



October 2012 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
October 25 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

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Club Headlines

- - - - - **What's Going On With Our Club...**
- - - - - **Next General Meeting:** Oct 25 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY
- - - - - **Next Board Meeting:** Nov 8 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!!
- - - - - **Christmas Party:** Save the date: Sat., Dec 8th
- - - - - **Enjoy the City Coupon Books:** Sale is going on now \$20 each
- - - - - **Don George's Open House:** Saturday, Oct 27th. Bring your membership application and get your voucher.
- - - - - **Safety Course:** Dec 15th at Swormville fire Hall
- - - - - **Come on out and have some fun!**

We are going GREEN... We are emailing our newsletters every month. So, 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:

October: Dallas Waite

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 are having our annual landowner appreciation dinner on Sat, Dec 8th. So if you would like to make a gift donation for our Chinese auction, please call the sno-phone. We have a great time every year with such a good turnout! We hope to see you there!

As you have heard in the previous months... we've been talking about our new groomer... We should be taking possession of ours by the end of the month. Thanks again for all the help that everyone has done for our club! We are pumped to get our new groomer!

Well, it's that time of year... We will be heading out to do trail clean-ups and markings. We will be looking for some help... so if you can give an hour or two, just let us know. There is a ton of work that goes into the trail set up and without all of our people and landowners, we would not have the great trail system that we do! So if you need anything, call the sno-phone or Curt with details....

I have been hearing some great news this past week on the radio and tv. They actually say we could be in for a great, snowy winter. That would be wonderful for us and the surrounding businesses. I know it got me all fired up, so I started working on my sleds.

We will be distributing our donation boxes to our local establishments, so keep an eye out for them.. Every little bit helps.

Our "Enjoy the City" coupon books are available. We will have them at our meetings and at Don G's in a few weeks. This is a great fund raiser for us and it is full of usable coupons throughout the area. Thanks to all who have supported this sale each year!

We have good news: our trail report page is up and working. These improvements will allow us to update our trail conditions at a much faster pace than before. Thank you to MB for following up and getting this process done. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to update the trails right from our smart phones!

Thank you all again!

Dan

We are e-mailing our newsletters each month. 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!!

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!





Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.
Board Meeting September 13, 2012 Summary
Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:

President - Dan Dressel
 Vice President - Randy Wdowka
 Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel
 Treasurer - Rick Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM – 13 present

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. We will update our equipment values when we add our new groomer to the policy.
- 2) Emergency Response. Let's make a few changes to the list. We will have list at the next meeting.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Ads. Mary Beth gave Randy a list of who to contact to confirm that these companies do not want to advertise this year.
 - B. Landowner drawing. Sept - Ed & Karen Stanley. Card was mailed out.
 - C. We ordered a bunch of new posters and supplies for our events and safety course.
 - D. Labor Day Event. Dan ran the event. We had a booth that we sold memberships, apparel and enjoy the city books. We had sleds and our groomer in the parade and we won 2nd place. We sold 39 memberships, 7 books and apparel. Thanks to everyone that helped!
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Enjoy the City books. Our sale is underway for this year.
 - B. Buck's swap meet. We are all set for Saturday, Sept 22. Dan was asked if we would help Sleds of Stafford with their vintage sled raffle. They want to bring their sled and sell raffle tickets at Buck's this weekend. We can put their flyer on our website. We decided that would be fine. We want to be able to help our neighboring clubs, we are all in this together.
 - C. We decided to leave in our groomer fund raising page in the newsletter for Sept newsletter.
 - D. Ski-Doo campaign. Is there a fund raiser this year? We haven't heard anything about it yet.
 - E. Groomer boxes. Almost time to hand out.
 - F. Don George's open house. When is it this year?
- 5) Social.
 - A. Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week. NYSSA has an annual event in February. It is a great opportunity to get your friends involved in this great sport.
- 6) Membership.
 - A. How many members? 143 as of today. We had 118 last year at this time. Most forms that are coming in are the completed ones that we sent out in our August Newsletter mailing. NYSSA has a membership drive - if you join a club by Oct 15th, you get put in the pool for a 2 place open trailer or \$1000 cash.
 - B. NYSSA has an Online Drivers Ed course. Get points off your license.... check out their website.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
 - A. Waiting for our groomer. We should be getting it this year. The power unit is in Maine. The drag takes 6 weeks longer. Our bank loan is in the process of being done.
 - B. Groomer seminar. Bill will look to see when and where the courses are being held.
 - C. Groomer policy. Policy is good from last year, just need to change dates. Mary Beth will get Bill 25 sets for next meeting as well as signature form for each operator.
 - D. Operator list. Bill needs to update his list so we can print new list for this year.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Trail heads - GPS map. Dan will help update map for new trailheads. Bill, any quotes yet? We also updated map for Erie Fed with new intersection numbers. The changes have been turned in.
 - B. Curt bought some leftover lumber .
 - C. It is almost brush hogging time.... let us know what has to be pruned.
 - D. Hunting season. Bow season is 2 wks earlier this year.
 - E. Al's trail over RR tracks may need a culvert.
 - F. Dan got a call about a guy who was putting in a culvert. The guy wanted to make sure it wouldn't be in our way when we set up our trails this year.

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Sled Of The Month Page

We purchased our first snowmobile in August 1969 and rode it on wheat stubble as we were so excited with our new toy. We rode it double for three years. We purchased another SkiDoo and liked riding separately much better. We introduced our two children to snowmobiling at an early age and ended up owning four snowmobiles in no time. The kids complained that they got our hand-me-downs. We spent many years riding every weekend in the South Wales area.

We then decided to join the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers to support the local club. We have been members in NESS for 13 years, where we have made many new friendships. We wanted to give back to the sport that provided our family with many years of awesome fun. In 2010 we sold our sleds and retired from the sport. We still remain active in the Club as we find it rewarding to use our past experiences to possibly help some other families enjoy this wonderful Winter sport.

We ended up owning 13 different snowmobiles both SkiDoo and Polaris as well as four different trailers as we grew from one sled owner, to two sleds, to three sleds and so on. We still have some of our old style helmets and clothing just in case someone asks Sandy to go for a ride.

We have been to a lot of places riding. We have been to Ontario numerous times, the State of Maine for a one week backpack trip, Yellowstone, and Jackson Hole. Without a doubt every snowmobiler should put Jackson Hole at the top of their Bucket List. Pictures just can't describe the scenery out West.

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Shawnee Grass Drags Event: Sept 29, 2012



Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

It is October. Let the Phantom be your snowmobiling alarm clock. Now is the time to get your sled out and start preparing it for the upcoming season. Hopefully you followed the Phantom's suggestions for summer storage and your fall preparation will be that much easier. Grease, fluid changes, carbides, spark plugs and track tensioning. Top the list for fall. Some over looked items:

- 1) What's been rotting in your storage compartment all summer long? Time to clean it out and inventory what's in there. Are there tools? Do they work or are they just one big rusted together clump? Flash light? Time to change the batteries even if it works. It won't work for long on a zero degree night on old batteries. Spend some time in there with an eye toward what you would need in an emergency, then make sure what you have works and will survive a rough trail.
- 2) The spare belt. Any belt is better than no belt, BUT if you go on trips up to the Adirondacks or Canada, a decent spare is a must. You may have to travel a hundred miles or more until you can buy a new one.
- 3) Loose or bent studs. The Phantom has been bitten by this one. If you have a bent stud, chances are the backer is bent also allowing it to rock back and forth. It will cut thru the track at some point. Best case it will fall out harmlessly on the trail. Worst case it will start to slowly tear out allowing the stud to chew thru the heat exchanger. You will lose all of your coolant and the engine will overheat. Needless to say—day over. Sometimes the engine will overheat without and warning lights coming on or the temp gage will actually drop to cold. The temperature sensors must be submerged in coolant to work. Many engines have been ruined in this manner. The moral of the story is simple... a few hours spent now will help ensure a full season out on our wonderful trails when the snow flies. As always, now is the time to get your sled into your dealer if you choose to have the work done for you, Not when the first snow hits. The phantom has always marveled at how impatient people can be when their snowmobile is in the shop and its snowing. Don't be a last minute louie. You have 2 months to have your sled looked at before the season opens. Get started today. The phantom will take a look at what's in his storage compartment in an upcoming column.

until then... The Phantom Snowmobiler-he see's ALL



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:

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- G. Updating landowner list. There are still changes that need to be made.
- H. Trail captain's meeting. Curt will schedule one.
- 9) Trail Guides. Curt will organize the process this year. We can divide up list and everyone can help hand out maps.
- 10) Newsletter. Sept newsletter due Sept 15th. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. Mary Beth is going to email Bill with details for collecting the following: Sled of the month, trail coordinator, Phantom and President's page. We will put in the newsletter that we are "Going Green...".
- 11) Website. Still waiting....
- 12) Apparel. Rick will email Mary Beth the last invoice for review.
- 13) Safety/Education. Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Fall event will be Sunday, October 7th. 9 am at Niagara Label in Akron.

President: Dan is keeping the phone message updated with current events. He is checking the phone often so we won't miss anyone who is calling. Thanks Dan for manning the sno-phone.

Vice President: RPT grant. We discussed the financial details of our new groomer.

Treasurer: Treasury report was motioned by Curt for acceptance and 2nd by Dave. 13 in favor - 0 opposed. It's accepted. Bills to be paid were discussed and Curt made a motion to accept them. Ray 2nd it. 13 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.

Secretary:

- 1) Our next board meeting is Oct 11th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm..
- 2) Our next general meeting is Sept 27th at the Tillman Post at 7:30pm.

Federation meetings:

- 1) Niagara Federation.
- 2) Erie Federation.
- 3) Genesee Federation. Dan attended. The shopackers want to have a step class again this year. The super raffle is giving prizes to clubs that sell more than last year.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Big East Show in Syracuse is Oct 5-7.
- 2) Christmas party - save the date: Dec 8th. Who will do the food this year? Pricing is tbd. We will not have a DJ this year. Jeff's girlfriend may take care of the music.
- 3) Shawnee Sno-Chiefs asked if we wanted to have a table at their grass drag event on Sept 29th. We will support their event.

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.



**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.
General Meeting September 27, 2012 Summary
Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 PM**

Officers present:

President - Dan Dressel

Vice President - Randy Wdowka

Secretary - Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM – 15 present

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM



Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. No update.
- 2) Emergency Response. This year's list is ready to be handed out to the federations.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Ads. Mary Beth gave Randy a list of who to contact to confirm that these companies do not want to advertise this year.
 - B. Landowner drawing. Oct - Dallas Waite. Card will be sent out.
 - C. There is a new snowmobiling website. GOSnowmobiling.org. Check it out.
 - D. Shawnee Grass Drags. We will have a table and sell apparel and enjoy the city books.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Enjoy the City books. The sale is going great... get your book now!
 - B. Buck's swap meet recap. Went well, weather could have been a lot better. Thank you to Frank and Bev for running the event. Thanks also to the cooks, Kevin and Dave, the new guy. Sleds of Stafford brought their vintage sled and sold raffle tickets at the event also. It was nice to help out our neighboring club. Check out our website for the Bucks and Labor day pictures.
 - C. We decided to leave in our groomer fund raising page in the newsletter for Oct also.
 - D. Don George's open house. Their open house is Oct 26, 27. NESS will have a tent on Sat, Oct 27th. So stop on by and get your voucher and a enjoy the city book.
 - E. Labor Day recap. We had a great weekend. Sold many memberships and got 2nd place in parade.Thanks to Dan for heading up the event. As always, it went off without a hitch. Thanks to everyone that worked the event.
 - F. Super raffle tickets. The tickets will be available soon.
- 5) Social.
 - A. Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week. NYSSA has an annual event: February 8-19, 2013. It is a great opportunity to get your friends involved in this great sport.
 - B. International Snowmobile Safety Week. January 13-19, 2013. See GOSnowmobiling.org for details.
- 6) Membership.
 - A. How many members? 150 as of today. We had 125 last year at this time. NYSSA has a membership drive - if you join a club by Oct 15th, you get put in the pool for a 2 place open trailer or \$1000 cash.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
 - A. Waiting for our groomer. We should be getting it at the end of this month. The drag will be arriving soon after.
 - B. Groomer seminar. There may be a groomer safety course that is needed in order to operate a groomer. If interested, please call the sno-phone. More details to come.
 - C. Groomer policy. Bill has and will get them out to our operators.
 - D. Operator list. No update.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Trail heads - GPS map. No update.
 - B. Updating landowner list. There are still changes that need to be made.
 - C. Trail captain's meeting. Curt will schedule one maybe Oct 4th at Marvin's at 7:30 pm. We will have on website.
- 9) Trail Guides. Curt says maps should be here soon.
- 10) Newsletter. Oct newsletter due Oct 6th. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar.
- 11) Website. Changes have been made to our trail report page. Thanks to the MJ Marketing guys.
- 12) Apparel. Maybe we should add some more graphics to our shirts?
- 13) Safety/Education. Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall. We will have apparel there to sell. See website for details and sign up information.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Fall event will be Sunday, October 7th. 9 am at Niagara Label in Akron. Candy Apple at 8am if you are hungry.

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Our next board meeting is Oct 11th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm..

Our next general meeting is Oct 25th at the Tillman Post at 7:30pm.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Big East Show in Syracuse is Oct 5-7. See newsletter for details.
- 2) Christmas party - save the date: Dec 8th.
- 3) 50/50. Jim D. won \$30 and donated to the groomer fund. Thanks Jim!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth

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 29 9:00am. It took 2 hours to get the job done. Our Fall pick up was Sunday, October 7, 2012.



Thanks to Rick Weitz, Dan Dressel, Frank & Bev Schroeder and Bill, the guy in the jeep! We had a great crew, the weather held up and we got the job done in 2 3/4 hrs. We couldn't have been successful without the support form our members.

Come on out 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.

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



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

Adult: Ladies

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

Kids:

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

Other items:

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To purchase apparel, please email us at: snoseekers@yahoo.com or call us at 741-NESS

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From the NYSSA Website: www.nysnowmobiler.com for more details

Study Reveals \$868 Million Annual Impact of Snowmobiling in New York State Economic Impact of Snowmobiling Released as 2012 Big East Powersports Show Begins in Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, NY – Earlier this year, the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) tasked the SUNY Potsdam Institute for Applied Research to undertake an [economic assessment of snowmobiling](#) on the New York State economy. Based on the nearly 6,000 responses, the assessment determined that snowmobiling delivers an economic impact of \$868 million annually. The average annual household expenditure for a snowmobiling season is \$3,561 and an additional \$3,200 for sled expenses that include purchase price and towing.

"This follow-up to the New York State 1998 study shows that, even after adjusting for cost of living and other factors, snowmobiling has been a growing activity during the last decade with significant economic impact for New York State," said Dr. J. Patrick Turbett, Director of SUNY Potsdam Institute for Applied Research.

Snowmobiling's economic impact will be on display this weekend at the 19th Annual Big East Powersports Show at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse. Attendees will be able to purchase clothing, accessories, and trailers, while enjoying a first look at 2013 sleds from dealers like Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo and Yamaha. NYSSA will have a booth at the Big East Powersports Show and will feature a special promotion to promote snowmobile clubs' membership campaigns.

"The goal of our study was to accurately assess our current contribution. By collaborating with the SUNY Potsdam Institute for Applied Research we ensured that the findings would withstand peer review," said Dominic Jacangelo, Executive Director of NYSSA. "In addition to financial numbers, this survey informed NYSSA of our current demographics and how snowmobilers feel about our sport in New York State. These results are critical in ensuring snowmobiling interests have a voice on the federal, state and local levels."

Broken down by region, snowmobiling has an economic impact of \$245 million in the Adirondacks, \$165 million in the Tug Hill and \$163 million in Central New York. The study showed that snowmobilers spend an average of 22 days on the trails each season, with 8.5 days being spent in another region of the state from where they reside.

"Our Economic Impact Survey really brings into perspective how difficult this past winter was," said Gary Broderick, President of NYSSA. "With lower than average snowfalls across the state, snowmobilers were not able to spend the amount of time on their sleds as usual and that directly leads to less money spent as well. Along our 10,000 miles of trails across New York State, there are a variety of restaurants, convenience stores, gas pumps and snowmobile dealers that rely on our sport as a source of revenue, as evident by our study and we all hope that the upcoming brings more snow for snowmobilers to other winter sport enthusiasts to enjoy."

In comparison, the state of New Hampshire recently released a similar study, valuing the annual economic impact of snowmobiling in their state at \$586 million. Plymouth State University Institute of Studies who prepared this study for the state of New Hampshire, used a multiplier of 2.88 to determine their economic impact. If New York used this same multiplier, the annual economic impact would be \$1.2 billion.

The New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA), a non-profit corporation, is the largest snowmobile association in the country working on behalf of the registered NY snowmobile owners, who contribute \$868 million to the New York State economy, and 242 snowmobile clubs to improve trails, facilities and services for participants, and defend snowmobilers against discriminatory legislation.

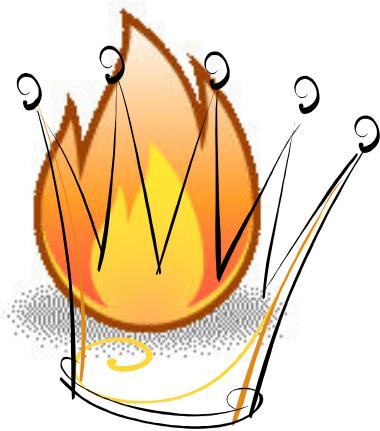


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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Thanks to all who showed up at the trail captain's meeting on OCT 4 at Marvin's. For those who were not there, we talked about some of the areas that need to be brushed back due to us not riding from last year. We also discussed how some area on our trail system were under marked and others that just had too many signs. So let's keep the signing clean and consistent so when the out of town riders get here, they are not confused. I would like it if we as a club could make sure that the corridor markers are installed on all intersections this season. This will become more of an issue as we all use GPS to find our way around. Thanks to all the landowners and members who make this all happen. This is the year for a good riding season its got to be right.

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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?



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APRIL 2012 - MARCH 2013

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

If a family membership, include 1st names of all. Primary name must match NYS snowmobile registration for voucher discount.

NAME(S) _____

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)

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

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

- 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 _____



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

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.



Member Satisfaction Survey

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

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

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?

6. Do you have any other thoughts or comments?

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