



July 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Combo Board/General Meeting
July 25th at the Tillman Post



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: Randy Wdowka
Vice President: Bill Peronne
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Board Member: David Faron
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Board Member: Bill Peronne
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member: Al Wolbert

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Emergency Response Committee
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Marketing & Adv Committee
Chairperson: Randy W.

Fundraising Committee
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Chairperson: Frank S.

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: Shannon L.

Website Committee
Chairperson: Robin C.

Apparel Committee
Chairperson: Shannon L.

Safety/Education Committee
Chairperson: Al O.

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee
Chairperson: Rick W.

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CLUB HEADLINES

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next Combo Board/General Meeting: July 25th at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron, NY All are welcome!

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

Newsletters: July and September will be emailed and on our website. August and October will be mailed.

Come on out and have some fun!

Find us on the web at:

www.snoseekers.com

Find us on our Facebook page:

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile 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:

July: Barbara Robinson

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

Hope everyone is having a good summer. The Clarence Center Labor Day Fair is fast approaching and we are planning to have a booth at the fair again this year. We need your help! If you have a few hours to spare over the Labor Day weekend to help please send us an email, call the sno-phone or come to a meeting where we'll have a sign-up sheet. Our next meeting will be at the Tillman Post in Akron on July 25th at 7:30 PM.

Hope to see everyone there.

Sled of the Month Page

- We are looking for your story...**
- Do you have a story about snowmobiling?**
- How many sleds have you had?**
- What's your favorite brand?**
- Do you like your track picked or not?**
- When did you started riding? Age?**
- Where was your favorite place you rode?**
- Do you have a funny story?**
- Any lessons learned?**



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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2013 - 7:30 pm

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| Officers present: President – Randy Wdowka Vice President – Treasurer – Al Wolbert Secretary – Robyn Cierniak | Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 9:00 PM 11 Present at meeting |
| 1. WELCOME: | Welcome by Randy W. There will be a lot of information to go over during meeting including upcoming events. |
| 2. COMMITTEE: | |
| a. LEGAL | Randy and Curt are working on updating letters of request to Towns. |
| b. EMERGENCY | No new info |
| c. MARKETING/ADVERTISING | June landowner winner is Paul Bedford. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New July landowner number was picked – Number 176 and August landowner number was picked – Number 104. Robyn C. will send out our gift cards. All current advertisers need to get advertising form. Advertising forms will be worked on in July |
| d. FUNDRAISING | City Books will be ordered as early as possible for upcoming year. Mid August for potential delivery. Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome. |
| e. SOCIAL/PR | The FED picnic date this year is July 14, 2013. Erie County request clubs run an event. Volunteers needed. Labor Day Fair—we need volunteers for fair. Sign up sheet is available. Booth and parade participation was discussed. Need to get word out that volunteers are needed. Possible updates to Facebook page and website are needed. Christmas party location, price and date for party to be looked into by Robyn C. Need to contact caterer with date for party. |
| f. MEMBERSHIP | - |
| g. GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT | Bill P. has the groomer loops/mileage loops completed. Trailer painting & Ranger service – Bill P. to contact Ray S. |
| h. TRAIL/LANDOWNER | Phase 1 paperwork for Erie County has been submitted. Bulk sign order to be submitted by 7/14/13. Paint for trail stakes is needed. |
| i. TRAIL GUIDES | Numerous trail guides left over. Not moving forward with sending with new membership applications. |
| j. NEWSLETTER | July newsletter contributions due July 13th at noon. July newsletter to be emailed. Newsletters are only mailed Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb and March. Need new mailing company. Costs to be researched by Shannon L. |
| k. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK | Robyn C. to contact Mary Beth for information on Facebook login info. |
| l. APPAREL | Shannon L. to be new chairperson for committee. Shannon to do inventory of merchandise. |
| m. SAFETY/EDUCATION | Sandy G. to check with Al & Camille O. on date for safety classes. |
| n. ADOPT A HIGHWAY | Randy W. to check on fall pickup date. |
| Break & 50/50 | No 50/50. |

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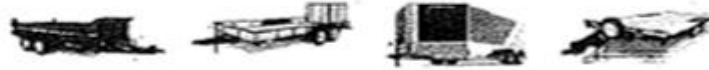
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In Need of Volunteers

NESS is looking for volunteers to work with our committee chairs on club activities. Check out the committees on Page 9, then come to a meeting to find out more. Can't make it to a meeting? Call the Sno-Phone at 741-NESS and leave a message. A couple of hours a month is all that is needed.

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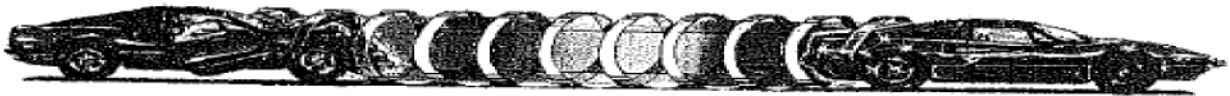
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Remember, we are open and on the trail. Ride in, have a drink, and get



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| 3. PRESIDENT REPORT (Randy) | <p>CRT Award in Washington was picked up by Jeff Freeland (representative from Chris Collins office) and will be sent to club.</p> <p>Vice President position vacancy discussed. Bill P offered to step up. Dave F. made motion to approve Bill P. as Vice President. Motion seconded by Shannon L. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>NESS Snow Phone will be looked into by Bill P. Robyn C. to make blank phone logs.</p> |
| 4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT | <p>None</p> |
| 5. TREASURER REPORT (Al) | <p>Treasury report given by Al. Robyn C. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Curt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>Bills to be paid: Dave F. made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Bill P. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p> <p>Signatories have been changed to President (Randy), Secretary (Robyn) and Treasurer (Al)</p> <p>Verizon bill direct pay will not be changed per Al.</p> |
| 6. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn) | <p>Next scheduled Combo meeting is July 25, 2013, 7:30 at the Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.</p> |
| 7. OTHER | <p>FED meetings Genesee County - No Report Niagara County – No Meeting Erie County – July 9th at VFW. Al to attend meeting. Randy/Curt/Dan/Al to discuss who will be attending upcoming meetings.</p> <p>Curt W. discussed NYSSA Super Raffle – deadline is Sept 9th. Club to donate \$250.00 to raffle (same as 2012)</p> |
| 8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB | <p>Trail workers party was held June 15th. Thank you to everyone involved in making the party a success!</p> <p>Old trail head tires to be discussed with Dave W. by Bill P.</p> <p>Sunday August 25th is Royalton Park Community days. Discussed club attending. Shannon L. to discuss with Town of Royalton.</p> |

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

I would like to thank all who showed up for the trail workers appreciation party and hope everyone was able to take home a prize. Many of you mentioned what you need for stake and signs to mark your section of trail. I have submitted the sign order so hopefully will have them in the next month or so. If you do not here from me, please contact me—once in a while I do need a reminder. Landowners—if there are any changes you want done to trail please let us know before season begins. THANK YOU to all!

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator



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 28th at 9:00am. It took 2.0 hours to get the job done.



Thanks to everyone who helped. We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members. Stay Tuned for information on the Fall Clean-Up Date...

Come on out and join in on the fun!



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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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
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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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| 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



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| Pink short sleeve t-shirt | S-M-L-XL | \$ 12 |
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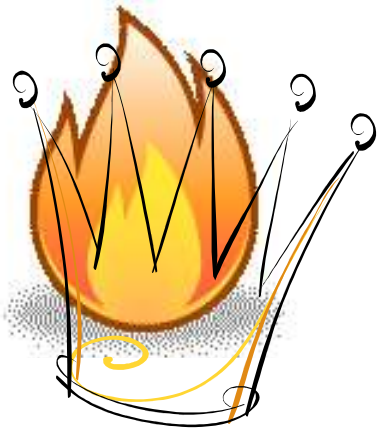
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel |
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Date _____



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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!

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