

# January 2014 Newsletter

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#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

Combo Board/General Meeting January 30th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post (9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

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Board Member: David Faron
Board Member: Shannon Landow
Board Member: Bill Peronne
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
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**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: January 30th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY. If trails are open, stop in to the meeting while you are out riding. All are welcome!

<u>February Combo Board/General Meeting</u>: February 27th at 7:30 PM. Watch the website or Facebook for the location. All are welcome!

<u>Safety Week</u>: January 18th - 26th, International Snowmobile Safety Week.

<u>Take A Friend Snowmobiling</u>: February 8-17th is Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week. Support our sport and encourage a new generation of riders.

**Apparel:** We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! See Page 13 for items and pricing. Call 741-NESS!!

<u>East Coast Snocross:</u> February 7th -8th at Seneca Alleghany Casino & Hotel. www.eastcoastsnocross.com for more details and schedule of events.

Find us on the web at: www.snoseekers.com

Find us on our Facebook page:
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!!

<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,

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. December was a busy month for the club and the weather was a little on the unsettled side, with the snow, rain, freezing rain, and then the flooding up in the North towns over Christmas.

Our Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party was Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Newstead Fire Hall. We had a great turnout even with the snowstorm that hit the area that day. A big thanks to everyone who donated gifts for the Chinese Auction, and to everyone from the club that helped to make it a success again this year. Most importantly, thank you to all the landowners who continue to allow us to use their property for our trail system!

On Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> we had our Snowmobile Safety Course at Swormville Fire Company. We had 41 students take the course and most were accompanied by a parent for the day, which was great. This course offers a lot of information which is a great refresher for any snowmobiler. Again, many thanks to everyone from the club and the Swormville Fire Company for giving their time to help put on this course and make it a success!

So far this season we've been able to open the trails on a few occasions with limited conditions. Let's hope the weather will change and give us a little longer period of cold and snow. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page or call the sno-phone for the most up to date conditions. It would be great if we could string a few weeks of riding together instead of just a few days.

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is the tentative date for the club bonfire this year. The location will be at the Destroyer Golf Course, 7065 Sand Hill Rd, Akron NY, 14001, at 5:00 pm. The owners were kind enough to offer us the use of their new facility this year which is also accessible by autos. This location is on trail S41B on the east side of Sand Hill Rd. No snow date? Keep an eye on the website, Facebook page or call the sno-phone.

Finally, next month we will be having nominations for the following positions in the club: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sargent of Arms, and 4 Board positions. We are also looking for a new membership chairperson. If you or anyone you know are interested, come to the February general meeting to get nominated. You must be nominated in February to be eligible for the March election!

Thanks Again and Think Snow! Randy

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## **Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary**

Date: December 19, 2013

Officers Present:	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm			
President: Randy Wdowdka	Meeting ended at 9:10 pm 18 present at meeting			
Vice President: Bill Perrone	18 present at meeting			
Treasurer: Al Wolbert				
Secretary: Robyn Cierniak				
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by R. Wdowka.			
2. COMMITTEE:				
LEGAL	No new info			
EMERGENCY	Info for Dan K.			
MARKETING/ADVERTISING	December Landowner Drawing winner was Lynn Gedraitis, Jr. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked for January Landowner Drawing #37 – Chester Covel. Robyn C. will mail letter to winner.  Newsletter Ads were discussed.			
FUNDRAISING	Enjoy the City book sales are almost over. Sales should be closed by January meeting. Approval for second payment.  NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets are available for pickup after meeting.  Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome.			
SOCIAL/PR	Landowner Appreciation/Christmas Party was Dec 14th at the Newstead Fire Hall. Nancy P. and Bill P. gave recap of party. Thank you to all the guests, members and volunteers that made the party fun for all! Upcoming winter events will be scheduled depending on snow amounts. Destroyer Golf Course has volunteered a location for a bonfire. Several weekends in January and February are "earmarked" but date will depend on snow amounts.			
MEMBERSHIP	Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 430 new memberships as of 12/19/13.			
GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Both UTV's and trailers are ready to go. Call Bill P/Curt W. to schedule them for trail work. Groomers are to be serviced. Bill P to schedule time to for minor service to groomers.			
TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Curt W. gave report. Trail up to Rte. 78 marked. Raymond Rd well marked. Terry's Corners bridge decking repair set for 12/21/13. Trail head signs to be put up 12/21/13. Ransom Road pedestrian bridge in Clarence discussed and will be kept closed.  Curt W. needs to know exactly how many hours of work is put into any and all trail work for inclusion into Phasing/Grant money process.  Issue with trail near Sescil's Farm on Buckwheat Road and Gaik's on S. Newstead Road was discussed.			
TRAIL GUIDES	Trail Guides are available. Discussion on where to distribute, info on where to obtain on website/Facebook.			

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## **Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary Continued**

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NEWSLETTER	January newsletter contributions due January 11th at noon. December newsletter was both mailed and emailed as per member requests. January newsletter will be also be mailed and emailed as requested. Thank you Shannon L. and Robyn C.			
WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info has been updated. New pics added as available. Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.			
APPAREL	No report but merchandise stock is getting depleted. Merchandise was offered for sale under reduced prices at Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party.			
SAFETY/EDUCATION	Safety course set for December 21, 2013 at Swormville Fire Company. Club to provide lunch. Approximately 30 students have signed up. Four instructors have volunteered.			
ADOPT A HIGHWAY	Spring pickup date was set for 4/27/14.			
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.			
3. PRESIDENT REPORT (Randy)	Landowner Requests. Discussion on notifying landowners prior to trail work on private property.  Advertising reimbursement for Marvin's Bar & Grill was discussed.			
4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)	None			
5. TREASURER REPORT (AI)	Treasury report given by Al W. Jeff W. made a motion to accept report. Motion was seconded by Ray S. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid: Ray S. made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Curt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. New bill – Curt W. made motion to pay next installment for City Books. Motion was seconded by Shannon L. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.			
6. SECRETARY REPORT (ROBYN)	Next General Meeting January 30th, 7:30PM at Tillman Post in Akron. Next four meeting dates have been booked at the Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.			
7. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County – Meeting on 12/10/13 attended by Curt W. and Randy W. Curt gave report. Erie County – Al W. gave summary of December meeting. Main issue discussed is GPS data for trail work will not expire after two (2) years. More info to come. Genesee County – no report.			
8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	A new option for barrels on the Bike Path was discussed. A test of the new system is needed before implementing it for next year.			



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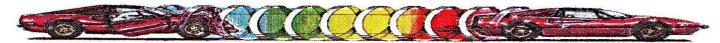
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#### FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Thank you to all who helped out on the last minute trail install. Please keep watching the website and facebook for current trail conditions and needed trail work that comes up. The club is looking for help on doing a current GPS on the whole trail system, if interested please contact the club. To the landowners, thank you for your patience as we work on getting problems fixed as guickly as possible as they arise. Hopefully, mother nature will help us out yet this season to keep the trails open for more than just a few days at a time. Attention riders on the trail, if you see a problem on the trail and you cannot fix it yourself please contact the club. THANK YOU

> **CURT WATTS 435-7068 Trail Coordinator**



Watch the website or Facebook for trail conditions.
Please do not ride on closed trails!

NANCY FALKER MANAGER

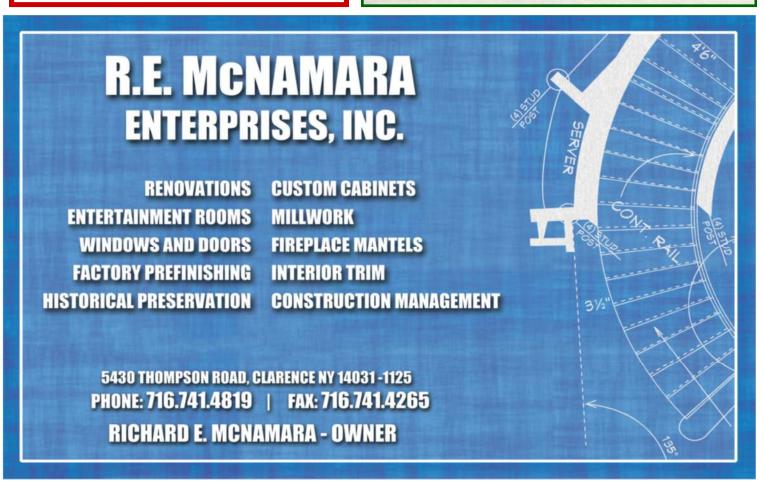




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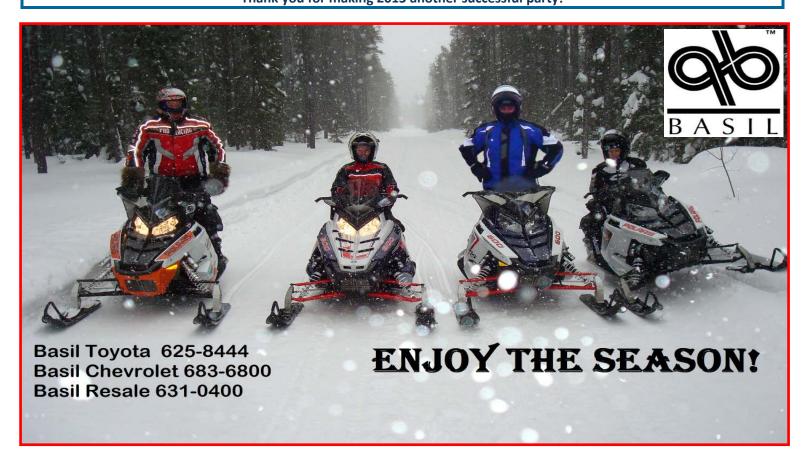
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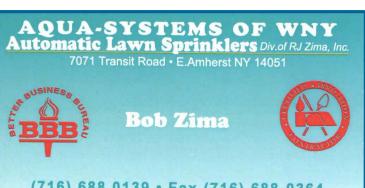
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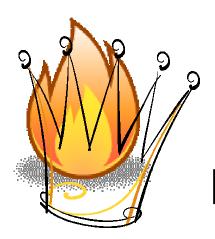
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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. (NESS) was established in 1973 and has been promoting the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles ever since. We are a 100% volunteer, 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization serving 3 counties and the communities of: Clarence, Newstead, Amherst, Akron, Alden, Lancaster, Pembroke, Lockport, Gasport, Royalton and Hartland.

- 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: <u>WWW.SNOSeekers.com</u>

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 <a href="https://www.nyssnowassoc.org">www.nyssnowassoc.org</a> (be sure to choose NESS as the club), bring this application to the monthly meeting or mail it to the above address.