



August 2012 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

August 30 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

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Trail Guides Committee

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Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Al O.

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Aug 30 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

Labor Day: Clarence Center Fire Hall—booth and Labor Day parade. Check website for details...

Next Board Meeting: Sept 13 at 7:30 PM at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence

Buck's Swap Meet: Saturday, Sept 22nd. 9am-4pm

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 September. 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:

August: Joseph Sawyer

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

Check us out at
www.snoseekers.com



President's Page

Hello Everyone,

Well another month has passed by... actually flown by. It's August already and we are starting to think about snow. We have our Annual Labor Day booth at the Clarence Center Labor Day Fair at the Clarence Center Fire Hall. Stop by and say hello! Bring your membership application or just fill one out there and get your voucher at the same time so you can register your sled.

As I said a couple months ago, we have won a grant for a new groomer. We are still in the process and hope to have all the information within the next two weeks. Hopefully at the next meeting... I will have a big announcement as to what we will be getting.

As we are moving forward to the winter season... we are looking for some volunteers to help make our club grow. We have a great group of people and we are looking for some more to continue with the fun!! So come on out to a meeting and see what it is all about!

Also, coming up is Buck's Motorsports Swap Meet and Motorcycle show. If anyone can help, the date is Sept 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. We need help cooking hot dogs and setting up. If you have something to buy, sell or trade, just call Jan at 542-5855 to reserve your space today.

Well, hope to see everybody at our August General meeting at the Tillman Post, signing up and registering your sleds. Hopefully we will have a lot of snow this year!!

Thank you all again!

Dan

From the Secretary: We will be e-mailing our newsletters starting in September. We are very excited about this. We are trying to manage our funds more efficiently due to cuts in State Funding. Now you will be receiving all 12 months right at your computer!! If you do not have a computer... call 741-NESS to let us know that you would still like your 6 months mailed. We continue to put a lot of time and effort into our newsletters to keep you, as a member, informed and involved in what is going on with our club!!

We appreciate your membership!!

If you would like to do the "sled of the month" page.. Just let me know... we are always looking for some great sledding stories!!

Website: We have a new message board! We have made a few changes to our website, including our forum. So, please take a moment and register. 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





Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Combo Meeting July 26, 2012 Summary Mazia's on Main Street, Clarence, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:
President - Dan Dressel
Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:41 PM – 6 present
Meeting ended at 9:34 PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. We will be checking the current value of our machines and compare to what we are paying for our insurance.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Who paid for advertising this upcoming year? Who do we keep in the newsletter? We will keep everyone in for the August newsletter. Anyone who didn't pay will be removed for the September newsletter.
 - B. Laminating machine –in process of receiving machine.
 - C. Landowner drawing. Aug - Joseph Sawyer. I will put in newsletter and mail out card.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Enjoy the City books.
 - B. Labor Day Fair. Brian B. will do parade again. Dan is handling the rest of the event.
 - C. Buck's swap meet. The event will be on Saturday, Sept 22nd. We will have the details on our website.
 - D. Eden Corn Fest. What about doing the parking for this event? Let's check for next year since the event is in mid July.
 - E. Clarence has a Day in the Park. Maybe they have parking needs too.
- 5) Social. No update.
- 6) Membership. NYSSA has a membership drive that will be giving away NASCAR tickets for Watkins Glen. More details are on the website. Need to join by August 3rd, 2012.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment. No update.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Intersection numbers have been changed. We have plenty of signs for our trails.
 - B. Trail heads. Bill is waiting for the quote from the company.
- 9) Trail Guides. We will submit our new ad for the guide this year.
- 10) Newsletter. Due date for inserts is August 4th. since the newsletter will be mailed this month. Dan makes a motion to mail newsletter to non-email people for Aug, Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar. Ray 2nds. 6 in favor - 0 opposed. It's accepted. We will mail August newsletter and insert application to the members for the last 2 yrs.
- 11) Website. No update.
- 12) Apparel. We need to order some for the upcoming fall events. We will have order for our board meeting in August. We will order 1/4 zips and other items.
- 13) Safety/Education. Randy confirmed with Al that he will run safety course this year.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Fall event will be Sunday, October 7th.



The Erie County Federation had a picnic!! (We have 10 clubs in Erie County)

What a picnic!! Sunday, July 29th.....Nice weather, great food, horse shoes, egg toss, balloon toss, clown and about 100 people attended this year's picnic at Chestnut Ridge Park!
Thanks to all who help make this a successful event!!





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 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.

AI

Do you want to write next month's "Sled of the Month" page? It's easy... Tell us about your favorite ride, history of your experience riding or what sled you ride now and why. Email your story to snoseekers@yahoo.com and just maybe you will see you story in print!



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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

Adopt-A-Highway Program

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, April 29th 9:00am. It took 2 hours to get the job done. We would have worked faster if Rich bought them breakfast! We will have another one this Fall scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2012.



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 form our members. Do you want your name added to our list?

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

Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message on our website if any area of you 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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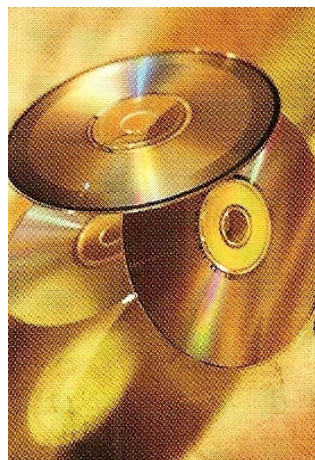
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Blue hooded sweatshirt	S-M-L-XL	XXL-XXXL	\$ 32 / \$ 34
Blue baseball cap	one size fits most		\$ 12
Blue knit cap	one size fits most		\$ 12
Blue skull cap	one size fits most		\$ 12

Adult: Ladies



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

Kids:

Blue short sleeve t-shirt	S-M-L	\$ 10
Blue long sleeve sweatshirt	S-M-L	\$ 12



Other items:

Drawstring bag 15"X18"	navy blue	\$ 8
Long sleeve nylon wind breaker	navy blue	\$ 25

Printed: t-shirt, bag
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President:

- 1) Dan is working on getting a cell phone - Scott is getting needed information. Dan will donate his old phone. There were no messages on machine.
- 2) No 50/50 tonight.

Vice President:

- 1) Dan has completed "Trail Work Party" event form for Randy.

Treasurer: Treasury report was motioned by Curt and 2nd by Ray. 6 in favor - 0 opposed. It's accepted. Bills to be paid were discussed and Curt made a motion to accept them. Ray 2nd it. 6 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried. We can pay the 3 bills.

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 on Main Street in Clarence at 7:30 pm. August general meeting is August 30th at the Tillman Post in Akron, NY at 7:30pm.

Federation meetings:

- 1) Niagara Federation. No meeting.
- 2) Erie Federation. They are having a picnic Sunday, July 29th at Chestnut Ridge Park. Pete wants us to email our members with the details. Mary Beth got approval to do email our members from the last 2 yrs. Our club needs to supply a piñata and a dish to pass.
- 3) Genesee Federation. No meeting this month.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Plague for Woody. Bill ordered it.
- 2) Christmas party - It's that time of year.. we need to start planning for it.
- 3) The new updated contact list was handed out to officers.
- 4) DMV - you can register your sled on line.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth
Secretary

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

- Summer is almost over and it's time to get this year's landowner approvals. So get on out and visit our landowners. Please notify me with any changes.
- Have fun and make it happen.

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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 in-
volved. 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.

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