



# May 2015 Newsletter

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**  
Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post  
(9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

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Member of the New York State Snowmobile Association and Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs Non-profit groups dedicated to the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles





## Club Officers

**President:** Al Wolbert  
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## Committees

### **Legal Committee**

Chairperson: Al W.

### **Emergency Response Committee**

Chairperson: Bill P.

### **Marketing & Adv Committee**

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### **Fundraising Committee**

Chairperson: Open

### **Social/PR Committee**

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### **Membership Committee**

Chairperson: Rich M.

### **Groomer/Equipment Comm.**

Chairperson: Bill P.

### **Trails/Landowners Comm.**

Chairperson: Curt W.

### **Trail Guides Committee**

Chairperson: Curt W.

### **Newsletter Committee**

Chairperson: Robyn C.

### **Website Committee**

Chairperson: Robyn C.

### **Apparel Committee**

Chairperson:

### **Safety/Education Committee**

Chairperson: Al O.

## Club Headlines

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

**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

**June Combo Board/General Meeting:** Tuesday, June 16th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

**July Combo Board/General Meeting:** Tuesday, July 21st at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

**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 !!

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**[www.snoseekers.com](http://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,

Well we have already seen some summer-like temps around our area so I hope that you have all enjoyed that brief preview of summer. After the nice (at least nice for us snowmobilers) winter we had, it sure will be nice to enjoy the warm weather. Go out and have fun with whatever summer hobbies you may have. Statistics show that most snowmobilers also have a summertime hobby to keep themselves occupied during those warm months. For me, it's my love of cars. Special 'nice weather' only cars that is! I know many of our members have boats, campers, motorcycles and more. So go out and enjoy this nice weather and remember, just 7 months from now we will (hopefully) be back on sleds!

Thanks,  
Al Wolbert  
NESS President



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**General Meetings**

9 Eckerson Ave. in Akron (that's were Rte 93 and the bike path meet).



### Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

*Date: May 19, 2015 - 7:30 pm*

<b>Officers present:</b> President – Al Wolbert Vice President – absent Treasurer – absent Secretary – absent	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 8:10pm 16 present at meeting
<b>WELCOME:</b>	Welcome by Al W.
<b>MEETING MINUTES</b>	April Meeting Minutes were discussed and accepted. Ray S. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	
<b>LEGAL</b>	-
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	-
<b>MARKETING/ADVERTISING</b>	May Landowner Drawing winner was Bernard Patcyk. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for June Landowner Drawing is #214.
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	Discussed Enjoy the City Books fundraiser. Jeff W. made a motion to purchase 150 Enjoy the City 2015 Books. Motion was seconded by Jim D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>SOCIAL/PR</b>	Discussed Trail Workers Party. Will try to have party second weekend in September. L Location to be determined by June meeting. Discussed letter received from Newstead Fire Co. on new hall rental policy.
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Discussed current membership number
<b>GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT</b>	-
<b>TRAIL/LANDOWNER</b>	All trails markers removed. NESS Continue to monitor progress of S. Newstead Road bridge for November 2015 completion date.
<b>TRAIL GUIDES</b>	-
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	-
<b>WEBSITE/FACEBOOK</b>	-
<b>APPAREL</b>	-
<b>SAFETY/EDUCATION</b>	-
<b>ADOPT A HIGHWAY</b>	-
<b>Break &amp; 50/50</b>	No 50/50 drawing was held.
<b>PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)</b>	Discussed with items above.
<b>VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P.)</b>	None
<b>TREASURER REPORT (read by Al W.)</b>	Treasury report. Frank S. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Josh S. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid discussed. Dave F. made a motion to accept bills to be paid. Motion was seconded by Jake K. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
<b>SECRETARY REPORT (read by Al W.)</b>	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for June 16, 2015 at Akron Tillman Post. <b>Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month.</b> Other locations to hold meetings were discussed.
<b>OTHER</b>	FED meetings – Niagara County – No report. Genesee County – No report. Erie County – No report.
<b>FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB</b>	-





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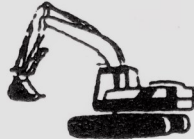
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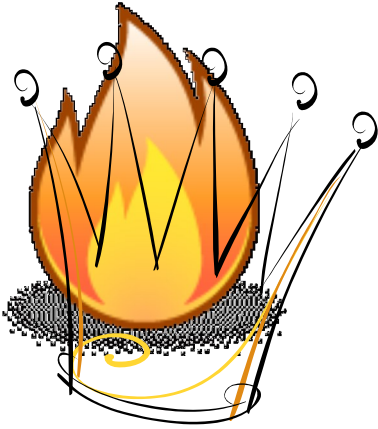
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