



# July 2012 Newsletter

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**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers PO Box 167 Akron, NY 14001 (716)741-NESS**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: It's a Combo - Board/General**

**July 26 at 7:30 PM at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence**



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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  
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**Board Member:** Frank Schroeder  
**Board Member:** Ray Somers  
**Board Member:** Randy Wdowka  
**Board Member:** Al Wolbert

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**Legal Committee**  
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Chairperson: OPEN

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**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:** July 26 at 7:30 PM at Mazia's 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 application or send it to us through the website's "contact us" page.

### "Thank You" landowners!

Our Landowner raffle is here....

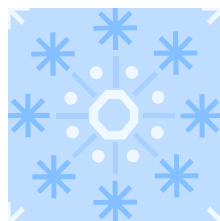


We drew a name from our landowner list.

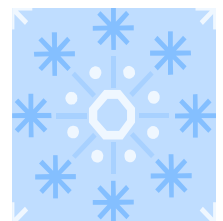
The following landowner has won a \$50 gift card:

**July: Patrick Spoth**

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 this beautiful summer we are having so far. I am hoping for some rain cuz it is getting a little dry out there. My grass looks like the Sahara Desert!

As we look forward to the upcoming season, we hope to have a 3rd groomer in the fleet this year, as we are continuing our RPT grant process.

Our Labor Day Fair is coming up fast. We will be having our booth once again, so if you would like to come and help out for a few hours, please let us know via email, sno-phone or at our meetings. We will be meeting at Mazia's on July 26th. We will hopefully have our groomer and sleds in the parade as well as our booth for memberships, apparel and information.

We look forward to selling the "Enjoy the City" coupon books again this years, but we are looking for a few people to head up the sale. The sale should start in August and end in January. We have people to sell the books, we are just looking for someone to keep track of the process. Are you interested?

So, enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you at Mazia's on July 26th at 7:30 PM.

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 June 28, 2012 Summary Valley Inn on Main Street, Clarence, NY 7:30 PM

Officers present:

President - Dan Dressel

Vice President – Randy Wdowka

Treasurer - Rick Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM – 11 present

Meeting ended at 9:34 PM



**Welcome:** Welcome!

### **Committees:**

- 1) Legal. No update.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
  - A. We mailed out Advertising invoices this week for next season.
  - B. Laminating machine - Randy will get laminating machine from Steve.
  - C. Landowner drawing. June - Doug Sescil.
- 4) Fundraising.
  - A. NYSSA super raffle. Our club sold a ticket for a \$250 cash prize. Congratulations to Shane Sullivan!! Our club sold so many tickets; we received a check for \$300. Nice job everyone!
  - B. Enjoy the City books. It is almost time for this year's.... Who wants to help?
- 5) Social.
  - A. Trail Work Party. Our 1st annual party went well! We want to thank Rich Pfentner and family for hosting this event. Also, we want to thank everyone that brought a dish to pass and who helped at the event. We all had a great time including Dan on the Moped!
  - B. ATV ride. Jeff B. mentioned that there is a Shelby Club for ATV riding. Frank is going to look into it.
- 6) Membership. No update.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment. No update.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
  - A. Trail take down - all done? Yes. Curt has some log data to input, but the system has not opened yet for this year.
  - B. Phase 1 paperwork in done. Phase 2 is due August 7th.
  - C. Intersection numbers have been changed. We will have list for trail captains at our next meeting.
  - D. Club trail data has been sent to Jim Rolf.
  - E. Trail heads. Bill is waiting to hear back from sign guy for pricing of map for our signs. We have 14 intersections. We are still working on the design of signs.
  - F. Landowner list still needs some updating.
- 9) Trail Guides. No update.
- 10) Newsletter. Due date for inserts is July 14<sup>th</sup> since the newsletter will be on our website only. We mailed last year: Aug mail to everyone, Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar only to non-email people.

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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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- 11) Website. Dan needs to call to get this completed.
- 12) Apparel. No update.
- 13) Safety/Education. Randy will confirm available dates.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

### **President:**

- 1) Dan is working on getting a cell phone instead of our landline. Scott will get more info.
- 2) No 50/50 tonight.

### **Vice President:**

- 1) RTP Grant. We got the signed letter from the state, so we put our ad in the newspaper for bidding.

### **Treasurer:**

- 1) Treasury report as announced by Rick was motioned by Dave F. and 2nd by Jeff B. 10 in favor - 0 opposed. It is accepted. Bills to be paid were discussed and made a motion to accept them. Dan made motion to accept bills to be paid. Jeff B. 2nd it. 10 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 2) We refinanced our loan for the Pisten Bully, and now will save \$200 a month.
- 3) Curt is going to call Boston Club to see how they handled the automated trail grant program for their groomer they received from a grant a few years ago.

### **Secretary:**

Our next board meeting is a combo meeting July 26th at 7:30 pm at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence.  
August board meeting is August 9th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm.  
August general meeting is August 30th at the Valley Inn at 7:30pm. The location is not etched in stone....

### **Federation meetings:**

- 1) Niagara Federation. Meeting by phone.
- 2) Erie Federation. Handed in phase paperwork to Pete.
- 3) Genesee Federation. Meeting was cancelled.

### **For the Good of the Club:**

- 1) Plague for Woody. Bill will order it.
- 2) We are updating our Contact List - will have revised copies at our next meeting.
- 3) We received a notice from the Buffalo Bills. They are looking for people to run a concession during a home game. Al is going to look into this to see if it's for 1 game or whole season. This would be a good fundraiser.
- 4) Labor Day - Parade and booth. There was a discussion. We will have sign up sheet at next meeting.
- 5) 3 yr plan - looks good - we need to update for phase 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth  
Secretary





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When: Sunday, July 29th 11 am—???

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See map below

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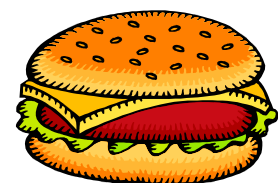
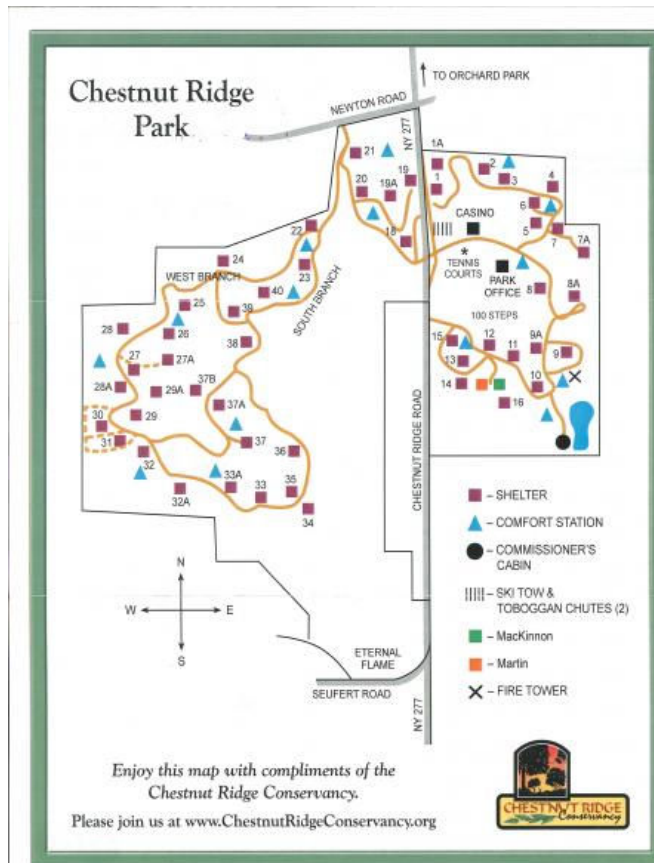
The band for the day will be the Herb Fleischman Quartet

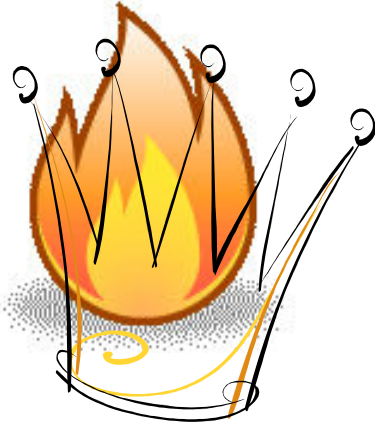
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Blue baseball cap	one size fits most		\$ 12
Blue knit cap	one size fits most		\$ 12
Blue skull cap	one size fits most		\$ 12

**Adult: Ladies**



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Pink baseball cap	one size fits most	\$ 12
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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

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## 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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| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising        |

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



[Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. ®](#) (NESS) was established in 1973 and has been promoting the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles ever since. We are a 100% volunteer, 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization serving 3 counties and the communities of: **Clarence, Newstead, Amherst, Akron, Alden, Lancaster, Pembroke, Lockport, Gasport, Royalton and Hartland.**

- 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 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](http://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](http://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.