



February 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Nominations Night
February 28 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post Akron, NY

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- Fundraising Committee**
Chairperson: OPEN
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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.

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What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Feb 28 at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron, NY Nomination Night

Next Board Meeting: Mar 14 at 7:30 PM at Main St Pub

Apparel: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! We now have pink t-shirts too!! Call 741-NESS !!

Bon Fire: Date... TBA...Just waiting for snow... we will post on our website and Facebook page.....

Dice Run: Date... TBA...Just waiting for snow... we will post on our website and Facebook page.....

Come on out and have some fun!

"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:

February: Stephen Kraatz

Congratulations!!

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

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!



President's Page

Hello Everyone,

Well as I am writing this, it looks like we are finally going to get some more snow to open the trails (fingers crossed). I am hoping we do, so we can get out and enjoy everybody's' hard work this year.

On another note about our trails, please stay off until we open them, thank you. You can check trail status on our website, Sno-Phone and now on Facebook! We now have a Facebook page. Check it out at: Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club. This is another way to keep up with the club activities, messages and trail conversations. Please, post some pictures when you are out riding or let us know how the conditions are. It is easy to upload comments and pictures. As of today we have 69 likes on our page. That's great!

Well this upcoming month is nomination month for some positions. President, vice president, secretary, treasurer and a few board members. So come on out to the February general meeting to nominate somebody or be nominated to this great club. Remember you must be nominated in February for the March elections. Also, you will need to be a member by February's general meeting in order to have a vote at the March election night.


Hopefully, we get the snow and I will see everyone out on the trails. So have fun out there and respect the landowner by staying on the trail.

Thank you all again!
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Board Meeting Minutes Summary Date: 1/10/13

1) Welcome:	
2) Comm.	<u>Topics:</u>
Legal	We had to get bids for our taxes due to the fact that we received a grant for our new groomer. We received 2 bids and we will be going with the bid submitted by Amato, Fox and Co. PC Accounting firm. Curt made a motion to go with Amato, Fox & co. for this year Jeff B.'s 2nded it. 12 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried.
Emergency	
Marketing and Advertising	1) January landowner winner is: Elinor Trapper 2) Any new ads? LOE, Countryside Collision & McNamara Ent. 3) Groomer boxes - are they all out? No, still have some to be delivered. Who would like to deliver them? 4) Advertising signs are up thanks to Randy and his coalminer's light!
Fundraising	1) Enjoy the City Books. sale recap- We sold 181 books. Randy is in the process of closing out the sale for this year. Top sellers include Mary Beth, Ray S., Jeff W., Lisa W., Sandy G., Mrs. Lacey, Bill P. and Bev S. Thanks to all for such a good year! Randy made a motion to pay Enjoy the city company \$1,172.00. Dan D. 2nded it, 12 in favor - 0 opposed. Rick will cut check. 2) Super raffle tickets - We need to sell more!
Social/Pubic Relations	1) NYSSA -take a friend snowmobiling week is Feb 9-18 2) Clarence Winter fest.. Jan 27th. We will be there if there is snow.... 3) Forum April 14-15 at Lake Placid. The forum for 2014 & 2015 will be in Rochester, NY. 4) Sled NY is the name of Nyssa's not for profit company.
Membership	1) How many members? 586. NYSSA is talking about raising the membership dues by \$10. This will be voted on at the Annual Forum.
Groomer/UTV Equipment	1) Yellow groomer. All good. 2) How did grooming go? We did just over 100 hours grooming! 3) Trails were cut wider around the mud holes. 4) Curt made a motion for a gift certificate for Bill dust for letting us work in his heated shop on the groomer. Jeff B. 2nded it. 12 in favor - 0 opposed. It's carried. Curt will take care of it.
Trail Landowner	1) Trail heads - All are up thanks to Bill P. 2) Anyone have any brown and yellow signs? Everyone took a few to install. Dan had map with intersection numbers for everyone. 3) Culvert on Al's trail? The owner is not is a hurry, we will wait till Spring. 4) Happy landowner where we installed new trail on Scotland. 5) Need a few reflectors on trailheads. All done.
Trail Guides	Came in... Al has them, tell him what you need. Pizza Inn took 18 maps.
Newsletter	1) Jan inserts are due Jan 12 by noon. Feb inserts need to be in by Feb 9 at noon since it is getting mailed. 2) We will mail out Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. 3) Sled of the month for Feb? Still available
Website	All good. A lot of hits since we got snow. How do people think the trail report page is going? All good.
Apparel	Stock is ok.
Safety/Ed	
Adopt-A-Hwy	Date for Spring: April 28

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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

This is for the general membership. There have been numerous complaints from landowners regarding snowmobilers riding the trail when there is barely enough snow to cover the grass, say nothing about protecting the crops that we ride on. Due to my club duties, all I can do is to listen and say we'll see what we (THE CLUB) can do. I want to ride as bad as the next one but I don't want the calls from unhappy landowners that make our trail system possible. Sorry for the same old story but I had to let it out. As this is being written, it is starting to snow with hope there will be enough to ride (trying to look on the brighter side). Thanks to all of you out there that help me out this season in getting the trails up, from landowners to members, that I call on. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP**

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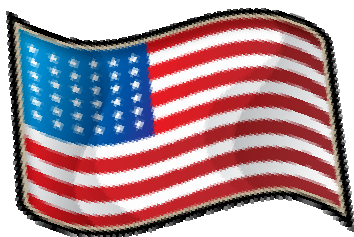


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<p>3) President: Dan</p>	<p>1) 1 meeting a month. Amjjaso 1 meeting. Ndjfm 2 meetings. 2) Dan's trail needs some work. All done. Thanks to Bill, David F., Dave W., Dan, Randy & Eric. 3) Which positions will be open for elections? See sheet for details..... 4) We lost \$100 per mile this year.</p>
<p>4) Vice President: Randy</p>	<p>RPT grant status - Press release and pictures need to be done. Noel from the State came out and took pictures of groomer and vin numbers for drag and machine. We can do our press release at any time, but we are waiting for a snowy day. We are still waiting for our last 10% hopefully by the end of the month.</p>
<p>5) Treasurer: Rick</p>	<p>Treasury Report. Al W. motioned to accept report. Ray S. 2nded it. 12 in favor - 0 opposed. No discussion. It is carried. Rick went thru the list of bills to be paid as read. Jeff B. motioned to accept report. Al W. 2nded it. 12 in favor - 0 opposed. Its carried.</p>
<p>6) Secretary: Mary Beth</p>	<p>1) Next Board meeting - Feb 14 at Marvin's if avail. 2) Next General meeting - Jan 31 at Tillman</p>
<p>7) Other:</p>	<p>1) Fed meetings: 70% checks have been cut, it will be awhile before we see our money. <u>Genesee</u>: You may hear of some misappropriated funds, there will be a press release in a few months regarding this. See NYSSA site for details. <u>Niagara</u>: <u>Erie</u>:</p>
<p>8) For the Good of the Club:</p>	<p>1) Sno-Cross - Feb 22-24 - In Salamanca, NY at the Allegany Casino. 2) DEC officers would like 3 free maps. Dan will contact if approved by board which it was, update contact and email info. 3) All the trails looked awesome, thanks to the groomer guys!! 4) Eric will do our Allstate signs with his GPS for Lat./long once the signs are up.</p>

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General Meeting Minutes Summary Date: 1/31/13

1) Welcome:	
2) Committee:	Topics:
Legal	We had to get bids for our tax returns this year due to winning our grant money for a new groomer. We put out two bids and decided to go with Amato & Fox accounting firm. It was approved at our last meeting.
Emergency Response	We received our Insurance Policy Handbook from NYSSA. We will make copies and keep in each groomer. If you would like a copy, download it from NYSSA's website.
Marketing and Advertising	1) January landowner winner: Elinor Trapper 2) Any new ads? not this month. 3) Groomer boxes - we have 1 out currently 4) Advertising signs are up thanks to Randy!
Fundraising	1) Enjoy the City Books. sale is completed, we did well this year. We still have 17 books. We could sell them for \$20 each and that would be pure profit. We are all set up for next year. 2) Super raffle tickets -lets sell them we get \$2.50 per ticket so let's sell them! The sale will continue for another month.
Social/Pubic Relations	1) Fed picnic date for next yr is July 14, 2013 2) NYSSA -take a friend snowmobiling week is Feb 9-18 3) SLEDNY is new name for NYSSA's not for profit company. We will be seeing more stuff from SLEDNY in the future. 4) Bon fire and Dice run - TBD... 5) We will need to renew our membership with the Farm Bureau.
Membership	1) How many members? 597. Our membership last year on 3/31/12 was 591.
Groomer/UTV Equipment	1) Did certificates come for groomer class? On the way 2) How did grooming go? We did just over 100 hrs! Thanks to our groomers! 2009 unit did about 52 hrs and 20 hrs on the other one. Our 2009 unit needs 2 new batteries. Curt will get information to Billy. 3) Trails were cut wider around water holes because we had a couple complaints. Sleds will now be able to ride around them. 4) The Ranger and Buggie are cleaned and ready to go.
Trail/Landowner	1) Trail heads - Randy took a look at our new trailheads. The signs look great and the signs had no effect from the winds that we had. If anyone wants to sponsor a trailhead, it's \$125.00 for 1 year. 2) Curt mentioned that we should put in for a stake order for next year. Oak ones are \$1.40 each/1000 stakes. Curt motioned to get 1000 stakes. Bill 2nds it. 17 in favor - 0 opposed. We will need to keep them dry and then paint them. Lath them so they will be dry before we paint them. Let Curt know what signs we need too so we can get the discount at the forum. Voss Signs has a good website to see sign samples. 3) Happy landowner where we installed new trail on Scotland. Thanks to Bill, Dan, Eric, David F., Randy and Dave W. We also put up Cross country skier signs. 4) We did get our funding amounts for this year but any additional trail miles were not approved across the state, not just to us, due to not enough sled registrations last year. We did get notification from our counties that Parks changed the rate per mile, Parks raised it by \$10/mile. Thanks Parks! 5) Eric will mark up the GPS signs when we get our next snow. Members mentioned that down south of us, the gps signs do not have coordinates, just intersections names.
Trail Guides	Guides are in. Let's put some in the groomers.
Newsletter	1) Feb inserts are due by Feb 9 by noon. 2) We will mail out Aug - Oct - Dec - Jan - Feb - Mar. 3) Sled of the month for Feb? Bev S, thanks Bev!
WebsiteFacebook	1) All good. A lot of hits since we got snow. 2) We now have a page on Facebook, check it out!

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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.

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Thanks to everyone who helped. We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members. Our Spring date will be April 28th.

Come on out and join in on the fun!



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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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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

The Phantom chooses to talk about trail etiquette. We all see snowmobiles with poor trail-side manners. This is quite possibly because we don't talk enough about them. What is acceptable and what is not.... in no particular order:

- 1) Crossing private property. This is a privilege, not your right. While the phantom maintains a stock exhaust system, he still attempts to slow down and keep his sled's noise to a minimum while passing peoples' houses. Why get them mad. Loud exhaust systems are out! They are not cool anymore. They are kids stuff. They are unnecessary also. There are plenty 175 horsepower sled out there that are quiet. Stealth is in...
- 2) What about waving to the property owner whose land you are crossing? This simple friendly act goes a long way in keeping trails open.
- 3) Stopping on the trail. Pull off the trail as far as you can safely, go and park in single file-not spread across the trail. Safety dictates you stop on a straight section of the trail so people can see you have stopped and hopefully they will slow down. Don't stop just before or after a curve or hill top.
- 4) Signal to on coming traffic that there are other people in your group behind you. Two schools of thought on this topic. Some say you should signal with fingers how many sleds are behind you or at least signal with a thumb that others are following if wearing mittens. Others say that your hand should never leave the handle bars thus lessening the chance you could lose control of your machine. There are those yellow and green handle bar mounted lights that the group leader and the last sledder in line would use-a nice idea if more people had them. The Phantom prefers hand signals. He like the idea of those warning lights but find them a little pricy-although cheap compared to a hospital stay-maybe a good gift idea for the Mrs. next Christmas present....The Phantom can go on and on about trail etiquette, but the moral of the story is a little patience, decency and common sense will improve your snowmobile experience and the image of snowmobilers in general.

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

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Sled of the month

In 1996 my husband bought a Ski-Doo Touring 2-up sled. We didn't get much time on it because it was spring time and the snow was melting. In 1997 he bought me my own touring 2-up. I had a lot of fun riding it. I wasn't the greatest driver but he learned to have patience with me. I loved riding my boys around when they were little, but over time they were big enough to ride by themselves. We sold both 2-up sleds and I got my first single seat, it was a Ski-Doo Formula Deluxe. I rode that for many years and then we decided to sell that one and now I ride a Ski-Doo GSX rev chassis. I love riding with my family though I probably don't go fast enough for them, but I'm not out for fast I'm out for the view.



My most memorable ride was with a friend who asked us to ride to the Lodge. That was a long ride for me since I just had surgery on my wrist a few months prior, but I enjoyed the beautiful view and the great food the Lodge served. My least memorable was I flipped over in a drainage ditch in North Java and was wet from head to toe. My wonderful husband was nice enough to give me some of his dry clothes for my very long ride home and boy, was it cold. I learned my lesson - always travel with extra clothing!

Bev 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@gmail.com and just maybe you will see your story in print!



Feb 28th: Nominations Mar 28th: Election Night

Come and make your vote count!!!!

Officer positions open:

President: Dan Dressel, Vice President: Randy Wdowka, Treasurer: Rick Johnson, Secretary: Mary Beth Kiesel, St. of Arms: Jeff Wilson and Trail Coordinator: Curt Watts. Officer positions are a 1 year term.

Current Board members:

Jeff Beers, David Faron, Bill Peronne, Frank Schroeder, Ray Somers, Randy Wdowka and Al Wolbert.

Board member position is a 2 year term.

Board members whose terms are up at the end of March are:

David Faron, Frank Schroeder and Randy Wdowka

Please come out and show your support.

All voters must be a member in good standing as of our February 28th meeting in order to be able to cast a vote at our Annual Election Night on March 28th.

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Break: 50/50	\$38 to Tim N. \$37 to club.
Apparel	No update.
Safety/Education	No update.
Adopt-A-Hwy	Date for Spring: April 28
3) President: Dan	1) 1 meeting a month. Amjjaso 1 meeting. Ndjfm 2 meetings. 2) Nominations will be at our next general meeting: Feb 28th. See below for details.
3) Vice President: Randy	RPT grant status - Press release and pictures need to be done. We are still waiting for our last 10%. We will email politicians 2 wks in advance. We will meet on Salt near the bike path.
4) Treasurer: Rick	Treasury Report: Mary Beth motions to accept report. Curt 2nds it. 17 in favor - 0 opposed. Bills to be paid: Ray S. motions to accept report. Jeff W. 2nds it. 17 in favor - 0 opposed.
5) Secretary: Mary Beth	1) Next Board meeting - Feb 14 at Marvin's 2) Next General meeting - Feb 28 at Tillman - nominations night. 3) March Board meeting - March 14 at Main St Pub. 4) March General meeting - Voting Night will be March 28th at the Tillman Post in Akron.
6) Other:	1) Fed meetings: Genesee: No meeting. there will have one next week. Niagara: Erie: Al went. 81,464 sleds have been registered as of 1/8/13. 98.2% of them are club members. If we call the DEC, they will enforce our "trail closed" issues. Dan will get them a map and emergency response contact form.
7) For the Good of the Club:	1) Sno-Cross - Feb 22-24 - In Salamanca, NY at the Allegany Casino. 2) Positions to fill: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trail Coordinator, St. of Arms, Board: David F., Frank S. and Randy W.



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 \$ _____
-
- 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?

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <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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