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NEXT GENERAL/COMBO MEETING:
Thursday, November 29th at 7:30 PM
Marvin's Bar & Grill 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032

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 Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

NOVEMBER Combo Board/General Meeting

THURSDAY, November 29 at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
Clarence Center, NY

LANDOWNER APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 8th

Doors Open at 5 PM

Rapids Fire Hall, 7195 Plank Road,
Lockport, NY

DECEMBER Combo Board/General Meeting

THURSDAY, December 27 at 7:30 PM at
Marvin's Bar & Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road,
Clarence Center, NY

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Vice President: Danny Dressel

Secretary: Robyn Cierniak

Treasurer: Rich McNamara

Sergeant of Arms: Jeff Wilson

Trail Coordinator: Al Wolbert

Board Member: Jake Anderson

Board Member: Kyle Anderson

Board Member: Jake Jurek

Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg

Board Member: Sheri Rounds

Board Member: Ray Somers

Board Member: Ron Watts

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 Committee

Chairperson: Open

Trails/Landowners Committee

Chairperson: Open

Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: Open

Newsletter Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Website Committee

Chairperson: Robyn C.

Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Open

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Open

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!

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President's Page

Hello everyone,

Our Landowner Appreciation Christmas Party is only a month away (Dec 8th) so please roundup gifts for the auction and try to get them to Robyn C. ahead of time so she can log them in. We ask, at the very least, for you to give the Sno-Phone a call to let us know if you are donating—that would really help!

Ours trail will be opening before you know it, so hopefully we will have snow by then. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Think Snow!!
Andy

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 after the trail installation.

**We greatly appreciate the use of your land for our trails.
Thanks again for all of your support.
Without your generosity, we wouldn't have these wonderful trails.**

RESPECT THE LANDOWNERS
—
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Combination Board/General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 25, 2018 - 7:30 pm

Officers present: President – Vice President – Dan Dressel Treasurer – Rich McNamara Secretary – Robyn Cierniak	Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm Meeting ended at 9:00 pm 28 present at meeting
1. WELCOME:	Welcome by Dan D.
2. MEETING MINUTES	No September meeting minutes were recorded.
3. COMMITTEE:	
a) LEGAL	No new info
b) EMERGENCY	Jeff G. discussed forming a team for north, central and southern areas of our club. More info to come.
c) MARKETING/ADVERTISING	New number was picked for November Landowner Drawing. Stanley Jurek was winner. Robyn C. sent out a letter to the month's winner.
d) FUNDRAISING	No new info
e) SOCIAL/PR	Discussed Landowner Appreciation Christmas party. Robyn C. discussed planning status. Asked for assistance in planning party. Discussed planning for 2019 party as well. Ron D. made a motion to spend \$1,500.00 for NESS donated Chinese Auction gifts. Motion was seconded by Al W. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
f) MEMBERSHIP	Discussed club membership status. 118 members to date.
g) GROOMER/UTV EQUIPMENT	Discussed maintenance on groomers. Discussed status of new tracks order.
h) TRAIL/LANDOWNER	Discussed trail reroutes. Discussed installation of culverts in several areas. Scott S. made a motion to spend a maximum of \$1,100.00 on new culvert pipe for ECDPW installation. Motion was seconded by Dave F. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Ron D. made a motion to purchase 500 new trail stakes at price less than \$1,000.00. Motion was seconded by Jake K. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
i) TRAIL GUIDES	No new info
j) NEWSLETTER	October newsletter sent out via email and USMail.
k) WEBSITE/FACEBOOK	Remember NESS Instagram account, northerneriesnoseekers and new NESS Twitter account @NE_Snoseekers.
l) APPAREL	No new info
m) SAFETY/EDUCATION	No new info
n) ADOPT A HIGHWAY	No new info
4. PRESIDENT REPORT	none
5. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT	none
6. TREASURER REPORT	Discussed treasury report. Al W. made a motion to accept treasury report. Motion was seconded by Robyn C. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried. Ron D. made a motion to pay current bills. Motion was seconded by Ray S. Voted unanimous – aye. Carried.
7. SECRETARY REPORT	Next Combination Board/General Membership Meeting scheduled for November 29, 2018 at Marvin's Bar & Grill located at 7675 Goodrich Rd, Clarence Center.
8. OTHER	
9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB	

NORTHERN ERIE SNO-SEEKERS
SNOWMOBILE CLUB
2018 LANDOWNER APPRECIATION
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Rapids Volunteer Fire Co.
7195 Plank Road, Lockport, NY 14094
Doors open at 5:00 PM

Everyone at the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers would like to thank the Landowners and Members for supporting our club. Without the Landowners we wouldn't have a trail system!

As a token of our appreciation, we would like to invite our NESS Trail System Landowners and Club Members to our

2018 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

Due to the increasing popularity of this party, we want to guarantee our landowners a seat, so we ask that you RSVP by November 25, 2018. Please call 741-6377 or email Robyn Cierniak at rcierniak@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

We always have some great laughs and good times! We welcome that favorite dessert, so bring it along to share! We'll have many items to raffle and great prizes too!

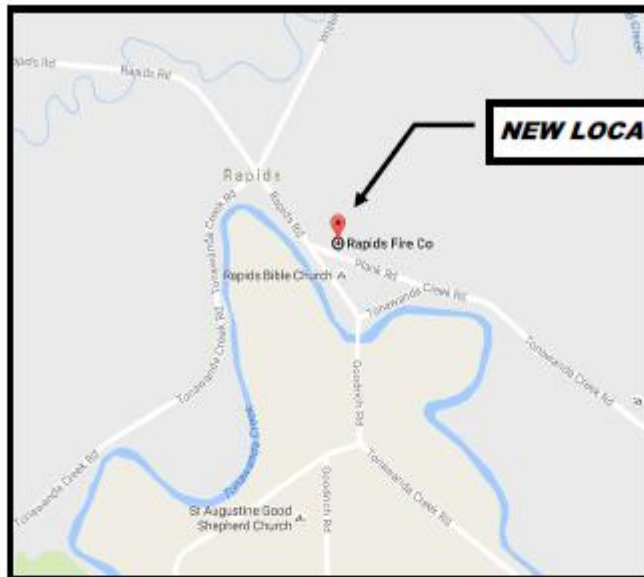
Donations for our Chinese raffle are always appreciated. Please call the SNO-PHONE (741-6377) to arrange a pick up or drop off of donations.

DON'T FORGET!!

**WE'VE CHANGED THE LOCATION FOR OUR ANNUAL
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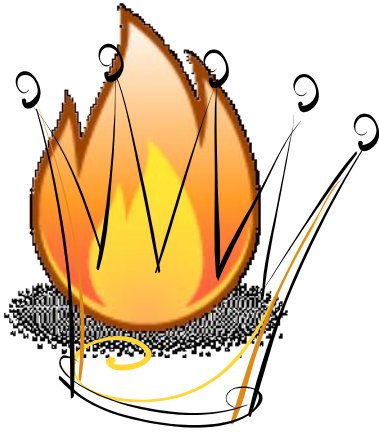
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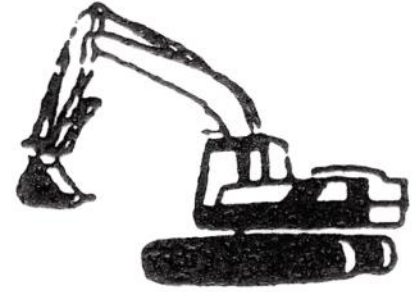
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____ YES ____ NO Email Monthly Newsletter: EMAIL _____

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Signature _____

Date _____



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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 last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at Marvin's Bar and Grill, 7675 Goodrich Road, Clarence Center, NY so you can come join us by sled! All ages are welcome! Bring a friend, too!
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