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

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
Vice President: -
Secretary: Robyn Cierniak
Treasurer: Rich McNamara
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson
Trail Coordinator: Tim Naab
Board Member: Kevin Gaik
Board Member: Dan Dressel
Board Member: Andrew Braunscheidel
Board Member: Matt Schroeder
Board Member: Ray Somers
Board Member: Ron Watts
Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Committees

Legal Committee
Chairperson: Al W.

Emergency Response Committee
Chairperson: Open

Marketing & Adv Committee
Chairperson: Open

Fundraising Committee
Chairperson: Open

Social/PR Committee
Chairperson: Frank S.

Membership Committee
Chairperson: Rich M.

Groomer/Equipment Comm.
Chairperson: Open

Trails/Landowners Comm.
Chairperson: Tim N.

Trail Guides Committee
Chairperson: Curt W.

Newsletter Committee
Chairperson: Robyn C.

Website Committee
Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee
Chairperson: Open

Safety/Education Committee
Chairperson: Open

Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

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

March Combo Board/General Meeting: Tuesday, March 15th 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!!

Club Bonfire: Our annual club bonfire in February will be held if the weather cooperates. We are looking for donations help organizing the event. If you would like to help, please contact the Sno-Phone at 741-NESS (6377) or stop into a meeting.



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
PLAN THE CLUB BONFIRE!!**



**THE BEYER FAMILY HAS GENEROUSLY DONATED THEIR
GOLF COURSE AS A LOCATION AGAIN — BUT WE ARE
ALWAYS OPEN TO OTHER LOCATIONS!**

**CONTACT US ON THE SNO-PHONE, THRU OUR WEBSITE OR
ON FACEBOOK TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP— OTHERWISE WE
MAY NOT HAVE A BONFIRE THIS YEAR!!**

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!

Find us on the web at:
www.snoseekers.com

Find us on our Facebook page:

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers Snowmobile Club





Hi everyone,

Well so far, this early winter has definitely been a very un-winter! I am confident that this will be changing in January with actual real winter moving into our area. I hope that everyone is prepared for it and has their sleds ready to go! Don't wait until the last minute to get your sleds registered and insured and don't go out on the trails when they open with expired registration and no insurance. As is always the case, if you see a problem area on one of our trails please try your best to correct the situation as best you can and then contact the club immediately so that we can fix the problem.

I hope many of you had a chance to come to our annual Christmas party that was held on December 12. As always it was a real good time and my thanks go out to all the club members, officers and board members that worked again so hard to make this event happen. This is a true testament to how the Northern Erie Sno Seekers works. A dedicated group of individuals that work hard at making the goals of this organization happen.

Well I'm hoping that we all soon are able to use our excellent trail system as well as the trails of other clubs. Just remember when you are out there that it take a lot of work from a lot of people to make this all happen and as always we could use more help. Please join us at our next general meeting and have a safe ride out there!

Thanks,
Al Wolbert

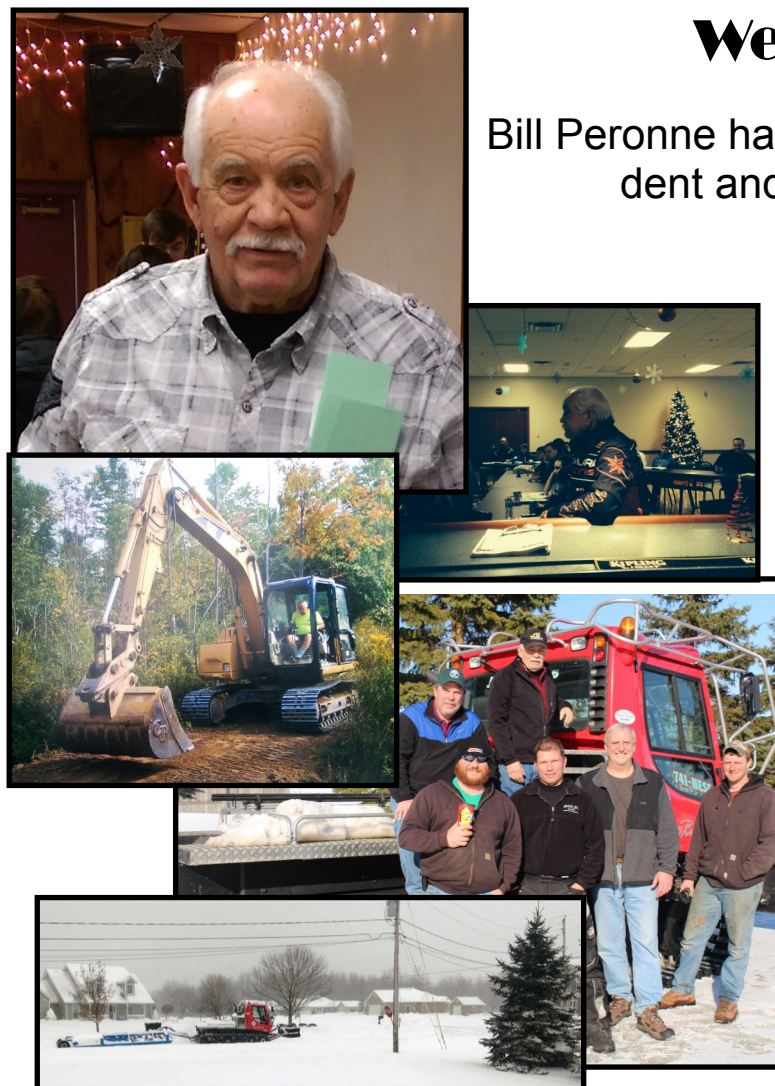
We have some news !!

Bill Peronne has resigned his position as Club Vice President and Groomer /Equipment Coordinator.

Bill spent years as an Officer, as a Director and as a Chairman on so many different committees plus countless hours behind the scenes making sure NESS ran well.

The time Bill spent in the groomer "making them flat" in the winter or clearing the trails in the summer in one of his machines helped make our trails some of the best around.

All of us at the club would like to
THANK BILL
for all the many, many years of hard work that he put into the club, so that we can have the label of "Best Trails in WNY."





2015 LANDOWNER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY





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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 2015 LANDOWNER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ANONYMOUS DONATORS AND ALL THE NESS MEMBERS.

We sincerely hope we've included everyone who donated on our list!!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
OUR MC FOR THE NIGHT
MR. ERIC GLASSMAN!!**





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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Al Wolbert Vice President – Treasurer – Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm Meeting ended at 9:10pm 17 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Al W.
2. MEETING MINUTES	November meeting minutes were discussed and accepted. Ray S. made a motion to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Robyn C. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	No new info
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	December Landowner Drawing winner was Gerald Sorrentino. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month’s winner. New number was picked for January Landowner Drawing #56. Winner is David Dzierba.
d) FUNDRAISING	Enjoy the City Books need to be turned back into Al W.
e) SOCIAL/PR	Discussed Landowner Christmas Party
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed service status. Yellow groomer needs service
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Current status of trails – most trails are in
i) TRAIL GUIDES	Trail guides are available but not a big demand for maps.
j) NEWSLETTER	Discussed December newsletter status. January newsletter contributions due January 9, 2016 at noon. We mail 6 months of newsletters; Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March. Rich P. made a motion to skip preparation of December newsletter and just print January. Motion was seconded by Robyn C. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
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 new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	No new info
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
Break & 50/50	No 50/50 drawing was held.
1. PRESIDENT REPORT (Al W.)	Discussed resignation of Bill Peronne
2. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (Bill P.)	
3. TREASURER REPORT (Rich M.)	Treasury report not given at meeting (Treasurer absent) Bills to be paid discussed. Rich P. made a motion to accept Treasury Report. Motion was seconded by Ron W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
4. SECRETARY REPORT (Robyn C.)	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2015 at Akron Tillman Post. Meeting dates are third Tuesdays of the month.
5. OTHER	FED meetings – Niagara County – Genesee County – Erie County –
6. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	None



"Thank You" to our 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:

November : Dave Dzierba



ATTENTION LANDOWNERS!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, the Sno-Phone or leave a message on our website if any area of your property needs attention this year. We will try to address any issues during trail install. We greatly appreciate the use of your land for our trails.

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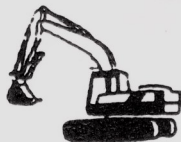
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___ YES ___ NO Email Monthly Newsletter: EMAIL _____

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Please remember, we are a **100% volunteer**, 501(c)3, not-for-profit organization that relies on member support to make our club a success. Everyone has *something* they can contribute and *any* assistance (no matter how big or small) is greatly appreciated. Please check any area(s) where you can help us say: "The Best Trails in WNY!"

How do you want to join in on the fun? Would you like to join a committee?

<input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Board member <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/UTV/Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A - Hwy <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
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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!
- We spend over 4000 hours/year conducting the activities needed for
"The Best Trails in WNY®"
- We have over 700 members of all ages who share the same passion and enjoy making snowmobiling such a wonderful sport!
- We have three groomers that are operated solely by volunteers. These help us maintain over 120 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.
- The Trail Defender upgrade membership helps NYSSA fund grant programs and legal services for member clubs.
- Come join us and visit our website at: **www.snoseekers.com**
 or our Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/NorthernErieSnoSeekers**

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 (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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