



# September 2012 Newsletter

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

September 27 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

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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  
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**Secretary:** Mary Beth Kiesel  
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## Committees

### Legal Committee

Chairperson: Al W.

### Emergency Response Committee

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: Curt W.

### 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 Meeting:** Sept 27 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

**Next Board Meeting:** Oct 11 at 7:30 PM at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence

**Grass Drags:** Sept 29th at Shawnee sno-Chiefs. We will have a table at the event! See website for flyer.

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

**Christmas Party:** Save the date: Sat., Dec 8th

**Enjoy the City Books:** Sale is going on now -\$20 each

**Don George's Open House:** Saturday, Oct 27th. Bring your membership application and get your voucher.

Come on out and have some fun!

We are going GREEN... We are emailing our newsletters starting in Sept. Please include your email address on your 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:

**September: Ed & Karen Stanley**

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,

We got some great news! We have our grant paperwork and have ordered our new PistenBully groomer! We should be taking possession of our new machine early December. Thanks to everyone who has taken part in this big process—thank you to you all!

Please join our club so you can get your voucher to register your sled. NYSSA has an incentive if you join a club by Oct 15th, you will have a chance to win either a 2 place Triton trailer or \$1,000 cash. So register soon!

We will be having our safety course on Dec 15th at the Swormville Fire Hall, so please call the sno-phone to get registered: 741-NESS.

We won 2nd place this year in the parade! We had our Buggie, Ranger and groomer this year. Good job to all who helped wash the machines, decorate, drive and throw candy! I would also like to thank everybody that helped out at the Clarence Center Labor Day booth. It was a great success! We had about 40 members sign up, we sold our apparel and the 'Enjoy the City' books. I want to say congratulations to our 3 raffle winners: A free membership went to: Justin Farrell, a free shirt went to: Jeff Castiglione and our baseball cap went to: Conrad Dehl. Thanks again to all who stopped by our booth to say "HI"!

Well, it's that time of year again... we start setting up our trails by bush hogging, painting stakes, installing new signs, bridges and so on.. So if you want to lend a hand, the work details will be on the NESS website. Curt, our trail coordinator, will keep us updated with work party dates and more on the website.. so take a look.

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 message board! So, please take a moment and register. Please email us on the "contact us" page if you have any questions. The photo gallery has some great pictures too!







# Bucks Swap meet Event: Sept 22, 2012







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**Coming up:: Sunday, October 7, 2012**

**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 from 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 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.

**Thanks again for all of your support.  
Without your generosity,  
we wouldn't have these wonderful trails.**



## Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Board Meeting August 9, 2012 Summary Mazia's on Main Street, Clarence, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:  
President - Dan Dressel  
Treasurer - Rick Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM – 9 present  
Meeting ended at 9:26 PM

**Welcome:** Welcome!

### **Committees:**

- 1) Legal. We will update our equipment values when we add our new groomer to our policy.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
  - A. Who paid for advertising this upcoming year? Anyone who didn't pay will be removed for the September newsletter.
  - B. Laminating machine - Ray learned that our machine is outdated. We will decide at our next meeting.
  - C. Landowner drawing. Aug - Joseph Sawyer. I will put in newsletter and mail out cards.
  - D. Labor Day Event. Dan has sign-up sheets for volunteers. We are all ready to go. We will pull the 2 place trailer with the Buggie and a 2 place trailer with the Ranger. Brian B. will tow groomer or Dan will ride groomer down the road. We need decorations and people to ride and throw candy.
  - E. Donation for Super Raffle. \$250 cash. Ray motioned to donate cash, 2nd. by Curt. 7 in favor - 0 opposed. We will get the check out by Sept 8th due date.
- 4) Fundraising.
  - A. Enjoy the City books. Sandy ordered - the books will be in Monday.
  - B. Buck's swap meet. The event will be on Saturday, Sept 22nd. Kevin will ask his fire hall if we could use their facility for a fund raiser. Curt knows someone who does chicken. Sandy will talk the auxiliary to see who does their chicken. The board decided not to have a BBQ this year, not enough time. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers. Bill P. will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls.
  - C. We put a page in our newsletter this month about funds needed for a 3rd groomer. Everyone at meeting liked the idea.
- 5) Social. No update.
- 6) Membership. How many members? 32 as of today. NYSSA has a membership drive - if you join a club and register your sled by Oct 15th, you get put in the pool for a 2 place open trailer or \$1000 cash.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment. No update.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
  - A. Trail heads - still waiting for quotes.
  - B. Updating landowner list. There are still changes that need to be made. We will finalize at our next meeting.
  - C. Phase paperwork. Erie has been turned. Genesee will be emailed and Niagara - spoke with Gary.
  - D. Permits. Bill is taking care of Newstead and Akron.
- 9) Trail Guides. All set.
- 10) Newsletter. Aug newsletter due Aug 6th. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. Mary Beth tested emails with the fed picnic. So we should be good for all the newsletter emails.
- 11) Website. Still waiting....
- 12) Apparel. Order whatever she needs to order.
- 13) Safety/Education. Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Fall event will be Sunday, October 7th.

### **President:**

- 1) Cell phone should be done Monday.

### **Vice President:**

- 1) RTP Grant. We got our grant acceptance to purchase a PistenBully. Hopefully we will get for this upcoming season.
- 2) Are our next meeting locations confirmed? We need to ask Randy.

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## Sled Of The Month Page



I have been riding for about 11 years. I am a Polaris guy all the way! My first sled was a '89 Classic. I then bought a '00 600 XC 45th Anniversary Edition. I put 800 miles on it. Then I got my favorite sled - a '05 900 switchback. When asked why it was my favorite? I said - it's a 900!!

Currently I ride my 2008 700 dragon switchback. I love the way it rides. I don't have any modifications on my sleds - you don't need any. It has never broken down on the trails - that's why I ride a Polaris!



I like to ride in the southern tier. The Adirondacks are nice too. I have done day trips to Letchworth State Park. My favorite place to ride is right out my back door. It's awesome living near our trail system! I average about 1000 miles a year. S

So when I do ride - I want to make it fun! Hopefully this year I will be able to ride down to Allegany!! Stay on the trails or go home!

NESS Club member for last 7 yrs

**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](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com) and just maybe you will see you story in print!**



# NESS is buying a new groomer!!

We received a grant, but we still need to come up with a % of the cost!!



**We strive to have *"The Best Trails in WNY!"***

When you fill out your membership application, please consider making a donation for our new groomer. Whether a small or large donation, every donation gets us closer to our goal!

Sample donation for groomer:

GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER DONATION groomer \$\$\$

**Thank you for being a part of our Club!!**





## Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Apparel for Sale

### Adult: Guys



Blue short sleeve t-shirt	S-M-L-XL	XXL-XXXL	\$ 12 / \$ 13
Blue long sleeve t-shirt	S-M-L-XL	XXL-XXXL	\$ 14 / \$ 15
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  
 Embroidered: sweatshirt, bb cap knit caps, skull cap, wind breaker

To purchase apparel, please email us at: [snoseekers@yahoo.com](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com) or call us at 741-NESS

Please include: name, address, phone number and items wanted.

## Thanks for supporting the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers!!



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**Treasurer:** Treasury report was motioned by Dan and 2nd by Bill. 7 in favor - 0 opposed. It's accepted.  
Bills to be paid were discussed and Ray made a motion to accept them. Curt 2nd it. 6 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.

### **Secretary:**

Next board meeting is September 13th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm.  
August general meeting is August 30th at the Tillman Post at 7:30pm.

### **Federation meetings:**

- 1) Niagara Federation. No meeting.
- 2) Erie Federation.
  - A. NYSSA established a501(C)3. Capitol Group and Gramercy will continue to be a part on NYSSA this next year.
  - B. The super raffle will have 4 top prizes: 3 sleds or \$5000 cash prize. We get \$2.50 per ticket that our club sells.
  - C. We will be getting a letter to sign from Pete regarding Akron Falls park. The County will not be getting any money for trails that go through County parks that are maintained by clubs. This is good news. We need to get County permission before we cut trees or put culverts in. Regular maintenance and trimming does not need permission.
  - D. The picnic went well. About 100 people attended.
- 3) Genesee Federation. Meetings start up again next month.

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

- 1) Plague for Woody. Bill ordered it.
- 2) Christmas party - Sue will run our event again this year. Dec 8th is the date.
- 3) Curt made a motion to make a down payment of the PistenBully. 2nd by Al. 7 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried. Dan, Rick and Randy will be going to the bank to secure a bridge loan.
- 4) Fed picnic - Thanks to Molly for helping at the Fed picnic! She got rave reviews from the Fed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth

## **FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE**

**Before we know it... the time will be here to install the trails for another season. There will be a trail captain's meeting (aka: trail installers get together) planned in the near future. If anyone has a favorite spot or a place to have it, please let me know. I have already got some request for needed signs and stakes. Keep in mind the club did not order extras this year, so only ask for what you really need and if you have extras let me know. As for time of trail install, this depends on our landowners. Remember hunting season time has been changed and I'm sure no one wants to be the target. Please keep track of time spent and equipment used so our club can get reimbursed for our expenses at season end. To landowners: if you have any concerns, please contact me, any club member or leave message on the sno-phone with concerns.**

**Thanks for your participation.**

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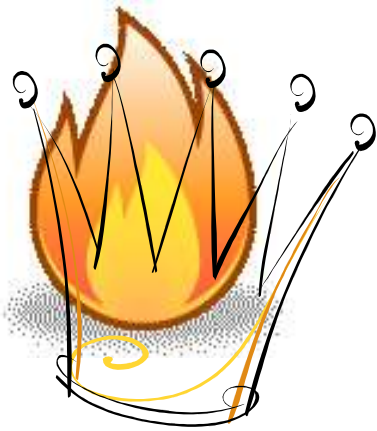
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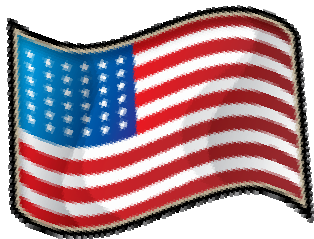
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# Labor Day Fair Booth 2012







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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.

How do you want to join in on the fun?



# Labor Day Parade 2012







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Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel  
Treasurer - Rick Johnson

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Meeting ended at 9:00 PM



**Welcome:** Welcome!

### Committees:

- 1) Legal. No update.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
  - A. Ads. Rick will print up a list for Mary Beth that states who has paid for the ads so far. We will get a list and divide up so we can call advertisers to see if they want to advertise with us this year.
  - B. Landowner drawing. Sept - Ed & Karen Stanley. I will put in newsletter and mail out card.
  - C. Labor Day Event. The sign-up sheet is being sent around for members to sign up to work the booth. Brian B. is going to drive the Buggy and Frank is going to drive the Ranger. We will have the groomer on the trailer and pulled by Braunscheidel Trucking. Frank is going to see Mary Beth about decorating the vehicles. Mary Beth motions that we will have 3 prizes for our raffle this year. A membership, shirt and cap. randy seconds, 6 in favor - 0 opposed - it's carried.
- 4) Fundraising.
  - A. Enjoy the City books. We have some tonight. Come on up and get them to sell. Randy will run the sale this year, thanks Randy!
  - B. Buck's swap meet. We are all set for Sept 22. Rick is getting info on the health permit. We set a budget for the food. We emailed our neighboring clubs our flyer for this event. What a great idea!
  - C. We put a page in our newsletter this month about funds needed for a 3rd groomer. Let's see if we get some donations....
- 5) Social.
  - A. Our Erie Federation had a picnic in July. NESS emailed everyone with the flyer about the event as a test for our newsletter process. Molly went and helped with the event. Thanks Molly! We put a page in our August newsletter showing how much fun everyone had! Next year... it will be July 14, 2013 at Chestnut Ridge Park.
- 6) Membership.
  - A. How many members? 80 as of today. NYSSA has a membership drive - if you join a club and register your sled by Oct 15th, you get put in the pool for a 2 place open trailer or \$1000 cash.
  - B. We mailed filled-in applications to all members from the last 2 years. We already received 25 of them back. We had 2 work parties to stuff in the newsletters and prepare the newsletters for mailing. We all worked really hard to get this job done, it seems to have helped already with getting a bunch back already!
  - C. NYSSA has an Online Drivers Ed course. Get points off your license....
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
  - A. We won the grant for a new groomer. We are going to get a PistenBully. We just got the contract and we are looking it over. We need to sign it and get it back to the company. We should take delivery in early December.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
  - A. Trail heads - Each intersection will be different. We will pound stake sleeves in ground for easy removal and installation. We will have the map state "food", "gas" and "repair". We won't need the tires anymore. Mary Beth will update GPS map. We also need to update the intersection numbers on the map.
  - B. Updating landowner list. There are still changes that need to be made.
  - C. Curt wanted Dan to mention that our online system is not activated for this season yet. If anyone needs to get work done, let Curt know. some of our permits have come in, he is still working on the others.
- 9) Trail Guides. Yes, there will be maps this year - they should be out earlier than last year.
- 10) Newsletter. Sept newsletter due Sept 15th. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. **Mary Beth is looking for someone to help collect inserts for each month.** Sled of the month, trail coordinator, Phantom and President's page. Call the sno-phone.
- 11) Website. Still waiting....
- 12) Apparel. Order came in for the fair.
- 13) Safety/Education. Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall. Put on website.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Fall event will be Sunday, Oct 7th. Put on website. Dan will treat at the Candy Apple if anyone shows up at 8:00 am. Let's see how many volunteers we can get!

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**President:** The cell phone is up and working. Please call the phone for upcoming event notifications. Dan is changing the message often to keep everyone informed.

**Vice President:** We are finishing up with the process of purchasing our groomer. Randy is running the sale of Enjoy the City Books, so if you need some to sell, see him.

**Treasurer:** Treasury report was motioned by Bill for acceptance and 2nd by Dan. 6 in favor - 0 opposed. It's accepted. Bills to be paid were discussed and Randy made a motion to accept them. Rich P. 2nd it. 6 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried. Members making a donation over \$50 will receive a thank you card.

**Secretary:**

- 1) Our next board meeting is Sept 13th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm. Nov will also be at this location.
- 2) Our next general meeting is Sept 27th at the Tillman Post at 7:30pm. Oct & Nov will be at this location.

**Federation meetings:**

- 1) Niagara Federation. No meeting.
- 2) Erie Federation. Curt attended. We will get update next meeting.
- 3) Genesee Federation. Meetings start up again next month.

**For the Good of the Club:**

- 1) Plague for Woody. Bill ordered it. We are waiting for it to be completed.
- 2) Christmas party - save the date: Dec 8th.
- 3) Shawnee Sno-Chiefs asked if we wanted to have a table at their grass drag event on Sept 29th. We will discuss at our next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth  
Secretary

## **ADVERTISE WITH US!!**

Become a NESS sponsor— it's easy and very affordable. You can advertise in our newsletter (1/8 page, 1/4 page , 1/2 page or full page) or on our trail heads (located at high traffic areas), trail directional signs, have a banner ad on our sponsor page linked to your website, or your own individual vinyl graphic signage on the trail.

**Please contact 741-NESS for more info.**



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APRIL 2012- MARCH 2013

[www.snoseekers.com](http://www.snoseekers.com)  
(716) 741-NESS (6377)



VOUCHER #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Box 167 Akron, New York 14001-0167

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ If a family membership, include 1<sup>st</sup> names of all. Primary name must match NYS snowmobile registration for voucher discount.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO Email Monthly Newsletter: EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

All memberships are from Apr 1 to Mar 31 to coincide with NYSSA vouchers. \$5 of this fee is for membership to NYSSA who will donate .25¢ to the NYS Snowmobile PAC. Note: If you do not want to donate this .25¢, check here \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are already a member of NYSSA (through another club) deduct \$5 from the amount below and write the club name and voucher ID# here \_\_\_\_\_

**"SNOWMOBILERS RESPECT LANDOWNERS  
- STAY ON THE TRAIL"**

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL
- LANDOWNER (ON TRAIL)

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- SINGLE \$ 25.00
- FAMILY \$ 30.00 (Incl. spouse & all children 17 & under)

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- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- UPGRADE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO BE A PART OF THE NYSSA TRAIL DEFENDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$ 20.00 - SEE BACK FOR MORE DETAILS

If you are interested in promoting your business we offer many forms of advertising. You may choose from spots in our newsletter, along the trail and on our website. Please call us or visit our website for more information.

Please remember, we are a **100% volunteer**, 501(c)3, not-for-profit organization that relies on member support to make our club a success. Everyone has *something* they can contribute and *any* assistance (no matter how big or small) is greatly appreciated. Please check any area(s) where you can help us say: **"The Best Trails in WNY!"**

**How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Board member  | <input type="checkbox"/> Website                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A - Hwy    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         |
| <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        |

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND WAIVER OF CLAIM:** I am aware that snowmobiling involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: other snowmobiles, changing weather conditions; natural or un-natural objects: trees, stumps, the condition of snow or ice; changes in the terrain; blind spots or areas of reduced visibility, snow grooming equipment, or other vehicles, or negligence of other drivers or on the part of NESS or its members to safeguard or protect me from these hazards. I am aware of, freely accept, and fully assume such risks and the potential loss resulting there from and release NESS and its officers, members, or sponsors from all liability and waive any and all claims for such loss.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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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!
- 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.





## **Member Satisfaction Survey**

**1. What are some things you like most about NESS?**

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**2. What are some things you like least about NESS?**

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**3. What do you think about:**

The newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

The trails? \_\_\_\_\_

The officers? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. How often do you attend the meetings?** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What NESS events have you attended?**

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**6. Do you have any other thoughts or comments?**

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**We appreciate your help making this the “Best club in WNY”! We will be sharing the results at a future meeting. We can only get better by all working together to improve our club and the sport we all enjoy!**

**Thanks!**

**NESS Board members**

**Please mail back at: PO Box 167 Akron, NY 14001**

**or**

**Bring to our next NESS event or meeting**