



June 2012 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: It's a Combo - Board/General
June 28 at Valley Inn on Main Street in Clarence



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





Club Officers

President: Dan Dressel
Vice President: Randy Wdowka
Secretary: Mary Beth Kiesel
Treasurer: Rick Johnson
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Board Member: David Faron
Board Member: Bill Peronne
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member: Randy Wdowka
Board Member: Al Wolbert

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Legal Committee

Chairperson: Al W.

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Chairperson: Dan D.

Marketing & Adv Committee

Chairperson: Rick J.

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: OPEN

Social/PR Committee

Chairperson: Scott T.

Membership Committee

Chairperson: Rick J.

Groomer/Equipment Comm

Chairperson: Bill P.

Trails/Landowners Comm

Chairperson: Curt W.

Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: OPEN

Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Mary Beth

Website Committee

Chairperson: Mary Beth

Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Mary Beth

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Al O.

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee

Chairperson: Rick W.

Sno-Phone: 741-NESS

Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Combo Meeting: June 28 at 7:30 PM
at Valley Inn on Main Street in Clarence

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!

Email Addresses

We may be emailing our newsletters in
the near future. Please include your
email address on the membership appli-
cation or send it to us through the
website's "contact us" page.

"Thank You" landowners!

Our Landowner raffle is here....

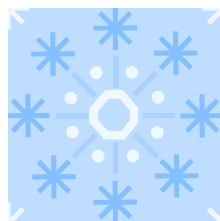


We drew a name from our landowner list.

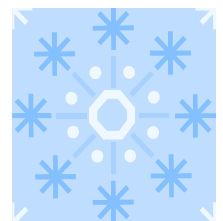
The following landowner has won a \$50 gift card:

June: Doug Sescil

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



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President's Page

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far... before we know it, winter will be around the corner. But until then.. enjoy your summer. Believe it or not in the so-called off season, we have still been very busy getting everything ready for this upcoming season. I appreciate everyone that is helping with this process. We had our trail workers appreciation party. We had a great turn out. We are grateful that we had 71 trail workers this past season! Thanks for all your hard work - and hope you had a good time watching me ride a moped. We are looking forward to next years party. I would really like to thank the Pfentner family for the use of their beautiful facility and their help with getting this party done.

We have some exciting news... stay tuned next month for details.

Phase 1 paperwork has been completed. This includes any new trails or re-routes to our trail system. This was a very long process and with a new way of documenting the trails and GPS process, we were able to finish it under 40 hrs. Hopefully there will not be any more changes to the process next year since we just figured it out for this year!

Come on out to our next meeting - we will be at the Valley Inn at 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 28.

Thank you all again!

Dan

Website: We have a new message board! We have made a few changes to our website, including our forum. Unfortunately, the web guys were unable to transfer over the usernames and passwords from the old forum. So, please take a moment and register. Once you request a username, an email will be sent to the administrator, then you will be activated. This process may take 24 hours. Please email us on the "contact us" page if you have any questions. You will be able to use the same username and password. The photo gallery has some more pictures too!





Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Combo Meeting May 31, 2012 Summary Mazia's on Main Street, Clarence, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:
Vice President – Randy Wdowka
Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM – 8 present
Meeting ended at 8:56 PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. By-Laws. No motion needed at this time. If there is an issue with the emailing vs. mailing notification about our meetings, we will discuss at that time.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. We will be mailing out Advertising invoices this week for next season. See attached for new invoice
 - B. Should we sell advertisements on our bridges, the board decided not to at this time.
 - C. Landowner drawing. June - September winners were chosen. Congratulation cards were signed also.
 - D. Randy will get the laminating machine, computer and vinyl from Steve. We will discuss at next meeting what we should do with the machine. Bill mentions that it is probably cheaper to have a company produce the signs for us.
- 4) Fundraising. Enjoy the City books. We need someone to head this up.
- 5) Social.
 - A. Trail Work Party. We have about 12 people confirmed to attend. We will plan on about 25 people. We will supply hot dogs and hamburgers and our board members can bring a dish to pass. Randy will get hamburgers. Molly will get buns, condiments, napkins, plates and cups. Bill will bring chips and dip. Lisa W. will make a salad. Dave will bring a dessert. Curt will bring pop. We will bring about 15 items to use as prizes for the workers who put in the most time on the trails this season.
 - B. Summer party. Dan had details about Akron and Clarence Parks' pavilions. Costs and dates that the pavilion is available. We decided not to have a party this year, let's see how this turns out first.
- 6) Membership. The software changes have been made so we are able to email newsletters to our members. We will add a spot so we can act members if they want it mailed or emailed during the year. Some advertisers like the hard copy, so we may mail theirs too.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment. We did get tubes for our drags.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Phase 1 paperwork is due June 12th. We will have some reroutes and new trail requests. The GPS is already done for these trails, but the meta file needs to be redone since there is a newer version on the NYSSA website. Curt, Dan and Mary Beth will work on this next week. We also need to request an National Grid letter.
 - B. We need to request intersection #'s for all intersections that are Corridor or Secondary. We will ask Pete for new numbers. We also need to email Jim Rolf our Club trails' GPS data soon.

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Here are our committees!

Objective of committee formation: Our club has the following 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.

1. **Legal Committee:** Responsibilities include handling our by-laws, insurance, legal actions and correspondence.
2. **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.
3. **PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee:** Responsibilities include signs, selling ads for newsletters and trail head advertising.
4. **Fundraising Committee:** Fundraising items including coupon books, raffles, 50/50 and groomer boxes.
5. **Apparel Committee:** Responsibilities include ordering and distributing our NESS apparel.
6. **Social Committee:** Responsibilities include organization of all activities including Buck's open house, Don George's open house, Labor Day Fair booth, Labor Day Fair Pizza, Bon Fire, Christmas Party, Club rides, and Summer Events
7. **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.
8. **Groomer/UTV Equipment Committee:** Responsibilities 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.
9. **Trail/Landowner Committee:** Responsibilities 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
10. **Trail Guides Committee:** Responsibilities include distribute maps to establishments and collecting \$.
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.
12. **Website Committee:** Responsibilities would include moderating and update with activities and club news. Keeping the website functional and register users for site.
13. **Safety/Education Committee:** Responsibilities would include Setting up, organizing and running our courses and discussions at meetings.
14. **Adopt-A-Highway Committee:** Coordinate Fall & Spring clean-ups on Rt. 93 in Akron.

How do you want to join in on the fun?



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C. Trail heads. Bill had contacted Sign Works and they said each sign would be about \$100. Bill would like the map a little bit smaller. He said that we could use the same kind of metal that the town uses for stop signs. We may need to ask around for donation of materials. We might make the signs like the ones that are already on the bike bath - just not as fancy. We need to decide what we want on the trailheads so we can decide on a size. Bill suggested that we might want to have sponsors for each intersection on our trail system with at least a 2 yr agreement. We need to consider the cost of making the signs.

D. We will finalize the spreadsheet at our trail work party, so our landowner lists will be updated.

E. Bulk sign order. We should be all set. We should be good on stakes also.

9) Trail Guides. No update.

10) Newsletter. Due date for inserts is June 15th since the newsletter will be on our website only. Sled of the month will be John for June. We mailed last year: Aug, Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar.

11) Website. We are still waiting for the trail report page to be completed. Dan will call and see what's up.

12) Apparel. No update.

13) Safety/Education. We need to set fall dates and locations. Randy will contact Al O. and Sandy G., so they can confirm available dates. Al will take care of the food also. We will have 1 course this fall. Probably in mid-October. They will check other club's dates, Don G's and Buck's open houses also.

14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Spring clean up went well. Check newsletter for details.

President:

1) Dan is working on getting a cell phone instead of our landline.

Vice President:

1) RPT Grant. It's being held up at the state level. We were told to start the bank process. We will need to put 5% down. Randy will get together with Rick and Dan to go to bank to get details of the process.

2) We have a few opening is our committees. Trail guides, Mkting/Adv and fundraising.

3) We will be having our June meeting at the Valley Inn.

4) We handed out copies of our goals for next season. See attached.

Secretary: Our next Board meeting will be a combo meeting. Our July combo and August board meetings will be at Mazia's. The August general meeting is TBD.

Treasurer: Treasury report was handed out. Any questions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Federation meetings:

1) Niagara Federation. Meeting was cancelled. Dan Zumma will be the new Niagara Fed representative.

2) Erie Federation. Details of meeting were discussed. See attached. We have not received our money yet.

3) Genesee Federation meeting was cancelled.

For the Good of the Club:

1) Plague for Woody. Curt made a motion to buy a plague for \$240 and change the name and date. Bill had a sample of Al's fathers, so we can keep the signs similar. Ray 2nds. 7 in favor - 0 opposed. Bill will get it.

2) Do we need any thank you notes sent? No, we are all set.

3) E & W G Foundation grant. No update.

4) We are updating our Contact List - will have revised copies at our next meeting.

5) Mary Beth passed around some fun facts about snowmobiling - she will put in newsletter next month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth



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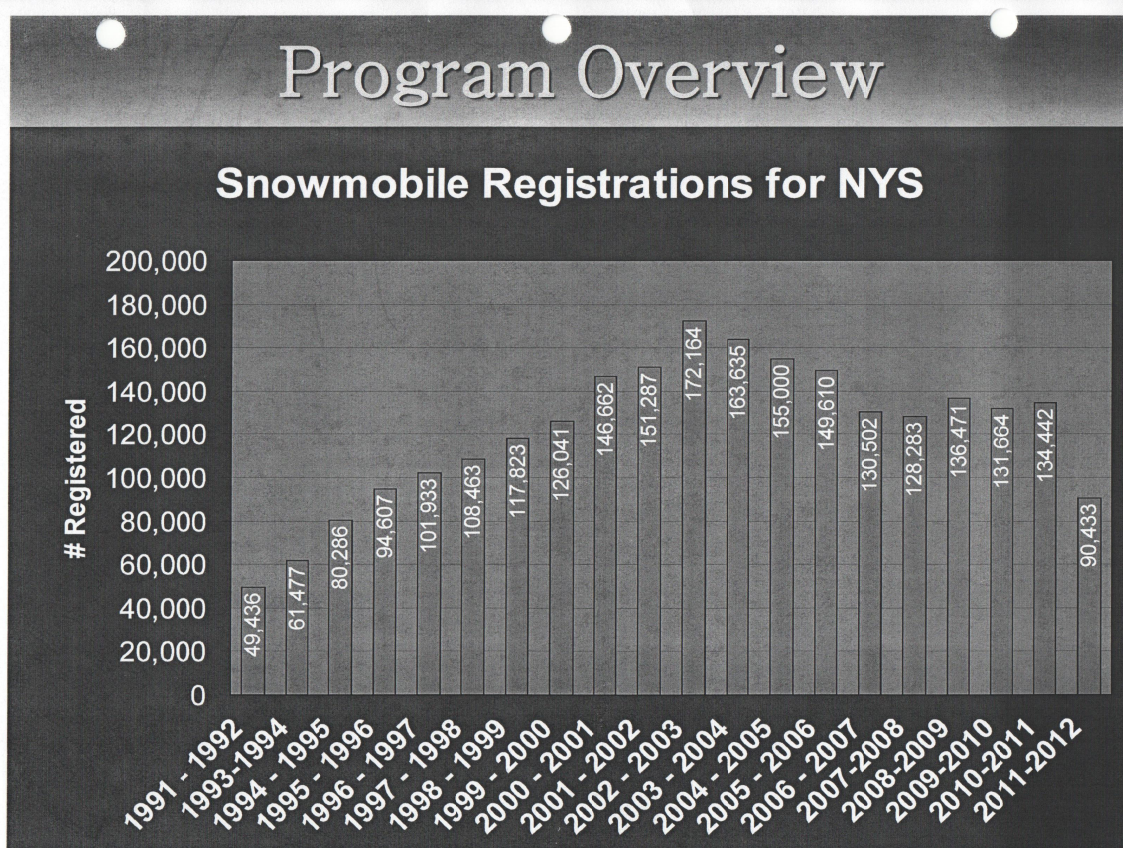
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From the NYSSA Forum 2012: Fun facts about snowmobiling:

Snowmobile Sled Data

(Information gathered for 12,772 sleds)

- Average number of snowmobiles owned: 2.42
(Median: 2, Mode: 2)
- 46% purchased New, 54% purchased Used
- Overall Average Purchase Price - \$4,955
- Average New Purchase Price - \$9,359
- 91% Registered
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- 86% are Two Stroke, 14% are Four Stroke
- Median model year is 2004, Mode is 2006



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Blue baseball cap	one size fits most		\$ 12
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Blue skull cap	one size fits most		\$ 12

Adult: Ladies



Pink short sleeve t-shirt	S-M-L-XL	\$ 12
Pink baseball cap	one size fits most	\$ 12
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Kids:

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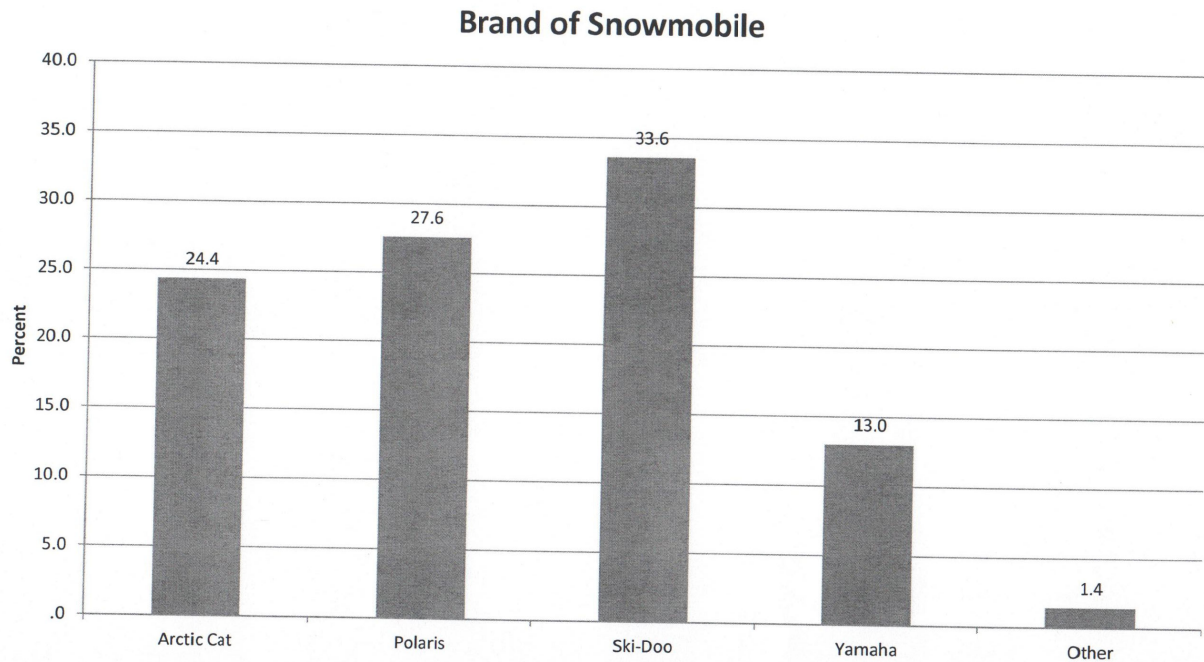
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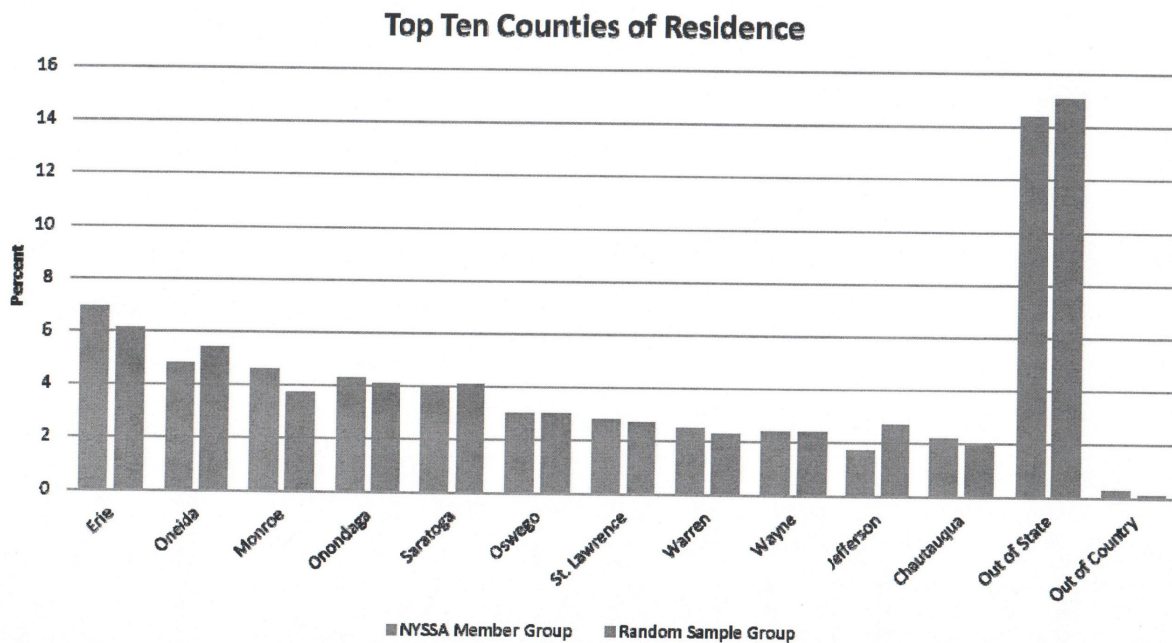




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Adopt-A-Highway Program

Did you know...

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Thanks to Mike Schifferle, Rick Weitz, Rich Pfentner, Dan Dressel, Frank & Bev Schroeder and the guy in the jeep! We had a great crew! 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 fall and join in on the fun!

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

- I would like to thank those who have help out last season and got things taken care of. The trail captains or trail helpers who need signs or stakes for next season, please let me know ahead of time. The club will be trying to get by this year with what we have left over. If anyone is going to do brushing or mowing of trail during the summer months, please check with the landowner first to see if it is ok or even if they want it done. Remember that the club needs the hours spent on trail work to be reimbursed at the end of the season. I am looking for some one to help with planning and installing better corridor marking for the 2012-13 season. If you can help, please let us know. To all - have a safe summer and enjoy.

THANK YOU

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Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/UTV/Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response |
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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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- We have over 700 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 and another in 2009. These help us maintain over 100 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.
- The Trail Defender upgrade membership helps NYSSA fund grant programs and legal services for member clubs.

- Come join us and visit our website at: www.snoseekers.com

Membership in this club entitles you to NYS Snowmobile Registration fee of \$45 on each snowmobile registered to the name and address. A voucher will be issued upon club membership payment. You may register on-line at www.nyssnowassoc.org (be sure to choose **NESS** as the club), bring this application to the monthly meeting or mail it to the above address.