



November 2015 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Tuesday, December 15th at 7:30 PM, Tillman Post
(9 Eckerson Avenue, Akron)

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Fundraising Committee

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Chairperson: Bill P.

Trails/Landowners Comm.

Chairperson: Tim N.

Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: Curt W.

Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Website Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee

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Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Al O.

What's Going On With Our Club...

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, December 15th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

January Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30 PM at the Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave. Akron, NY.

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

Apparel: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! Other styles and sizes subject to availability. Call 741-NESS for details!!

Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party: Our annual club landowner appreciation/club Christmas party is on Saturday, December 12th starting at 5 PM at the Newstead Firehall. We are looking for donations and/or help in getting donation for the club. If you would like to make a donation or help out, please contact the Sno-Phone at 741-NESS (6377) or stop into a meeting.

Fundraising: 2016 "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.

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,


I know that some of you won't be happy with this statement from me, but I really am enjoying the mild weather that we have been experiencing from October to early November. It gets me (and I'm sure others) some added bonus time with our summertime toys! It also provides the club some nice weather to get out trail system in shape for the upcoming season. Our members have been hard at work installing a new bridge in Niagara County and members have also been out clearing brush out from existing trails and some new re-routes. There is a lot of work that goes into getting the trails ready even before the stakes and markers go in and it's certainly nice to do this in dry 50 to 60 degree weather rather than in sloppy wet cold conditions. If anyone would like to help out with any of our trail projects or see if you can help one of our trail captains marking their section of trail, please contact us by email or call the Sno-phone at 741-NESS. We will be happy to see if you can help us out! Please remember to renew your club membership now and get your sleds registered. Don't wait until it snows and the trails open. Early registration will help yourself as well as the clubs in your area. Also remember that our annual Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party is coming up December 12th at the Newstead Fire Hall. Hope to see everyone there!

Thanks,
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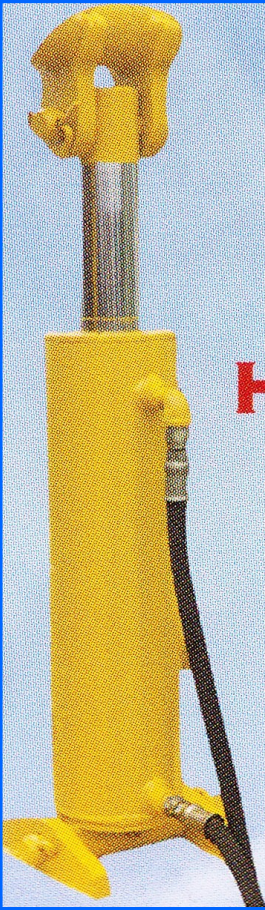


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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Bill Peronne Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 9:10pm 15 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES	September Meeting Minutes were discussed and accepted. Robyn C. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Curt W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	Discussed NYSP contacting NESS regarding setting up a plan to utilize groomer during weather emergencies.
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	October Landowner Drawing winner was Dave DeYoung. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner. New number was picked for November Landowner Drawing #173. Winner is Ed Stanley.
d) FUNDRAISING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enjoy the City Books fundraiser books are available. 2. Super Raffle Tickets were discussed. 3. Advertising Renewals were discussed.
e) SOCIAL/PR	1. Discussed Landowner Christmas Party planning.
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 124 members to date.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed budget new club Ranger additional equipment order.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landowner Permission Cards were sent out with Party Invite. 2. Discussed updates on trail reroute in Wolcottsville. 3. Discussed landowner change on Keller Road and S. Newstead Road. 4. Discussed Town of Newstead trail agreement and potential fee
i) TRAIL GUIDES	Discussed trail map grant and NESS eligibility for next year
j) NEWSLETTER	November newsletter contributions due November 7, 2015 at noon. We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March.
k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Send pictures of applicable snowmobiling events for (possible) inclusion into our social media accounts and newsletter. Send to rcierniak@gmail.com.
l) APPAREL	No merchandise to be sold at Christmas Party.
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	NESS will not be hosting a youth safety class this year. We can direct interest parties to the Erie County Fed website for information on other local classes.
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	Discussed cleanup participation and plans for future events. Dan Dressel to coordinate with youth's that need community service.
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.
1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)	Discussed during items above
2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P.)	Groomers need service before season starts. Billy to schedule work/help.
3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)	Treasury report. Curt W. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.



Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes - CONTINUED

Date: October 20, 2015 - 7:30 pm

<p>3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)</p>	<p>Treasury report. Curt W. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Dan D. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Bills to be paid discussed. Jeff W. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Tim N.. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.</p>
<p>4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)</p>	<p>Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for November 17, 2015 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month.</p>
<p>5. OTHER</p>	<p>FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Erie County –</p>



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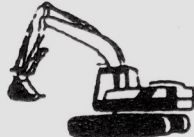
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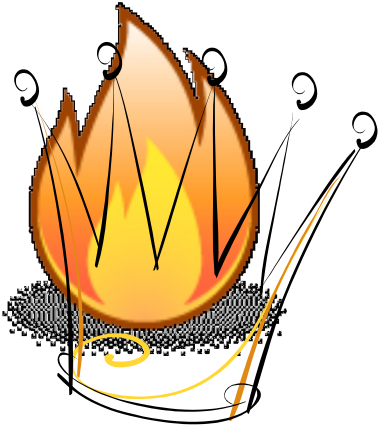
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Signature _____ Date _____



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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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