



November 2012 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
November 29 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

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





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President: Dan Dressel
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Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: Curt W.

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Chairperson: Mary Beth

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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: Nov 29 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post in Akron, NY

Next Board Meeting: Dec 13 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: Sat., Dec 8th—se flyer on page 11

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

Safety Course: Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall

Trail Work: Check website under "Trail Work" for details.

Come on out and have some fun!

If you want to continue getting our newsletters by email, just join our club!

"Thank You" landowners!



Our Landowner raffle is here....

We draw a name each month from our landowner list.

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

November: Michael Trznadel

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,

Well the time is near for snow (we hope) and also for the Landowner Appreciation Party on Dec 8th. Please come and enjoy a good time. We will have good food, Chinese Auction, a 50/50 and good friends. If you can donate an item for our Chinese Auction, whether big or small, just call our Sno-Phone for pick up or drop off info. I would also like to say thank you to all our landowners for letting us enjoy our sport in their backyard. Thank you from all of us at NESS!!

We also have some great news, the groomer we have been talking about has arrived and is ready to go!! It is all lettered up and looks great... it just needs snow!

When we do get some snow and you are out on the trail, take a look at our new trail head signs. They are new and improved with a lot of help from a lot of people. Our sign's now have updated GPS'd trail info, so take a look when you are out riding the "Best Trails in WNY"! Please remember, trails do not open until Dec 20th..... It will be here faster than you know it.

We also have our annual safety course coming up Dec 15th. Check out our website for details. Please call the Sno-Phone to reserve your spot.

Our Enjoy the City Book sales and our Super Raffle Tickets are available now and will also be at the Christmas party—so buy yours now to help support your club.

Well, that's all for now, hope to see you at the Christmas Party!!

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 October 11, 2012 Summary Mazia's on Main, Clarence, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:
President - Dan
Vice President - Randy
Treasurer - Rick
Secretary - Mary Beth

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM – 13 present
Meeting ended at 8:45 PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. We added our new groomer to our policy.
- 2) Emergency Response. No update.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Landowner drawing. Oct - Dallas Waite. Still need to mail out.
 - B. Free posters and decals. Did they come in yet? No.
 - C. Shawnee Grass Drags recap. It was a great day. We sold a few t-shirts and a coupon book.
 - D. Randy - laminating machine. Randy will bring machine and computer to our next meeting. Dan will take the machine and Curt will take the computer.
 - E. Ads. Getzoni Nationwide Insurance and The Sled Shop. No updates on advertising list from Randy.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Enjoy the City books. We have books out there for people to sell. Dan is going to order more.
 - B. We decided to leave in our groomer fund raising page in the newsletter for November.
 - C. Don George's open house. Their open house is Oct 26-27. We will have a tent on Sat. So stop on by and get your voucher, buy apparel and an Enjoy The City book. Dan and Mary Beth will help out.
 - D. Super raffle tickets. They have been printed; we should be receiving our order by our next general meeting.
- 5) Social.
 - A. Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week. NYSSA has an annual event: February 8-19, 2013.
 - B. Clarence Winter Fest. The town would like us to participate in their event this winter. We could have our groomer there.
 - C. Christmas party. Who will do food? We will check with Sue and Eric.
 - D. Landowner cards. We will have our landowner cards and Christmas invitations ready to stuff at our Nov board meeting. Are there any changes on the landowner cards this year? No.
- 6) Membership. How many members? 196 as of today. We had 201 last year at this time.
 - 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
 - A. New groomer. We will be getting this week. The boys will be going to take a groomer tech class. Dan motions to spend money for a new brush guard, ours is bent. Ray 2nds. 13 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
 - B. Groomer seminar. There may be a groomer safety course in Rochester on 11/17. Bill told them that we didn't have anyone available to go. There is also a groomer class scheduled in Cassadagua on 11/28. It's a 4 hour class and we should have 8 or 9 guys available to go to this one.
 - C. Groomer policy. Bill is getting our operators to sign them.
 - D. Operator list. Should be the same as last year.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Trail heads - GPS map. Bill is working on it. Mary Beth still needs to get him the updated map file. Dan suggests we only order a few this year since our money will be tight. Then we can see how the signs holds up with the weather.
 - B. Updating landowner list. Curt and Al made some changes to the list.
 - C. Trail captain's meeting. Curt had a meeting last week. 10 guys. The meeting went well. Curt reinforced that our trails need to be marked consistently. We need to have up our GPS signs, too. We will not be getting any new signs or stakes this year. We should have enough supplies from last year.
- 9) Trail Guides. Curt saw the new map. It uses our GPS map, though it is still drawn in. Looks good.
- 10) Newsletter. Nov newsletter is due Nov 17th since it is only being emailed and put on the website. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar.



Sled Of The Month Page

I started riding snowmobiles back in 96 when I was only 2 years old. My mom would help me get my little snow suit on and my dad was there to help me get on my helmet. When I was all dressed, I looked like a little bobble head. My dad would wrap me up in a blanket and set me in front of him on the sled. Usually the ride would only last about an hour because I always fell asleep.

About the time I turned 4 years old, I had my own personal



snowmobile which was a little

Arctic Cat Kitty Cat. My dad always towed an inner tube behind his sled, so when I got tired he would strap my sled to the inner tube. When I turned 10 years old, I upgraded to a Polaris Indy 340 Lite and I thought I was the coolest kid in the neighborhood! At the age of 12, I moved up to a 380 rev chassis. In 09, my dad bought a new sled and I moved into his old 02 Ski-Doo Legend

600 and man, does the z

chassis ride smooth. Then we

changed the track to a rip-saw track, it'll stand up on command. I've been polishing it up to make her shine. My dream trip: to snowmobile in the mountains of Colorado on a Polaris Switchback 800 Assault, the sled of my dreams!!



Josh S.

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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Don George's Open House Event: Oct 27, 2012



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, the 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



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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- 11) Website. No update.
- 12) Apparel. Stock is good. Should we add any more designs to our shirts?
- 13) Safety/Education. Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall. We will have apparel there to sell. See our website for details and sign up information.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. The guys did pick up on October 7th. 5 guys and they collected 4 bags, good job!

President:

- 1) Dan received notice that NESS will have to install 2 gates on county owned property. This job needs to be completed by May 2013. One at the entrance and one at the exit of our .437 mile section of Akron Park that our club utilizes. We will also need to email the county in advance with any brush hogging, tree trimming, pruning and marking of trail. This is a new requirement at the county level. This is Dave's trail and he will be doing work on the day after Thanksgiving. Dan will email county regarding this.

Vice President:

- 1) RTP grant. Once we receive the unit, we will need to get a picture of unit and a press release to fulfill the requirements of our grant.
- 2) Bill will need some decals for the unit and he mentioned we should also number the groomers since we have 3 now.

Treasurer:

- 1) Rick handed out this month's report. Any questions? No. Mary Beth motions to accept report. All 2nds it. 13 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 2) Rick then went through, in detail, the bills to be paid. Dan motions to pay all bills. Jeff B. 2nds. 13 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.

Secretary:

- 1) Thank you notes. We will send a note to Shawnee for inviting us to their grass drags. Frank will get Mary Beth the list from the Buck's event.
- 2) Mary Beth needs a refill of gift cards for the next 4 months: Oct, Nov, Dec and Jan.
- 3) Newsletter inserts - Mary Beth will email Nancy with details.

Federation meetings:

Erie: Curt attended.

Niagara: Curt had a phone meeting with Gary.

Genesee: Genesee Sno-Packers will be having a step class. Who wants to go?

Our next board meeting is Nov 8th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm..

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth

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 October 24, 2012 Summary Tillman Post, Akron, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:

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

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM – 19 present
Meeting ended at 9:11PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. We received our new groomer so we added it to our policy. We will check with our insurance company in December and try to reduce our insurance expenses.
- 2) Emergency Response. We handed out our Emergency Response contact list for this upcoming season. Erie County loved our form and may have the other clubs turn one in.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Landowner drawing. Oct - Dallas Waite. Card was mailed.
 - B. Free posters and decals. We received our stuff. We will use this for our safety course in December.
 - C. Shawnee Grass Drags recap. It was nice of Shawnee to invite us to their event. We had a good time.
 - D. Laminating machine. We have our machine. It should work fine. We have no vinyl.
 - E. Ads. We are looking for someone to help follow thru with our contacts for advertising.
 - F. Groomer boxes. Our donation boxes will be going out next month. Tops, Marvin's, Braun's, Log Cabin, Filling Station.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Enjoy the City books. We have 200 books out there. Our sale will end in January.
 - B. We will leave our groomer fund raising page in the newsletter for November.
 - C. Don George's open house. Their open house is this weekend from 10am-4pm . Our club will have a table so come on by and get your voucher.
 - D. Super raffle tickets. We have them. There are over 50 prizes. Dan handed out tickets.
 - E. Fundraising idea: Buffalo Wild Wings on the Blvd. allows clubs to help for a night and get a % of sales.
- 5) Social.
 - A. Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week. NYSSA has an annual event: February 9-18, 2013.
 - B. Clarence Winter Fest. If there is snow.. we will participate. We will bring our groomer.
 - C. Christmas party. Who will do food? Should we serve hot roast beef sandwiches? Pulled pork? We are working on it. Kevin K. made a motion to change the party fee from \$7 to \$10. Randy B. 2nd it. 17 in favor - 1 opposed. It's carried. Eric is looking for some help to pick up gifts, set up for event so Dan sent around a signup sheet. We need to inventory our supplies so we know what needs to be bought. We will ask Sue about liquor license.
 - D. Landowner cards. We will prepare for mailing with our Christmas party invites at our next board meeting.
- 6) Membership.
 - A. How many members? 221 as of today. We had 241 last year at this time.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
 - A. New groomer. The boys went to a groomer tech class and the groomer is getting lettered this week. All paperwork had been completed and given to the state. We still need to have a public announcement and a photo shoot. The drag may be here soon. Thanks Bill for use of your truck and the fuel to pick up new groomer, we appreciate all you do for our club!
 - B. Groomer seminar. There is a groomer safety course on 11/28. Dan sent around a signup sheet for anyone that wants to go.
 - C. John G. would like a picture and article to present to W. G. as a thank you.

Break - 50/50: Carl the bartender won \$60 and our club received \$60. Congrats Carl!

- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. We may need to add a fence behind the granite business on Transit Road behind the mattress store so our sleds won't ruin the asphalt.
 - B. Trail heads. Bill has the map.. we will get a few new trailheads done this year.



2012 Annual Landowner & Club Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 8th
at the Newstead Fire Hall
5691 Cummings Road Akron, NY

Doors open at 5:00 PM until??

Dear Members and Landowners,

All of us at the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers would like to thank you for supporting our club. As a token of our appreciation, we invite you to our Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party!

- Admission for trail landowners (+ 1 guest) is free
- Club members only \$10.00/person. Kids under 12 are free
- Huge Chinese raffle with lots of gifts
- 50/50 drawing
- Food, drinks and sweets

Due to the increasing popularity of this party, we want to assure our landowners a spot so we ask you to RSVP by Dec 1st. Please call 741-NESS to reserve.

We've always have some great laughs and good times! We welcome that favorite dessert, so bring it along to share! We'll have many items to raffle and great prizes too!

Hope to see you there!

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers
Snowmobile Club
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Sno-Phone: 741-NESS



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- C. Yellow groomer. The battery is dead. Curt will check with store to see if we can get a replacement since the one we bought only lasted 2 yrs. Should we get 2? Ray says we should so the old battery doesn't drain the new one.
 - D. Landowner list - still working on it.
 - E. Al - new landowners down near the rr tracks gave us permission to use their property.
 - F. We are good to use the property behind Denise B.'s property.
 - G. Curt will be putting trail work dates on the website.
 - H. Trail Captain's meeting. Went well. He spoke about signage and how uniform the signage needs to be thru the whole system. We need all corridor signs and confirmations signs put up also.
 - I. Salt and Keller Rds. no sleds on grass - don't cut corners - maybe we should ride the road. Al Davis' son built a house there.
- 9) Trail Guides. Should be out in December.
- 10) Newsletter. Nov newsletter is due Nov 17th - emailed and put on the website. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. We will put in newsletter: "To continue to receive our newsletters, join our club!" We are looking for a Sled of the Month for November.
- 11) Website. No update.
- 12) Apparel. No update.
- 13) Safety/Education. Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall. Budget for course? Dan will email Al about it.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. The guys did pick up on October 7th. 5 guys in 1 1/2 hrs.

President:

- 1) We need to install 2 gates on S40A by May 2013. We will get specifics before we put them up.

Vice President:

Treasurer:

- 1) Rick handed out this month's report. Any questions? No.
2) Rick then went through, in detail, the bills to be paid.

Secretary:

- 1) Thank you notes. We will send a note to Jan at Bucks for the open house. Also Norbert.

Our next board meeting is Nov 8th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm..

Our next general meeting is Nov 29th at the Tillman Post at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth

Secretary

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 Fall clean up on Sunday, October 7 at 9:00am. It took 1.50 hours to get the job done.



Thanks to everyone who helped. We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members.

Come on out and join in on the fun!



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 or call us at 741-NESS

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Thanks for supporting the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers!!



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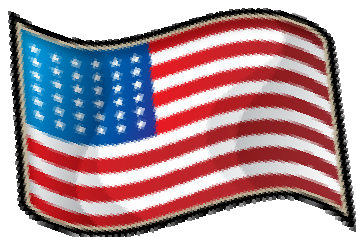


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Remember, we are open and on the trail. Ride in and have a drink and get warm.



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



NO 2012-2013 Season Membership Cards

In order to save money and resources, we will not be mailing membership cards and kits to our members this season. The kits were expensive to prepare and mail out and there was nothing in the kit needed to receive either the registration voucher or to receive discounts at select businesses. Rather than raise dues, as an austerity measure we are working on a way for members to print out a membership card if desired. In the meanwhile, the voucher is proof of membership. It can be printed any time, out of the NYSSA Online Membership System, at <https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org>.

“The snow forecasts are encouraging and now is the best time for snowmobilers to renew their membership and prepare for the 2013 winter season,” said Dominic Jacangelo, Executive Director of NYSSA. “Club memberships allow NYSSA and the local clubs the ability to provide safe and well maintained trails for our members statewide.”

By joining a club, members will save money on their snowmobile registration and receive a wide variety of member benefits from local and national sponsors. Local clubs and NYSSA partner with local businesses to ensure services are available to all of its members, giving additional benefits to each paid member. Clubs are always in need of additional volunteers to run their yearly endeavors as well. From fundraisers to trail work and grooming, it’s the club volunteers that maintain the more than 10,000 miles of snowmobile trails that New York State has to offer. NYSSA invites club members to become more involved with their club and “their sport”.

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.
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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Well the time is here to do it all over again, only this time we hope that mother nature does her part. I have had calls from landowners concerning minor changes in the trail install as of now, these have been worked out. Remember to reserve the UTV's if you want to use them instead of your own! If you are a landowner and have concerns please let the club know about them, if not, I hope you will enjoy your time at the landowner appreciation party and thank you for helping the club. For the club members, if you have time or can help, please let us - THE CLUB- know how you can help. It goes a lot faster with more than 2 people doing it. Ok that's enough from me.. get the trail installed and have FUN doing it. THANK YOU

CURT WATTS 435-7068



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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NAME(S) _____ If a family membership, include 1st 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 _____

- 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

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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.



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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