



December 2012 Newsletter

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
December 27 at 7:30 PM at Marvins on Goodrich Road**

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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Chairperson: Rick J.

Fundraising Committee

Chairperson: OPEN

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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: Dec 27 at 7:30 PM at Marvin's on Goodrich Rd.

Next Board Meeting: Jan 10 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!!

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

Safety Course: Dec 15th at Swormville Fire Hall
RSVP: Sno-phone, thanks.

Trail Work: Check website under "Trail Work" for details. Now is the time to get your trail up!

Trails will open, weather permitting, Dec 20th!!!

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:

December: Garth Davis won at our Christmas Party!

Congratulations!!

We will have a give-a-way each month!



President's Page

Hello Everyone,

Well, we just had our landowner appreciation Christmas party. It was a great turnout and a enjoyable time had by all. I would like to thank all our board members and their families that helped out and pitched a hand into another wonderful landowner party, thanks to all. We had great food, great prizes and most of all great friends. As always, we thank you very much landowners for the use of your property. I hope you all enjoyed your evening and will come back again next year!

On another note, it is getting closer to the beginning of trails being open. Hopefully by Dec 20th, we will see some snow so we can open the trails. Please check our website for trail openings and closings. **THINK SNOW!!**

We still need a few people to become trail captains throughout our trail system. So please call the sno-phone to give a hand. If everyone pitches in, we can get a lot done in a short time. Thanks again to all trail captains who have helped with pruning, cutting, staking and other trail set up work. Without you we would have no trails.

On my last note, I would like to wish everybody a Happy Holiday season from all of us at Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club!

Thank you all again!

Dan

Newsletter: We are e-mailing our newsletters each month. We are trying to manage our funds more efficiently due to cuts in State funding. Each member will receive 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!!

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 November 8, 2012 Summary Tillman Post, Akron, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:
President - Dan Dressel
Vice President - Randy Wdowka
Treasurer - Rick Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM – 13 present
Meeting ended at 9:32PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) Legal. Cool Agency. We need to update our values on our equipment policy - Randy has the revised figures and he will get them to Rick so that Rick can contact the Cool Agency. D & O ins. is up 12/31/12.
- 2) Emergency Response. No changes.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Randy has been out chasing advertising – he has some potential new business’s willing to advertise. No new ads for this month – but may have some for next month.
 - B. Landowner drawing. Nov - Michael Trznadel. Card will be mailed.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Enjoy the City books. Sales are going well – members able to sell to mid to end of December with recap in early January.
 - B. Don George's open house. Good turnout – Sold \$ 143.00 worth of merchandise – memberships, enjoy the city books, raffle tickets and one baseball cap.
 - C. Super raffle tickets. Dan has tickets here tonight if anyone needs them. Sales are going well.
 - D. Groomer boxes. Will be distributed in Nov.
- 5) Social.
 - A. Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week. NYSSA has an annual event: February 9-18, 2013.
 - B. Clarence Winter Fest. We will be supporting this event – hopefully with the right weather we might be able to ride our sleds to it – At least we will have the groomer there. Date is January 27th, 2013.
 - D. Landowner cards. We were going to stuff Christmas invitations with the landowner cards, but the landowner list was not ready to use. We updated our list and will get the invites out this next week.
 - E. Christmas Party: December 8th, 2012 at Newstead Fire Hall – Sue needs some help. A sign-up sheet was passed around. We also need help to decorate the hall on Friday Dec. 7th, at 7:00 PM
 - F. Erie County Federation Picnic – Mark your calendars now – July 14th, 2013 – we would like to have a good showing.
- 6) Membership. How many members? 239 as of today.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.
 - A. New groomer. Groomer is lettered and the decals are on. Bill will be purchasing a strobe light for the new groomer.
 - B. Groomer seminar. Groomer Seminar will be at the Cassadaga Fire Hall on November 28th, 2012 at 6:00 PM – If anyone is interested contact Bill. This is a state sponsored safety course.
 - C. Curt has purchased a battery for the Bombi groomer with a partial warranty credit.
 - D. Fuel tanks are being worked on between Bill and Dan.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. Bill brought in a sample of our new trailhead signage – it looks great. Anyone interested in sponsoring.
 - B. Approval for Bike Paths: Clarence is approved. Have a verbal commitment from Newstead. Bill will be attending Village of Akron meeting on Nov. 19th.
 - C. Trails are open Dec 20th.
- 9) Trail Guides.
- 10) Newsletter. Nov newsletter is due Nov 17th - emailed and put on the website. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. Sled of the Month Page: Mary Beth is looking for a volunteer – Frank is thinking about it. We paid invoices and still have a credit for postage.
- 11) Website. No update.
- 12) Apparel. No update.
- 13) Safety/Education. Safety course at Swormville Fire Hall – Dec. 15th, 2012. Had some discussion about budget for food – decided to table until next month – we may use food and supplies leftover from previous functions. Dan will contact Osborne’s.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Date for Spring?

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Our Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party







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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Thanks to all the Landowners who were able to join us at the party. Hope everyone had a great time. Now as for the trail, there are still sections that need to be installed.

Hopefully this will get done before the snow is on ground.

- Again, if any member has some time to help, please let us (the club) know. Thanks again to everyone that has helped and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- A note from the Pres: Just a reminder to please pay attention to our website and sno-phone for closures. Remember, trails do not open until at least a 3" base is on the ground...NOT a 3" snowfall. Also, respect the landowner's property and stay on the marked trail. Please stay off the black top of the bike path. Those barrels are there to keep you off black top, so please respect that and don't use them as a slalom course!

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator



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President: All good.

Vice President:

1) RTP Grant: Randy said our voucher was ready two weeks ago – but now due to the Hurricane – it may be delayed. This will cost us some extra money as we are paying a monthly payment on our bridge loan and delay of receiving our check will mean a longer period of time we need the bridge loan. Not much we can do about it – just wait.

Treasurer:

- 1) Treasury report: Rick passed around his report and there were no corrections or additions to it - Report was approved as presented by Randy W. and seconded by Dan D. All in favor – no objections. Motion carried.
- 2) Bills to be Paid: Rick read of a list of bills to be paid and there was some discussion and then a motion was made by Dan D. and seconded by Ray S. that bills be paid. All in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary: Not at meeting.

Federation meetings:

Erie: Curt attended the Erie County Federation Meeting: 16,000 sleds are currently registered. \$3,500,000. In the trail fund. In the year 2013-14 all groomers will be required to have GPS units in them. NYSSA will provide the units – the club will have to be responsible for maintenance of them. Trails open on Dec. 20th, 2012. Trail guides should be ready for distribution in mid December. Curt would like to give up attending the Erie Federation Meeting - Al offered to take his place.

Niagara: No update

Genesee: No update.

Our next board meeting is Dec 13th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm..

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

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Plaque for Woody if soon to be completed.
- 2) Our 30% money is held up with NYS controller's office. It's a mess - we will probably be waiting awhile for our 30%


Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Beth
Secretary

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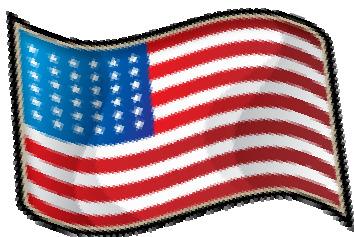


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Our new groomer is here!!



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

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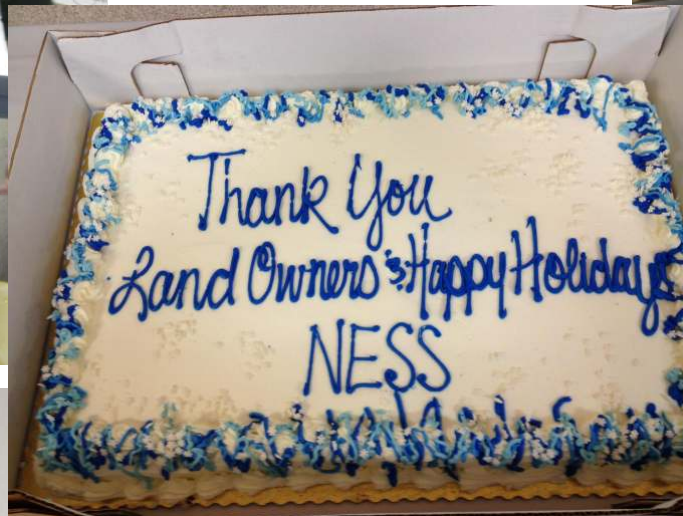


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Our Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party





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Officers present:

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

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM – 25 present

Meeting ended at 9:46 PM

Welcome: Welcome!

Committees:

- 1) **Legal.** Rick ran through the list of equipment values and adjusted values that we could submit to the insurance company to get our rates lowered. Dan made a motion to submit our adjusted values so we can save \$374 a year. Eric seconded it. 25 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
- 2) **Emergency Response.** No changes.
- 3) **PR/Marketing.**
 - A. We have 3 new ads for the newsletter this month. City Fence, Halfway Auto Parts and United Rentals. Main Street Pub may advertise... Dan is looking into it.
 - B. Landowner drawing. November winner was Michael Trznadel. We will do our December drawing at our Christmas party.
- 4) **Fundraising.**
 - A. Enjoy the City books. We will be closing out our book sales in December. Thanks to all you bought a book. We sold about 184 books - if everyone sells their books.
 - B. Don George's open house. Recap.
 - C. Super raffle tickets. Our sale is going well. If we sell more tickets than last year, we may get a larger percentage back to our club. So, come up to table after meeting and pick your tickets to sell.
 - D. Groomer boxes. Sandy dropped off box at Tops. Our other boxes should be delivered soon. So if you see one of groomer boxes out, feel free to drop a donation-every little bit helps!
- 5) **Social.**
 - A. Clarence Winter Fest. If there is snow... we will be there.
 - B. Christmas Party. We sent out invites to our landowners. We have received some rsyvs so far. Thanks to Danny and Nevada Dressel for their help in stuffing and mailing out the invitations. Thanks also to Mary Beth and Dan for making changes to the landowner list. We are excited and have everything ready for a great night. donations are coming in... Sue is handling them all. Please have a label on items to help with the process. We will set up for party on Friday at 7 pm.
- 6) **Membership.** How many members? 305 as of today. Last year we had 359 members. NYSSA will not be sending out the hard plastic membership cards this year. Your voucher will be proof of your membership with NYSSA this year, so make a copy for your records.
- 7) **Groomer/UTV Equipment.**
 - A. New groomer. Our groomer is lettered up and decals are on. It looks great, thanks Bill. We need a strobe light for drag. We took delivery of our drag. It's all hooked up. We received our new groomer on Oct 16th and it is basically ready to go all we need is snow. We should have first aid kits and vests on each groomer. We should have them on our UTVs also. We probably need 6 vest. What else should we have in groomers?
 - B. Groomer seminar. 14 guys went and took course. The course included safety and what to do if you get in trouble on the trail, groomer breakdowns and trees on the trail. Grooming is not for everyone. They supplied pizza and wings.
- 8) **Trail/Landowner.**
 - A. Bill had our new trail heads to show everyone. They are awesome. Bill did a great job designing the signs and we are very excited to install them this year.
 - B. Bike Path. We will be setting up barrels and filling them on Saturday, Dec 1st. The guys will meet at barracks at 8 am, and water fillers will meet at 9 am. So just show up if you can help.
 - C. Frank mentioned that from Transit to Crosby Rd, we are in need of a trail captain. Frank has the signs and stakes for that section of trail.
- 9) **Trail Guides.** Should be here sometime in December.
- 10) **Newsletter.** Dec newsletter is due Dec 8th - emailed mailed and put on the website. We will mail Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. Sled of the Month Page: Nevada will do it.
- 11) **Website.** Bill is all set with the new trail report page. He will be updating the trails throughout the season.
- 12) **Apparel.** No update. (con't page 22)



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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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Adopt-A-Highway Program

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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!

Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message on our website if any area of your property needs attention this year. We greatly appreciate the use of your land for our trails and will do what we can to keep the ATV's and trespassers off. If you have any concerns or recommendations on how to keep ATV's off your property, let us know. We can address trouble spots while removing the snowmobile trails.

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Adult: Guys



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

Adult: Ladies



			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



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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

It's that time of year again where hope springs eternal about a snowy upcoming winter snowmobiling season. The Phantom likes to start the season off with a word about common sense on the trails. In his ideal world everyone would treat the trail system like they would a state highway. Nobody would ever dream of stopping their car in the middle of the highway or go 60 miles per hour in a snowstorm. Stopping in a safe place to take a break should come naturally. Treating everyone you meet along the trail like you would treat your elderly parents or grandparents, leads to good judgment. Appointing someone responsible to ride in the rear position of your group is just as important as someone leading your group. Have you heard that elephants never leave their young to bring up the rear. Don't get The Phantom started about alcohol use and snowmobiling. The 2 don't mix-ever- in any quantity. Just don't do it. If you must, wait until the end of your ride. Studies have shown most snowmobile mishaps occur at night. The Phantom remembers some spectacular snowmobiling under starlit skies way up in Canada. He also realized the older he got the less he could see in the dark. Reducing speed at night is not only common sense-its very prudent. The phantom has lectured enough, you get the idea. Let him extend the hope of a long snowy and safe riding season to everyone. The Phantom will see you out on the trail because....

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13) Safety/Education. Safety course at Swormville Fire Hall – Dec. 15th, 2012. See website for RSVP information. We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Randy will get rolls and we will use the grill at the fire hall for cooking. So far we have 10 people signed up. We will have a donation box and apparel to sell.

14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Date for Spring. Sunday April 28th.

President: 50/50. Congratulations to Mark N. He won \$70.

Vice President: RTP Grant: We are waiting for our first check. We have turned in all our necessary paperwork. It should all be completed by 12/31. The funds will be transferred electronically.

Treasurer:

1) Treasury report: Dan motioned to accept report and Rich P. seconded it. 27 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.

2) Bills to be Paid: Rick went through list of checks to print. Mary Beth motioned and Ray seconded it. 27 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.

3) We received our 30% checks from all 3 counties.

Federation meetings:

Genesee: In 2013, all groomer units will have a GPS. Parks and Recreation will pay for unit and installation and each club will pay a monitoring fee of \$24 a month/per unit. How many months do we pay a monitoring fee? Dec-March? We think there will be a 5 month contract.

Our next board meeting is Dec 13th at Mazia's at 7:30 pm..

Our next general meeting is Dec 27th at a location to be announced.

For the Good of the Club:

1) We will need a press release for our grant.

2) We are planning on about 1/2 the money from the state for next year so we should plan ahead. We do not know what the \$ per mile will be.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth
Secretary

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Sled Of The Month Page

Snowmobiling, my favorite thing to do in the winter; cruising on a blanket of snow in the woods in the dead of winter. Ever since I was a little I was put on the back of my mom or dad's snowmobile, going down the trails of snow. Now, older and having a snowmobile to ride of my own, I still have the pleasure of being able to ride with my dad. What me and my dad, father and daughter bond over, is snowmobiling. Making time between school and work to do something we love.

We love snowmobiling because it's not only our way of sharing a bond, but also creating memories. It's always an adventure; going snowmobiling with a group of friends and creating laughs along the way, stopping in the



middle of the woods just enjoying the scenery and peace of the woods, the adrenaline rush riding across fields of snow, new friends you meet along the way sharing the same love of sledding, and no work, no time, everything seems to disappear as you ride.

Sledding is everyone's time to have fun and enjoy each others company. Me and my dad will never forget the times we had, once you start snowmobiling, it's hard to stop, I will forever be a sledder. Snowmobiling gives you the feeling of freedom everyone thrives for. Leave everything back at the house because its time for snowmobiling!

Nevada Dressel

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!



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

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 \$ _____
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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

"SNOWMOBILERS RESPECT LANDOWNERS - STAY ON THE TRAIL"

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

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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