



# December 2014 Newsletter

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**  
Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post  
(9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

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## Club Headlines

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#### **Legal Committee**

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#### **Fundraising Committee**

Chairperson: Open

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#### **Trail Guides Committee**

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#### **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.

**Sno-Phone: 741-NESS**

### What's Going On With Our Club...

**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

**January Combo Board/General Meeting:** Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30 PM. Location TBD.

**February Combo Board/General Meeting:** Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 PM. Location TBD.

**Apparel:** We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! Our stock of Short Sleeve T-shirts has been replenished. Other styles and sizes subject to availability. See Page 12 for details. Call 741-NESS !!

**Fundraising:** 2015 "Save Around Buffalo" Coupon Books are in. If you would like to purchase one or sell a few for the club contact the Sno Phone at 741-NESS or stop into a meeting.

**Landowner Appreciation/Club Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Newstead Firehall at 5:00 PM. Landowners free with coupon, club members \$10. Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, lots more.

**Super Raffle Tickets:** Super Raffle tickets are in! \$5 gets you a chance to win one of the 50 great prizes on the ticket. Stop into a meeting or contact the Sno-Phone if you would like to get a raffle ticket or sell some for the club.

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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 and welcome to the start of winter!

Mother nature has already shown us that she means business this year by providing parts of our area with over 5 ft of snow in November. During this massive lake effect snow event we were asked by emergency leaders in Erie County if we could provide assistance to help rescue people in the hardest hit areas by using some of our groomers. Of course we immediately responded by sending out both of our Piston Bully groomers into the Lancaster and Cheektowaga areas. Both machines were out a full 24 hours and at one point they were both on the NYS Thruway all the way to the Hamburg area! Several people were rescued from stuck vehicles, doctors were taken to hospital and several emergency buildings such as fire departments were cleared out of snow so personnel could access the buildings. The help that our machines and groomers from other clubs provided proved to be invaluable during this event. A huge thank you to Bill Peronne and Rich McNamara for spending an entire day into the night operating the machines and helping out dozens of people. Please remember that on Saturday Dec 13 we will be having our annual Landowner Christmas party at the Newstead Fire Hall. Starting time is 5 pm. Also remember that the snowmobile trail official opening date is December 17, 2014 with appropriate conditions.

Thanks, and pray for snow!

Al Wolbert



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This is a great fundraiser for our club and New York State trail! If you'd like to buy or sell tickets to support our club, contact the SNO-PHONE at 716-741-NESS (6377).

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Trails do not open until December 17th. Please respect the landowners and stay off closed trails. Trail conditions will be posted on our website, Facebook page, or by message on the SNO-PHONE (741-6377).

Please remember we need a solid base—just because there is snow does not mean the trails are open. At times, it may be necessary to close sections of trails for your safety, stay off these trails until they reopen.

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## "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:

**December: Joe Peruzzini**

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## Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

*Date: November 24, 2014 - 7:30 pm*

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Al Wolbert Vice Preseident—Bill Peronne Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 9:25pm 17 present at meeting
<b>1. WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Al W.
<b>2. MEETING MINUTES:</b>	October Meeting Minutes were discussed and accepted. Robyn C. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Kurt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>3. COMMITTEE:</b>	
<b>LEGAL</b>	No new info
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	Reports given by Al W., Rich M. and Bill P. on rescue efforts used during November 18th snowstorm.
<b>MARKETING/ADVERTISING</b>	November Landowner Drawing winner was Walter Kolhepp. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for December Landowner Drawing #131. Winner is Joe Peruzzini
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	Enjoy the City Books fundraiser – 100 books have been sold and an additional 75 books were ordered and received.
<b>SOCIAL/PR</b>	Report on Christmas Party Planning by Robyn C. and Nancy P.
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Discussed club membership status. 238 members to date.
<b>GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	Discussed Ranger repair work. Discussed groomer status for upcoming season.
<b>TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	Gates installation at Richardson property scheduled for 11/25.
<b>TRAIL GUIDES</b>	No new info
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	December newsletter contributions due November 29, 2014 at noon. November newsletter was mailed and emailed. December newsletter will be mailed and emailed. Thank you Shannon L. and Robyn C.
<b>WEBSITE/FACEBOOK</b>	Facebook and website info was discussed. Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.
<b>APPAREL</b>	Discussed selling merchandise at Christmas party.
<b>SAFETY/EDUCATION</b>	Date for safety course set for December 6, 2014 from 9am – 4pm at Swormville Fire Co. Al & Camille O. to coordinate. Sandy and John G. will supply food for class (to be reimbursed by club).

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

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<b>ADOPT A HIGHWAY</b>	Discussed cleanup participation and plans for future events.
<b>Break &amp; 50/50</b>	No 50/50 drawing was held.
<b>4. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al)</b>	Discussed during items above
<b>5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)</b>	Discussed during items above
<b>6. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</b>	Treasury report. Kevin G. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Kurt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid discussed. Robyn C. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Dave F. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>7. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn)</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for December 16, 2014 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed and are open for consideration. Discussed rental of Akron Tillman Post for upcoming meetings.
<b>8. OTHER</b>	FED meetings – Niagara County – No meeting. Genesee County – No meeting. Erie County – Not attended.
<b>9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</b>	Discussion on Town of Newstead proposal for extension of bike path. Discussion on purchase of new ranger.

**“SAVE AROUND BUFFALO” Coupon Books**

The 2015 “Save Around Buffalo” coupons books are in. If you would like to buy or sell some, stop into a meeting or call the sno- phone (741-NESS). Cost is only \$20 for lots of great discounts and savings on restaurants, clothing stores, family entertainment, and services. The book pays for itself in a couple of uses.

This fundraiser is coming to a close in January. Please have all money or unsold books turned into the club by the January meeting (January 20th).



**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Apparel for Sale**

**Adult: Guys**



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Blue hooded sweatshirt	S-M-L	XXL-XXXL	\$ 32 / \$ 34

**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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Blue long sleeve sweatshirt	S-M-L	\$ 12



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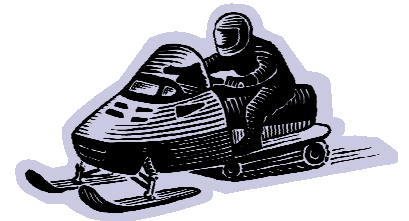


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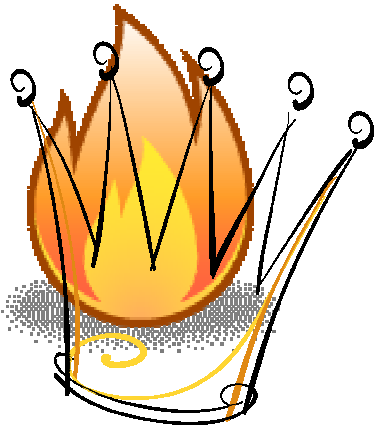
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**LANDOWNER APPRECIATION  
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*December 13, 2014 at 5 P.M.  
Newstead Fire Hall  
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To all Landowner and Members,  
Everyone at the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers would like to thank you for supporting our club. As a token of our appreciation, we would like to invite you to our Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party!

- Admission for trail landowners (+ 1 guest) is free
- Club members only \$10.00/person. Kids under 12 are free
- Huge Chinese raffle with lots of gifts
- 50/50 drawing
- Food, drinks and desserts are provided

We want to guarantee all of our landowners a seat and due to the increasing popularity of this party, we ask that you RSVP by December 6, 2014.

Please call 864-3224 or email Robyn Cierniak at [rcierniak@gmail.com](mailto:rcierniak@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

Donations for our Chinese raffle are always appreciated. Please call the SNO-PHONE (741-6377) to arrange a pick up or drop off of donations.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         |
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



[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 third Tuesday 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  
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- 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.
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- Come join us and visit our website at: [www.snoseekers.com](http://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](http://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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