

August 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Combo Board/General Meeting August 29th at the Tillman Post

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Newsletter Committee Chairperson: Shannon L.

Website Committee Chairperson: Robyn 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: August 29th at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron, NY All are welcome!

Royalton Community Days: Sunday, August 25th from Noon to 4pm at the Royalton Ravine on Gasport Road. We will have a booth with membership forms, apparel, and Enjoy The City Coupon books.

<u>CCVFC Labor Day Fair</u>: Saturday to Monday at the Clarence Center Fire Department Grounds. Stop in to sign up for your membership, get some apparel for the season, or get an Enjoy The City coupon book.

Adopt-A-Highway: Sunday, October 27th. Meet at Niagara Label at 9am. Call the 741-NESS to sign up!

<u>Landowner and Club Christmas Party</u>: Save the Date—December 14th! Watch the newsletter for more details.

<u>Safety Course:</u> Saturday, December 21st. At Swormviille Fire Company. Check back for further details!

Newsletters: September and November will be emailed and on our website. October and December will be mailed.

Apparel: NESS apparel for sale. See page 13 for a list of items we have available and how to place your order.

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!!

<u>Website:</u> 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

Hi Everyone,

Now that it's August, Labor Day will be here before we know it. We are in the process of planning for our booth at the Clarence Center Labor Day Fair. If you are available to volunteer for a few hours over the weekend please send us an email, call the sno-phone or come to our next meeting at the Tillman Post in Akron on Thursday August 29th at 7:30 PM. While at he fair, stop by and renew your membership with the club and get your voucher to renew your snowmobile registration for the 2013/2014 season. Remember renewing your snowmobile registration early is very beneficial for all New York State snowmobiling.

We will be selling the Enjoy the City Books again this year. The books will be available to purchase at our next meeting and at our booth at the Labor Day Fair. Please consider purchasing one to support our club. If you are interested in selling the books for the club they will be available at our August meeting. With the winter season fast approaching we are always looking for volunteers. The success of the club relies on member support. If you or someone you know is interested in helping please join us at our monthly meetings or contact us at (716)741-NESS.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you at the next meeting!

Randy

"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:

August: Lorraine Cowan

 ${\it Congratulations!!}$







Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Date: July 25, 2013 - 7:30 pm Officers present: Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm President – Randy Wdowka Meeting ended at 8:30PM Vice President – 9 Present at meeting Treasurer – Al Wolbert Secretary – Robyn Cierniak Welcome by Randy W. 1. WELCOME: 2. COMMITTEE: a. LEGAL No new info b. EMERGENCY No new info *July landowner winner is Barbara Robinson. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this c. MARKETING/ADVERTISING month's winner. *All current advertisers need to get advertising form. Updates to the advertising forms will be worked on and sent out as soon as possible. City Books were ordered and should be delivered by August 15th. d. FUNDRAISING Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome. *The FED picnic date this year was July 14, 2013. Picnic was attended by e. SOCIAL/PR Randy W., Curt W., Mary Beth K. and Molly K. *Royalton Community Days will be attended by Shannon L. August 25, 2013 from 12-4PM. *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 needed. *Christmas Party is booked for December 14, 2013. Fees were discussed. Need to contact caterer with date for party. Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 15 new memberf. MEMBERSHIP ships so far this year. *Bill P. has the groomer loops/mileage loops completed. g. GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT *Ray S. to take care of trailer painting and deliver the Ranger for service. *Phase 2 submittal status is almost complete. Paperwork to be submitted by Auh. TRAIL/LANDOWNER gust 1, 2013. Niagara County and Genesee County agreements are still outstanding. Paint for trail stakes will be purchased and painting to begin soon. Bulk sign order is complete. No new info i. TRAIL GUIDES *August newsletter contributions due August 5th at noon. i. NEWSLETTER *July newsletter was emailed. August newsletters set to be mailed. Newsletters are only mailed Aug, Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb and March. Need new mailing company. Costs to be researched by Shannon L. Facebook and website info has been updated. Looking into other avenues for k. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK communication. Shannon L. new chairperson for committee. Shannon L. and Randy W. to look I. APPAREL into ordering new clothing (sizes of items need to be replenished) and potential new printing companies for merchandise. Safety course set for December 21, 2013 at Swormville Fire Company. Lunch m. SAFETY/EDUCATION options were discussed. Fall pickup date set for October 27, 2013. n. ADOPT A HIGHWAY No 50/50. Break & 50/50 Continued on Page 6

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Thank You!!!!

American Legion L.L. Tillman Post No. 900 For accommodating us for our General Meetings

9 Eckerson Ave. in Akron (that's were Rte 93 and the bike path meet).

Stop in for a meeting—the Tillman Post is on the trail

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3. PRESIDENT REPORT (Randy)	*CRT Award was delivered and presented at meeting. *NESS Snow Phone will be looked into by Bill P.		
	Bill P not in attendance but old trail head tire disposal was discussed. Dave W. to begin removing tires and rims as soon as possible.		
()	*Treasury report given by Al. Dave F. made a motion to accept report. Motion was sonded by Ray S Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. *Bills to be paid: Dave F. made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Curt Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.		
6. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn)	Next scheduled Combo meeting is August 29, 2013, 7:30 pm at Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.		
,, ormen	FED meetings – Niagara County – meeting was cancelled. Erie County – meeting was not attended. Genesee County – Dan D. is committed to attending meetings.		
CLUB	Thank you to everyone who attended the Federation Picnic in July. NESS Christmas Party discussed – Host/MC position was discussed between Bill P. and Eric G. Further discussion needed with Dan D., Randy W., Bill P. and Eric G.		

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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer - whether it is on vacation or just time spent home resting. Before you know it, another month will pass and school will start and we will be wondering where the time went. Enjoy the time left because the club will have a list of things to be done as the season gets closer. Stakes are already being painted for the season. A few sections of the trail are in need of a TRAIL CAPTAIN to make sure they get installed in a timely fashion. If anyone can help with this please contact me or the club. Also, for those landowners with winter crops or who would like changes to the trail please let the club know so we can get it done. And THANK YOU for your support of the club.

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator





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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. **<u>Legal Committee:</u>** Responsibilities include handling our by-laws, insurance, legal actions and correspondence.
- 2. <u>Emergency Response Committee:</u> 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.** <u>Social Committee:</u> 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. <u>Membership Committee:</u> 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.** <u>Trail/Landowner Committee:</u> 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.** <u>Trail Guides Committee:</u> Responsibilities include distribute maps to establishments and collecting \$.
- 11. <u>Newsletter Committee:</u> 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.** <u>Safety/Education Committee:</u> Responsibilities would include Setting up, organizing and running our courses and discussions at meetings.
- 14. <u>Adopt-A-Highway Committee:</u> Coordinate Fall & Spring clean-ups on Rt. 93 in Akron.

How do you want to 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.

Thanks again for all of your support.

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Adult: Ladies







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

Kids:

Blue short sleeve t-shirt S-M-L \$ 10
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Other items:

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Long sleeve nylon wind breaker navy blue \$ 25





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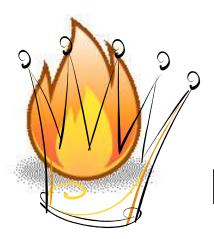
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- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please
 check our website for location but during the season, they're at American Legion Tillman
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