



November 2013 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Combo Board/General Meeting
November 21st at 7:30 PM at Marvin's Bar & Grill

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Chairperson: Curt W.

Trail Guides Committee
Chairperson: Curt W.

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Chairperson: Shannon L.

Website Committee
Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee
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Safety/Education Committee
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Chairperson: Rick W.

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What's Going On With Our Club...

Next Combo Board/General Meeting: November 21st at 7:30 PM at Marvin's Bar & Grill Clarence Center, NY (Goodrich and Wolcott Rds). All are welcome!

Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. Doors open at 5 PM. There will be face painting available from 5-7 PM. Have your favorite character or design in mind. See Page 10 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!! See Page 13 for items and pricing. Call 741-NESS !!

Newsletters: November through March will be mailed.

Enjoy The City Coupon Books: Our fall/winter fundraiser is now going on. 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).

Find us on the web at:
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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,

It's hard to believe November is here already. With a little luck we should see our first snow soon, which usually gets everyone excited for the snowmobiling season ahead. Hopefully Old Man Winter has a talk with Mother Nature and works a deal to send some snow our way, because our area is long over due.

Our Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party is fast approaching on December 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall, doors open at 5:00PM. If you or anyone you know would like to donate a gift for the Chinese Auction please call 741-NESS and let us know. This is always a great event, and from all of us at NESS, THANK YOU LANDOWNERS! We'll see you at the party.

We still have the "Enjoy the City Books" available to sell or buy. If anyone is interested, contact us and we'll take care of your requests.

We are having our annual Safety Course on December 21st at the Swormville Fire Hall. Please call the Sno Phone to register. Lunch will be provided for all in attendance. Parents are encouraged to remain at the course with their children. This is a very informative course for snowmobilers of all ages.

Thanks Again and Think Snow!
Randy

Enjoy our snowmobiling season!



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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: October 24, 2013

Officers Present: President: Randy Wdowdka Vice President: Bill Perrone Treasurer: Al Wolbert Secretary: Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:50 pm 22 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by R. Wdowka.
2. COMMITTEE:	
A. LEGAL	No new info
B. EMERGENCY RESPONSE	No new info
C. MARKETING AND ADVERTISING	October Landowner Drawing winner was Samuel Yoder. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked for November Landowner Drawing #46 Jeremiah Ranch. Robyn C. will mail letter to winner.
D. FUNDRAISING	Enjoy the City books are here and are being distributed for sale NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets were ordered and may be available by the November Erie Fed meeting Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome.
E. SOCIAL/PR	Don George's Open House is Fri. Oct. 25th and Sat. Oct. 26th. NESS will be there Saturday from 10AM-4PM Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party is Dec 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. Nancy and Bill P. to chair the committee. Nancy P. gave report - Caterer is booked and menu will be set once closer to the party date. Donations are still needed for Chinese Auction. Any help or volunteers are welcome.
F. MEMBERSHIP	Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 160 new memberships so far this year. Rick J. gave report on new NYS DMV requirements for sled registrations. DMV will not be accepting blank or hand written vouchers for the 2014-2015 season.
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	Utley Rd Bridge has been replaced. Thank you to the crew that did the work. Trail Captains meeting was held on October 10, 2013 at Marvin's Bar & Grill. Signage was primarily discussed and need for additional sign order to mark culverts. Trail work to start soon. Bike Path trail installation dates were discussed.
I. TRAIL GUIDES	No update
J. NEWSLETTER	November newsletter contributions due November 5th at noon. October newsletter was emailed. November newsletter will be mailed.

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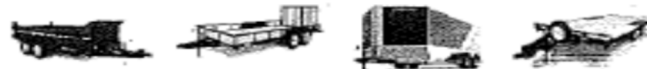
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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

The time has come to get the trails installed for another season. So far I have been getting calls on reserving the clubs UTV's and to date things are going well. There still are sections of the trail system that need new trail captains to replace members that can not do it again for this season. Please remember to stay in contact with the landowners to keep the trails where they want them. Landowners, I hope everything is going well and that you can make it to the appreciation party in December. Thank you to the landowners and members that make this all happen.

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator



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K. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info has been updated. Looking into other avenues for communication.
L. APPAREL	No report but merchandise stock is getting depleted. Shannon L. to look into alternate printing companies for pricing.
M. SAFETY/EDUCATION	Safety course set for December 21, 2013 at Swormville Fire Company. Lunch options were discussed. Al O. gave a report on class and need for additional instructors to volunteer.
N. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY	Fall pickup date set for Sunday October 27, 2013. Meeting at Niagara Label at 9am. Rain dates would be announced if necessary.
50/50 and Break	50/50 drawing was held.
3) PRESIDENT REPORT:	Reminder to all trail captains, during upcoming trail work, Erie County needs to be notified in advance for any work on County property. Trail signing class was held on October 17th at Genesee Sno- Packers Barn. Attended by Randy W., Bill P. and Curt W.
4) VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:	Don George's Sport Center Open House is Oct 25th and 26th NESS will be represented from 10am to 4pm and volunteers are needed for event. Bill P. would also like to have pictures taken at upcoming NESS events and add to website, Facebook and newsletters.
5) TREASURER REPORT:	Treasury report given by Al. Dave F. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Ray S.. 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 November 21st, 7:30PM at Marvin's Bar and Grill in Clarence Center. Meeting date is a week earlier than normal due to holiday. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.
7) OTHER:	FED meetings – Niagara County – Curt W. to attend next meeting. Main discussion on sled registration vouchers. Erie County – November meeting to be attended by Randy W. Genesee County – Meeting was attended by Dan D. Randy to report – NYSSA is working on new trails in Adirondacks. Filers fee to be held by Gen Fed from NESS contract amount. Allstate Insurance made a donation to NYSSA. Vintage Sled registration bill was stopped in the legislature this year. More info to come on GPS units for each groomer next month. Dec 18th will be trail opening date.
8) FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:	Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party set for Dec 14th at 5pm. Donations are needed! Frank S. brought up that Rapids Volunteer Fire Hall would like NESS to participate in a winter rescue drill this season. More info to come as date of drill approaches.



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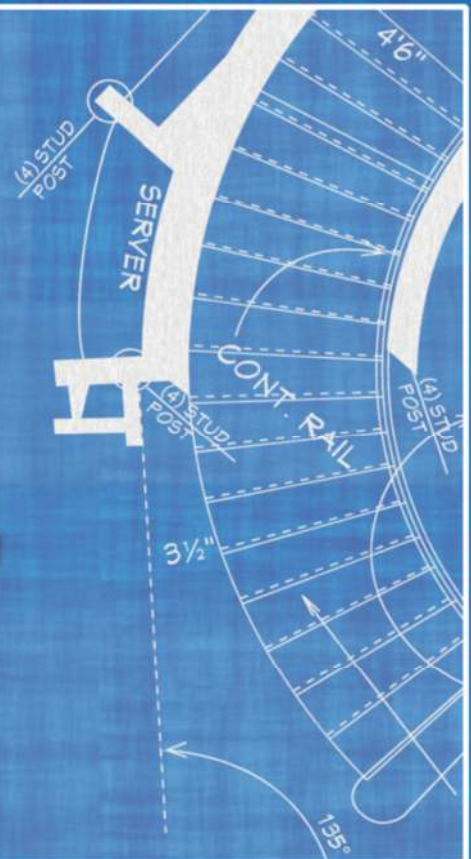
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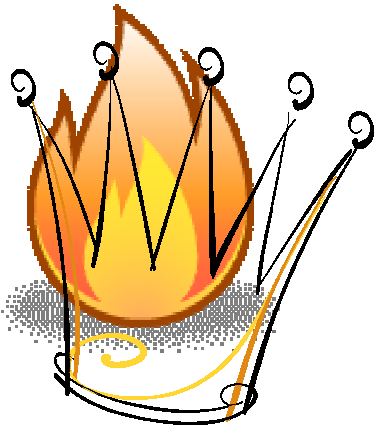


Here are our committees!

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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- 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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