



February 2014 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Combo Board/General Meeting
February 27th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post
(9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

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Secretary: Robyn Cierniak
Treasurer: Al Wolbert
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Trail Coordinator: Curt Watts
Board Member: Jeff Beers
Board Member: David Faron
Board Member: Shannon Landow
Board Member: Bill Peronne
Board Member: Frank Schroeder
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member: Al Wolbert

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Chairperson: Bill P.

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Chairperson: Randy W.

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Membership Committee

Chairperson: Rick J.

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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: February 27th 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!

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

Nominations and Elections: Nominations for the officers and 4 board seats will be held on February 27th. Elections for these positions will be on March 27th.

Nominations: Nominations for the Officers and open Board seats will be on February 27th at the General Meeting. Please come to the meeting if you would like to run and have your name on the ballot for March elections.

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

Elections: Elections for the Officer and open Board seats will be on March 27th. Stop into the meeting and vote.

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!!



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,

Hope everyone has had the chance to get out on the trails for a ride. We finally got the cold and snow that everyone has been hoping for and we've been able to open the trails for several consecutive days. Most of these weather systems have been accompanied by strong winds which have made it a challenge to build a base in the fields before the wind blows the snow into the hedgerows. A big thanks to the groomer operators for working with what we've been given and for all the nights they've spent out there making the trail conditions better for all of us to ride on.

Sunday, February 9th was our club bonfire at the Destroyer Park Golf Course on 7065 Sand Hill Road, in Akron NY. It was a great day for snowmobiling with light snow most of the day and good snow cover. We had a great turn out and it was nice to see everyone stop by while out enjoying the trails. We would like to extend our thanks to the Beyer and Jones families for providing us with their new facility to host our event. I would encourage everyone to stop by this summer and check out their unique golf experience. We would also like to thank those who donated items for this event and to everyone who helped out to make it a success.

Finally, February is nomination month for the club. If you or anyone you know is interested in being nominated for any of the following positions in the club; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sergeant at Arms, or a Board Member, come to the meeting to get nominated. We are also looking for a Membership Chairperson. You must be a member of the club by the February meeting to be eligible to be nominated and to vote in the March elections. Nominations will be closed for the March election at the end of the February meeting.

Thanks Again and Think snow!
Randy

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: January 30, 2014

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 11 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by R. Wdowka.
2. COMMITTEE:	
LEGAL	No new info
EMERGENCY	NESS was called and put on standby during the January Blizzard
MARKETING/ADVERTISING	January Landowner Drawing winner was Chester Covell. Robyn C. sent out a letter to this month's winner. New number was picked for January Landowner Drawing #199 – Robert Wilson. Robyn C. will mail letter to winner.
FUNDRAISING	Sales of the Enjoy the City books sales are finished. We sold 173 books. Authorization for Final Payment discussed. Motion to pay bill for City Books made by Bill P. Motion was seconded by Al W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. NYSSA Super Raffle Tickets are available for pickup after meeting. Any new ideas for fundraising are welcome.
SOCIAL/PR	Club Bonfire scheduled for scheduled for February 1 st at Destroyer Golf Course, 7065 Sand Hill Road, Akron. Setup and prep for event was discussed.
MEMBERSHIP	Membership Committee is looking for Chairperson. We have 525 new memberships as of 1/29/14.
GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Both UTV's and trailers are ready to go. Call Bill P/Curt W. to reserve them for trail work. Groomers have been out on trails, approximately 200 miles put on by 1/29/14 between all 3 groomers.
TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Curt W. gave report. 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. Needs members/workers to double check hours.
TRAIL GUIDES	Trail Guides are available. Discussion on where to distribute, info on where to obtain on website/Facebook.
NEWSLETTER	February newsletter contributions due February 8th at noon. January 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.

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary Continued

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WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info has been updated. New pics added as available. Trail Status is posted to website Trail Report, Facebook, and Forum. Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcier-niak@gmail.com .
APPAREL	Shannon L. is receiving quotes for printing new merchandise items.
SAFETY/EDUCATION	Safety course was December 21, 2013 at Swormville Fire Company. Club provided lunch. 41 students attended course. Thanks to everyone that 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)	Nominations are held in February. Positions open for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Coordinator, Sgt at Arms, 4 Board Member positions and a Membership Committee Chairperson. To be eligible for position, member must be nominated in February for March elections. The Club has received a few phone calls from Landowners about riders not staying on trails. We need to be proactive in educating riders to stay on trails or we will lose them.
4. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)	None
5. TREASURER REPORT (AI)	Groomer House Fund and Officers Liability Insurance discussed. Treasury report given by AI W. 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 Curt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
6. SECRETARY REPORT (ROBYN)	Next General Meeting February 27th, 7:30PM at Tillman Post in Akron. Next three meeting dates are booked at the Tillman Post. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration.
7. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County – Meeting cancelled. Erie County – Meeting was rescheduled. Genesee County – Meeting cancelled.
8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	Bonfire scheduled for February 1, 2014 at 6pm. Colden Trail Riders Vintage Ride scheduled for February 1, 2014. Registration starts at 8:30am. East Coast SnoCross is scheduled for February 7 th and 8 th at the Seneca Alleghany Casino & Hotel. Kissing Bridge Hill Climb is scheduled for February 16 th



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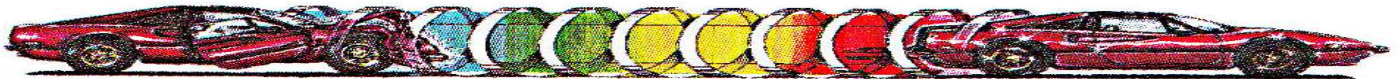
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FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

Thank you to all the landowners and club members who have helped me and the club so far this season. I know sometimes I may be a little short on the phone, but one would be amazed at some of the calls I get. I would just like to remind all riders to **PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAIL** so the club will continue to be allowed permission from the current landowners for next season. Hope everyone will be able to get out and enjoy what we all put a lot of time into to keep this a great sport. Now that's enough from me, at this time I'm getting on my sled to put some miles on and enjoy.

CURT WATTS 435-7068
Trail Coordinator



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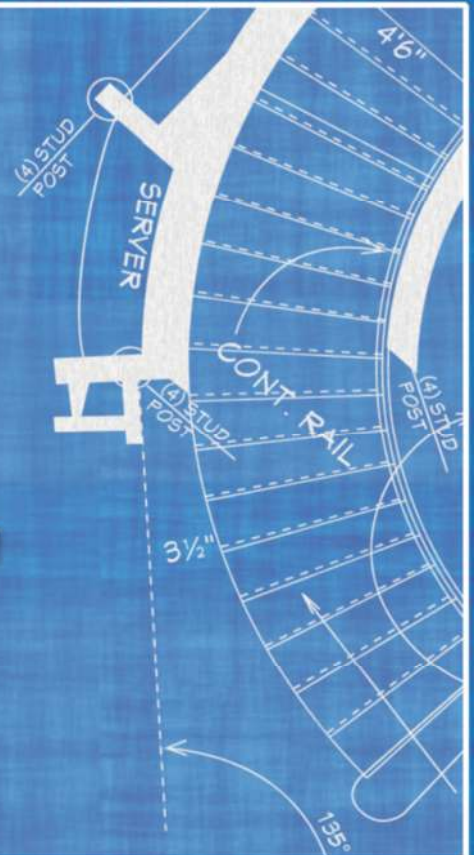
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
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Blue hooded sweatshirt	S-M-L-XL	XXL-XXXL	\$ 32 / \$ 34
Blue baseball cap	one size fits most		\$ 12
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Blue skull cap	one size fits most		\$ 12

Adult: Ladies



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

Kids:

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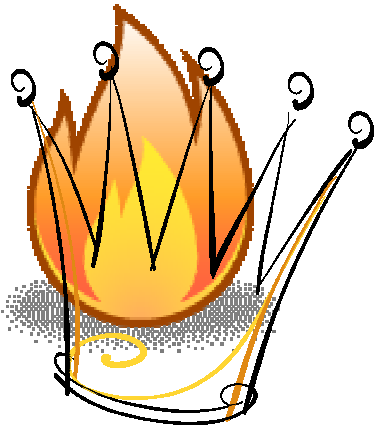
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