



October 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Combo Board/General Meeting
October 24th at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post Akron, NY



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Club Headlines

Club Officers

- President:** Randy Wdowka
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- Secretary:** Robyn Cierniak
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- Board Member:** Shannon Landow
- Board Member:** Bill Peronne
- Board Member:** Frank Schroeder
- Board Member:** Ray Somers
- Board Member:** Al Wolbert

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- Legal Committee**
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Chairperson: Dan D.
- Marketing & Adv Committee**
Chairperson: Randy W.
- Fundraising Committee**
Chairperson: OPEN
- Social/PR Committee**
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: Robyn C.
- Apparel Committee**
Chairperson: Shannon L.
- 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 Combo Board/General Meeting: October 24th at 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron, NY All are welcome!

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

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

Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. Doors open at 5 PM. See Page 12 for more details.

Safety Course: Saturday, December 21st at the Swormville Fire Company. Call the Sno-Phone to register.

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

Newsletters: November through March will be mailed.

Come on out and have some fun!

Find us on the web at:

www.snoseekers.com

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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club

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,

On Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th, Don George's is having their annual open house. NESS will be there on Saturday from 10AM-4PM, So stop by and renew your membership and receive a voucher to register your snowmobiles. Then check out the latest and greatest for the up and coming season!

On Sunday, October 27th NESS will be picking up trash for the Adopt-A-Highway program. We will meet at Niagara Label (Corner of Lewis Rd (RT 93) and Hake Rd in Akron) at 9:00 AM. Call 741-NESS to sign up. This is a great way to help the club and do something good for the environment.

With fall upon us the busy season for trail work has arrived. Keep an eye on our website and the Trail Coordinator Report in the newsletter for info and up and coming work sessions. If you have some time to volunteer give us a call on the sno phone, contact us through the website, or join us at a meeting. There are so many different ways to lend a hand to give back to the sport we all enjoy, it may surprise you! Let us know what you can do.

Several of our members are currently selling the "Enjoy the City" books as a fund raiser for our club again this year. If you would like to sell or purchase the books - contact us, stop by at an event, or come to a meeting. These have been a great fund raiser for the club over the years and we appreciate your support.

We are having our annual Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party on December 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. This is always a great event and our way of saying thank you to the gracious Landowners who let us use their property for our trail system. If you or anyone you know would like to donate a gift for the Chinese Auction please call 741-NESS and let us know. Let's show our appreciation!

Thanks Again and Think Snow!

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Date: September 26, 2013—7:30 PM

Officers Present: President: Randy Wdowdka Vice President: Bill Perrone (absent) Treasurer: Al Wolbert Secretary: Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM Meeting ended at 8:45 PM 14 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by R. Wdowka.
2. COMMITTEE:	
A. LEGAL	No new info
B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE	Emergency Contact list for 2013-14 season has been updated
C. MARKETING AND ADVERTISING	September landowner drawing winner was John R. Davis. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked for October Landowner Drawing #56, Samuel Yoder. Robyn C. will mail letter to winner. Advertising forms are available. We've had good response this year with mailing the advertising invoices.
D. FUNDRAISING	Enjoy the City books are here and are being distributed for sale. NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets need to be ordered. Rick J. will do the order of +/- 200 tickets. Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome.
E. SOCIAL/PR	Labor Day—Thanks to all who stepped up to help with the booth. Don George's Open House is Fri. Oct. 25th and Sat. Oct. 26th. NESS will be there Saturday from 10Am-4PM (see sign up sheet). Christmas Party—Dec. 14th Newstead Fire Hall, Nancy and Bill P. to chair the committee. Eric and Sue G. will help. We will need more people to help out this year.
F. MEMBERSHIP	Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 129 new memberships so far this year.
G. GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Both UTV's and trailers are ready to go. Call Bill P/Curt W. to reserve them for trail work.
H. TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed Utely Rd. Bridge material estimate. Motion was made by Dave F. to purchase materials to redeck bridge. Seconded by Curt W. Voted unanimous—aye. Carried. Discussed Trail Captains meeting set for October 10, 2013, 7pm at Marvin's Bar & Grill.
I. TRAIL GUIDES	No update.
J. NEWSLETTER	October newsletter contributions due October 13th at noon. September newsletter was emailed. Thank you Shannon L! October newsletter will be emailed. Discussion on what months to mail newsletters—should be 6 months. Aug, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, and March.

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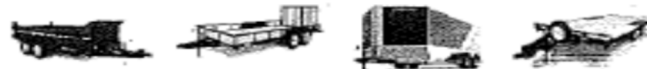
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Attention Landowners:

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.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Without your generosity, we wouldn't have these wonderful trails.

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Here it is another season under way and members are now out there checking with landowners on where to make changes for marking. Also, there is some brushing and trimming being done in areas that are badly in need of it.

I would like to thank the bridge crew and everyone else that helped out for another job well done. There was a good turn out for the trail captains meeting. I hope every one got what they needed for signs and info. Just as a reminder, keep checking with the landowners for any changes. Landowners—thank you for your participation and we hope to see you all at the appreciation party. **THANK YOU!**

CURT WATTS 435-7068



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. Our Fall clean up will be on Sunday, October 27th at 9:00 am. It takes about 2 hours to get the job done.



We meet at Niagara Label near the corner of Rt. 93 and Hake Rd. If you would like to help—stop into the October meeting or leave a message on the Sno-Phone (741-NESS/6377).

Come on out and join in on the fun!

Enjoy our snowmobiling season!



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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

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K. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info has been updated. Looking into other avenues for communication.
L. APPAREL	Shannon L. chairperson for committee. Shannon L. inventoried merchandise. No new updates.
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 Sunday, October 27, 2013. Meeting at Niagara Label at 9 am. Rain dates will be announced if necessary.
50/50 and Break	No 50/50
3) PRESIDENT REPORT:	We now have the rest of the club files, signs, event boxes, tent, table, etc. Give Randy a call if anyone needs anything. We have had some new people offer to help the club and we are forming a list. Details on gifts for Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party were discussed.
4) VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:	No report
5) TREASURER REPORT:	Treasury report given by Al W. Dave F. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Curt W. 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 General Meeting October 24th, 7:30 PM at Tillman. November meeting will be 11/21/13 at Marvin's. Both meeting dates are a week earlier than normal due to holidays. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.
7) OTHER:	FED meetings - Niagara County—Curt W. to attend the next meeting. No meeting in September. Erie County—Al w. cannot attend October 1st meeting. Al W. said the location was moved to Hamburg VFW Post 1419. Changes in signage were discussed. Old Forge Rail Road bed trail was discussed at meeting to be made into multi-use recreation trail. More info to come. Seneca Niagara Casino Sno-Cross is set for 2/7, 2/8 and 2/9/14. Genesee County—meeting was cancelled.
8) FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:	Shawnee Grass Drags, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Don George's Open House Fri, Oct. 25th and Sat, Oct 26th. Big East Powersports Show Oct. 4-6th, Syracuse. NESS's old vinyl machine was discussed as to what to do with it. Groomer donation boxes were discussed as to when and where to display. Dave F. discussed possibility of getting NYSDOT to install a snowmobile crossing sign on Rt. 93. Dave F. to contact NYSDOT.



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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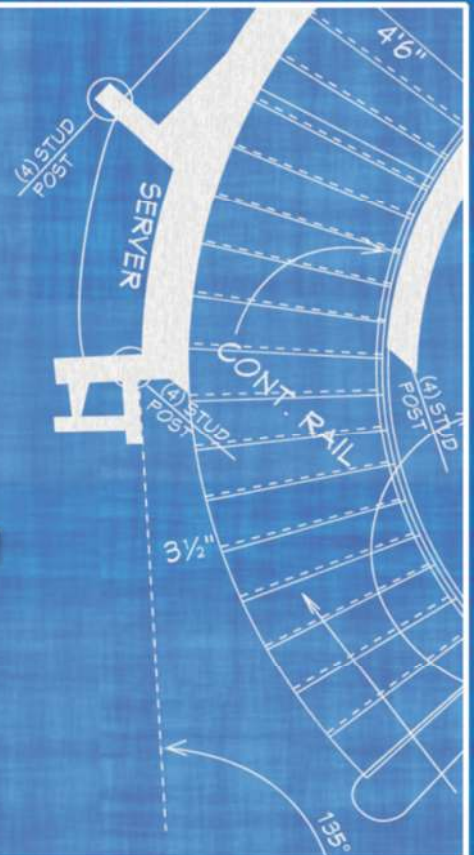
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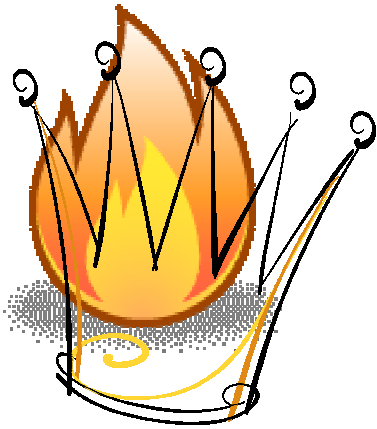
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Signature _____ Date _____



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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!

- 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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