



February 2015 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:
Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post
(9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

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Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY. Nominations for Officers and open Board seats will be taken during the meeting. If you are interested in one of the positions please contact the club at 741-6377 for details.

March Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY. Election night for Officers and open Board positions—please come out to vote.

April Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st 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 !!

Club Bonfire: The tdate for the club bonfire is Sunday, February 8th 3PM at the Destroyer Park Golf Course on Sandhill Rd in Akron. Watch the website and Facebook page for more details as the date draws near.

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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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,

I hope that you all have had an opportunity to explore our trail system at some point this season. Mother nature gave us a little teaser in January and now as I write this (Feb 1) it looks like we are in for a nice stretch of good snowmobiling weather. Please be safe out there and remember to stay on the marked trail. I want to send out a big thanks to our groomer operators that go out several times in a week to keep our trails as smooth as possible. Its amazing just how nice of a job they can do with a relatively small amount of snow. I would also like to stress that people watch the clubs website and Facebook page to check on current trail conditions and or trail closings. There has been some days where our trails were closed due to lack of snow, while neighboring clubs have been open. We try to keep our trails open as much as we can, but if the snow coverage just isn't there we can't have them open. One last thing, please remember that the February general meeting is when we have our nominations for the elected members of our club. Its important to try and get involved in the organization because we want to ensure that future generations of snowmobilers will have the same nice trails to ride as we do today!

Thanks,
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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Our email address is snoseekers@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY IS NOMINATION MONTH

Nominations for club officers and open board positions will be taken during the February meeting for March elections. If you are interested in a position, stop into a meeting or call the Sno-Phone for more information. All officer positions and 3 board positions are up for re-election. 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.

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2015- 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice Preseident—Bill Peronne Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm Meeting ended at 8:56pm
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES:	December Meeting Minutes were discussed and accepted. Jeff G. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Tim N. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
LEGAL	No new info
EMERGENCY	NESS received a letter of appreciation from Troop T of NYS Police for efforts during the November snowstorm. Rich M. is still working with state and local authorities for future emergency response measures.
MARKETING/ADVERTISING	January Landowner Drawing winner was Jeff Van Marter. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month’s winner. New number was picked for February Landowner Drawing. Winner is Elinor Trapper. Bill P. and Rich M. to coordinate sold advertising space with Randy W.
FUNDRAISING	Money to be collected for Enjoy the City Books.
SOCIAL/PR	Discussed Club Bonfire. February 8, 2015 date set for Club Bonfire at Destroyer Golf Park on Sandhill Road. Sandy G. to pick up food, Shannon L. to donate condiments. Pop will be used from Christmas party leftovers.
MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 471 +/- members to date.
GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	No issues to date. Every trail has been groomed at least once.
TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed two trail sections that need attention
TRAIL GUIDES	Al has trail guides to distribute to any businesses that want to sell them.
NEWSLETTER	February newsletter contributions due January 31, 2015 at noon. January newsletter was mailed and emailed. February newsletter will be mailed and emailed. Thank you Shannon L.
WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Facebook and website info was discussed. Videos were uploaded to FB account by Rich M. Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.
APPAREL	Nothing new.
SAFETY/EDUCATION	None

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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes Summary Continued
(cont. from page 10)

ADOPT A HIGHWAY	Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 9:00am at Niagara Label.
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.
4. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al)	Nominations are next month.
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P)	Bill P. went to Verizon and got a new Sno-Phone due to battery issues. Also discussed bill with Verizon and got it lowered by \$15. New Sno-Phone now has texting capabilities.
6. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)	Treasury report. Rich P. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Dave F. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid discussed. Dave F. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
7. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn)	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for February 17, 2015 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month. Other locations to hold meetings were discussed.
8. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County – No report. Genesee County – No meeting this month. Erie County – Al W. attended meeting. Received trail maps. National Fuel had a presentation on signage on gas lines.
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	Discussed penciling in caterer for next year’s Christmas Party.

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Adult: Ladies



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Pink fleece hat	one size fits most	\$ 12

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Blue short sleeve t-shirt	M-L-XL	\$ 10
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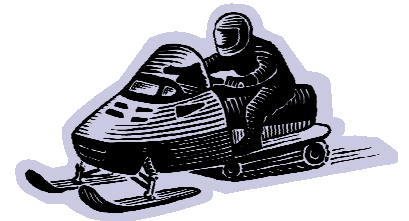


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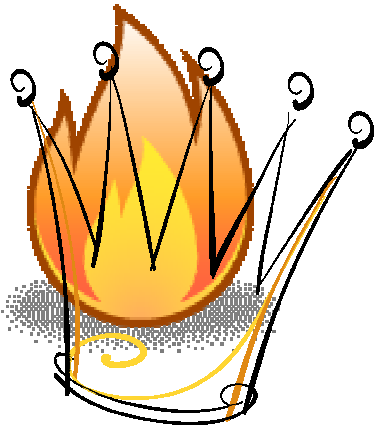
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Signature _____ Date _____



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- Our general meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the 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!
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