and John G., Dave W, Rob M. and everyone else who help make this a success! We had 39 certifications. The Railroad people came and did their presentation.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. We have our dates set. Spring will be April 29th and Fall will be October 7th.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Gas receipt program. We will put information on the website and our newsletter. Mary Beth has copies for everyone.
- 2) Niagara Fed meeting was cancelled.
- 3) Erie Fed meeting. The state is considering a Vintage sled bill that will charge \$7 for a sled that is 25 yrs or older for basic liability. The state is putting GPs units on 12 groomers this year. Genesee is one of them. Colden will be having a poker run. January 15-21 is Safety Week – Ride Right!! Is the motto. January 8th the Sno-packers are having a pancake breakfast.

Treasury Report: Rick reviews this month's report.

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Secretary



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Adopt-A-Highway Program

Did you know...

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Thanks to Ron Rosenburg, Mike Schifferle, Rick Weitz, Rich Pfentner, Dan Dressel, Curt Watts, 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!

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

- 1) Installation of the trail is complete. Please make sure there are 2 "Stop" signs at each road crossing. Allstate signs, with either the latitude/longitude or street name, need to be placed at major road crossings. If you can't do it let the club know.
- 2) Check the website for trail conditions before you go out riding and if you see any problems that need attention, try fixing them. If you can't or if there are any emergencies call the Sno-Phone.
- 3) REMEMBER: turn in your work logs ASAP
- 4) If you have any extra stakes and/or signs, please call me. I need to know where they are. I'm trying to get ahead for ordering signs/stakes for next season.
- 5) I would like to thank everyone for your participation in making the trail system happen. Also a big thank you goes out to the landowners. Without your approval we couldn't enjoy our sport!

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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

As the Phantom writes this, mother nature is not cooperating in keeping her end of the bargain. Both his and the Mrs.'s sleds sit idle in the barn in the state of readiness, but as of yet, unused. It's times like these the Phantom looks for the positive things to ease his pain....

Positive #1 - lower heating bills.

Positive #2 - have not plowed his driveway yet.

Positive #3 - have not had to get up early to get to work on time.

Positive #4 - have saved at least a couple bucks on wiper fluid for his tow vehicle.

Positive #5 - have not lost his basset hound in the snow yet this year.

Ok, so the Phantom is grasping at straws. But, before you sell the sleds for pennies on the dollar, keep in mind, the blizzard of '77 happened on January 28th.

The Phantom will let you know when its time to panic....

until then...

The Phantom Snowmobiler - he see's ALL



From the NYSSA website:



Riding Alcohol-Free is Your Smart Choice For Safer Snowmobiling

Pine Bush, New York – At the height of the snowmobile season, the New York State Snowmobile Association reminds riders that many snowmobile-related incidents would be prevented if every rider made the smart choice for Zero Alcohol. NYSSA endorses the Zero Alcohol program, which urges every snowmobiler to take personal responsibility for choosing to be 100% alcohol-free prior to and during any snowmobile ride.

The Zero Alcohol Campaign is delivering this clear and unequivocal message to snowmobilers across North America through the snowmobile publications they read, and the snowmobile television shows they watch as well as through the main stream media. Zero Alcohol also encourages every snowmobiler to set an example to all riding companions to practice Zero Alcohol as part of their own regular safe riding habit.

“We are very confident that many snowmobilers have seen the Zero Alcohol message and that most are making the smart choice to ride alcohol-free,” said NYSSA President Gary Broderick. “Unfortunately, a few riders still don’t get it and our sympathies are with their loved ones who have to live with the tragic consequences. At this sad time, we strongly urge the families and friends of all snowmobilers to remind their loved ones to choose Zero Alcohol. ”

Although Zero Alcohol is not a legal requirement, the organized snowmobiling community points out that unlike driving an automobile on engineered roads, snowmobiling is an inherently risky, off road activity that occurs in a natural setting. Consequently, operating a snowmobile requires peak concentration and reactions at all times. Even a small amount of alcohol can cause tragedy. Studies show that impairment starts from the first drink and that a person with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08% is 11 times more likely to get killed while driving a car than at the .00% BAC recommended by the Zero Alcohol Campaign. Operating a snowmobile is even more challenging than driving a car so this recent tragedy reminds us once again that Zero Alcohol is your smart choice for safer snowmobiling.



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