



September 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Combo Board/General Meeting
September 26th at the Tillman Post, 7:30 PM



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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Trail Guides Committee
Chairperson: Curt W.

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: September 26th at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron, NY. All are welcome!

Adopt-A-Highway: Sunday, October 27th. Meet at Niagara Label (corner of Rt. 93 and Hake Rd.) at 9 AM. Call the Sno-Phone (741-NESS) to sign up!

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

Safety Course: Saturday, December 21st. At Swormville Fire Company. Call the Sno-Phone to register. Check back for further details!

Don George's Open House: Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th. Stop in to renew your membership with NESS and get your voucher on Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

What's Going On Elsewhere...

Shawnee Grass Drags: Saturday, September 28th, at the Shawnee Firehall. Gates open at 8 AM.

Big East Power Sports Show: October 4th-6th. At the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse, NY. Check the NYSSA website for more details.

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

Hi Everyone,

As summer draws to a close, fall marks the start of the busy season for the club. If you have some time to spare and would like to help the club give the sno-phone a call, contact us through the website, or join us at one of our meetings.

Thanks to everyone who helped staff the booth at the Labor Day Fair. Several people stopped by to renew their memberships, join the club for the first time and purchase Enjoy the City books to support the club. Congratulations to the following raffle winners: Free Membership: Ray Fiegl, Free Shirt: Curtis Mohr, Free Shirt: Helen Kelkenberg. Thanks again to everyone who visited our booth!

Time to start thinking about our Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party to be held on December 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. If you or anyone you know would like to donate a gift for the Chinese Auction please call 741-NESS and leave us a message. Remember this party is to thank the Landowners who let us use their property for our trail system. So lets show our appreciation!

Our Safety Course this year will be December 21st at Swormville Fire Hall. Please call the sno-phone to register at 741-NESS. Thanks 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:

September: John R. Davis

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 29, 2013 - 7:30 pm

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| Officers present: President – Randy Wdowka Vice President – Bill Perrone Treasurer – Al Wolbert Secretary – Robyn Cierniak | Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:30PM 15 Present at meeting |
| 1. WELCOME: | Welcome by R. Wdowka. |
| 2. COMMITTEE: | |
| a. LEGAL | No new info |
| b. EMERGENCY | Need to update emergency contact list for 2013-2014 season. Revised list needs to submitted at September Erie Fed meeting. |
| c. MARKETING/ADVERTISING | August landowner winner is Lorraine Cowan. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked - #100. Robyn C. will mail letter to winner. Advertising invoices were mailed on August 4 th . Mail contained several advertising payments. |
| d. FUNDRAISING | City Books were delivered and are being distributed for sale. Curt W. made motion to send \$500.00 deposit/payment to City Books. Bill P. seconded motion. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome. |
| e. SOCIAL/PR | Royalton Community Days was 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. Christmas Party is booked for December 14, 2013. Fees were discussed. Caterer has been booked for the party and will be sending menu options for discussion. Bucks Swap Meet was discussed and will not be occurring this year. |
| f. MEMBERSHIP | Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 55 new memberships so far this year. |
| g. GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT | Both trailers have been painted – thank you Ray S! Ranger is being serviced for the season – thank you Dale B! Accessory rack for buggy was discussed. Ray S. made motion to purchase rack. Bill P. seconded motion. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. |
| h. TRAIL/LANDOWNER | Phase 2 paperwork has all been submitted. Any further agreements received to be forwarded to Counties. Amherst agreement has to go back before Town Board for approval. Per the Village of Akron asphalt trail at bridge over creek needs to be sealed. Bill P. to contact Jeff B. to see if sealer can be donated. |
| i. TRAIL GUIDES | Al W. to bring box of trail guides to Labor Day Fair to hand out. |
| j. NEWSLETTER | September newsletter contributions due September 15th at noon. August newsletter was mailed. Thank you Shannon L! September newsletter set to be emailed. Newsletters are only mailed Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb and March. |
| k. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK | Facebook and website info has been updated. Looking into other avenues for communication. |
| l. APPAREL | Shannon L. new chairperson for committee. Shannon L. inventoried merchandise. Shannon L. to look into ordering new clothing (sizes of items need to be replenished) and potential new printing companies for merchandise. |

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



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| m. SAFETY/EDUCATION | Safety course set for December 21, 2013 at Swormville Fire Company. Lunch options were discussed. Al & Camille will post info on NYSSA website. |
| n. ADOPT A HIGHWAY | Fall pickup date set for October 27, 2013. |
| Break & 50/50 | No 50/50. |
| 3. PRESIDENT REPORT | NESS Snow Phone was switched over – Thank you Bill P. Meeting schedule was discussed to stay with one meeting per month or go back to two meetings per month. Consensus was to stay with one meeting per month for time being. Federation meetings need to have a system setup for better attendance. |
| 4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT | Dick Beyer has offered up his new golf course facility as a potential future meeting location. |
| 5. TREASURER REPORT | Treasury report given by Al. One membership application received in mail contained a club donation as well. Curt W. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Dave F. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid: Dave F. made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Ray S.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. |
| 6. SECRETARY REPORT | Next scheduled Combo meeting is September 26, 2013, 7:30 pm at Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration. |
| 7. OTHER | FED meetings – Niagara County – Curt W. to attend next meeting. Erie County – Al W. to attend September 3 rd meeting. Genesee County – Dan D. to attend September 11 th meeting. |
| 8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB | Robyn C. to coordinate articles/information on club with NYSSA’s article in NY Snowmobiler Magazine. |

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Soon it will be time to install the trails for another season. I am planning a trail captains meeting to distribute signs, stakes and advice on trail marking. This will happen the first or second week of October. so keep watching the web site for date and place. If anyone has any changes or suggestions on how to improve a section of trail, please contact me or the club.

There are many spots on the trail that need help for install and tear down that may be close to where you live—if you can help please let us know,. Here are some of the sections that are looking for help: C4D Crosby to Riddle Rd ; Simms Rd to RT 93; S46 needs help from RT77 to Bunker Hill intersection; C4K from county line to intersection.

For those working on the trail, the club needs to know how many people helped and what equipment was used to get the job done. The club has two UTV'S that can be used for trail work, just call ahead of time to reserve one.

Landowners if you have any changes to the trail, such as more signs or staking the club would like to know before trail marking begins. As for, “When is a good time to start marking the trail?” This depends on the landowner, what crops are planted, and working around the hunting season (no one wants to be a target).

Thank You for your help.

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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 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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Attention Landowners:

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 baseball cap | one size fits most | \$ 12 |
| Pink fleece hat | one size fits most | \$ 12 |

Kids:

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We meet at Niagara Label near the corner of Hake and Rt. 93. If you would like to help - stop into our September meeting or leave a message on the sno-phone (741-NESS).

Come on out and join in on the fun!

Enjoy The City Coupon Books

The Club is selling Enjoy The City Coupon books for our fall/winter fundraiser. Each book is \$20 and has lots of great saving coupons for local restaurants and businesses. If you would like to buy one or help the club out and sell a few, stop into a meeting or call the Sno-Phone (741-6377).

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APRIL 2013- MARCH 2014

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| <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 |

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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!

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