

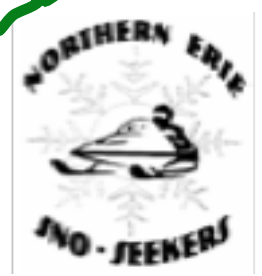
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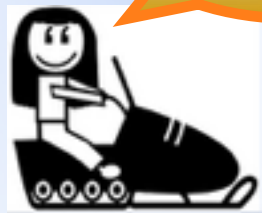
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Top 4 things you need to know...RIGHT NOW...

(Turn the pages for more details & the rest of the story)

Hey boys...
wanna race ?
BRAAAPPP



Robyn Cierniak

* The printed version of this highly anticipated monthly document is on summer hiatus, if you need reading material for the bathroom, your gonna have to print this out, or view it on your phone !!!

** We have decided to devote time and resources in the off season to make "Alexa" answer our request, "Alexa.. make it snow."

*** NYSSA / SLED-NY annual forum was in Niagara Falls, we've got pic's and low down on what you need to know !!!

**** Only 214 days till trails open

THE NESS EXPRESS

Snowmobile Club Newsletter

The NESS Express is a monthly newsletter for the members and landowners of the Northern Erie sno-seekers snowmobile club. We are a 400+ member, non-profit club responsible for 100+ miles of state funded snowmobile trails located in the Erie, Niagara, and Genesee counties. We meet monthly at a pre disclosed location. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend. For more information, or if you wish to contact us, snoseekers.com, or (716)741-NESS or snoseekers14001@gmail.com

Just to remind everyone, we only send out the NESS express via email through the summer months. It's very, very expensive to print and mail physical copies out to our members and landowners. If you'd like to help defer the cost of our printed newsletter, consider advertising in the NESS express! Also keep in mind the current newsletter, and previous ones are posted to our website. If you receive the printed version, and you would like to switch to the email version, please let me know. (The email version is in full color, and quite impressive, tooting my own horn here...)

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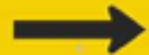
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Meeting**

Thursday May 30th.

7:30pm @ Marvin's

..It's NESS wing night.. That means the wings & fries are on us... Just show up !!

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High Rollers

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Marketing & AD: (OPEN)
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Social & Public Relations: (open)
Membership: Rich M.
Groomer & Equipment: (OPEN)
Trails & Landowners: (OPEN)
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Newsletter: Ron D.
Social Media: Ron D.
Apparel: (OPEN)
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Vintage Chapter: Kevin G.

Editors Thoughts, Notes & Idea's



Just a couple things I thought I'd touch on this month. It's May, who cares about snowmobile club stuff, you want to get the boat in the water by memorial day or bar hop'n on the Harley, I get it, I really do. Over the next few months, please think about taking a chair person position on one of many of the "open" committees we currently have. On one of the previous pages, you will see in the column listed all the officers, board members & committees that make up the club. Please take note of all the ones that aren't filled. It would be very nice to have them all filled by the time fall rolls around. You don't need any experience, and we will give plenty of help and guidance if you need it. We'd love to see some new faces, and new ideas. Along those same lines, we had a club member come forward and ask to form a new committee. So, now we are proud to announce that we have a

chapter of our club. Kevin G. is the chair person of that committee, and he's got some great exciting ideas for this upcoming season. As a brand new club venture, he's going to have his hands full, if you're into those "sleds of yester year" or would just like to help out, please get in touch with me, and I can get you in touch with Kevin. Lastly, I'd just like to say thanks to everyone who let me know they enjoyed last months newsletter. It was really nice to know that you folks enjoyed reading it. Hope to see you at this months meeting !

~KEEP YOUR STICK ON THE ICE~
Ron Dawydko



Check it out !!! This was the original patch and logo of our club from the early '70's
Thanks Kevin for sharing this pic !



Trail Sign
from Dave L.

...In one of many previous lives, this was our summer fun.. Pro-Stock 800 asphalt racer... a long, long time ago..
(Ron & Andrea D.)



WHO'S OUT THERE WORKING LATE NIGHTS "WRENCHING" ON THE ASPHALT, GRASS DRAG OR WATER SLED ??? SEND ME YOUR PIC'S !! LET'S SEE SOME OF YOUR SUMMER RACE SLEDS !!! Ron: 622-8121 or snoseekers14001@gmail.com

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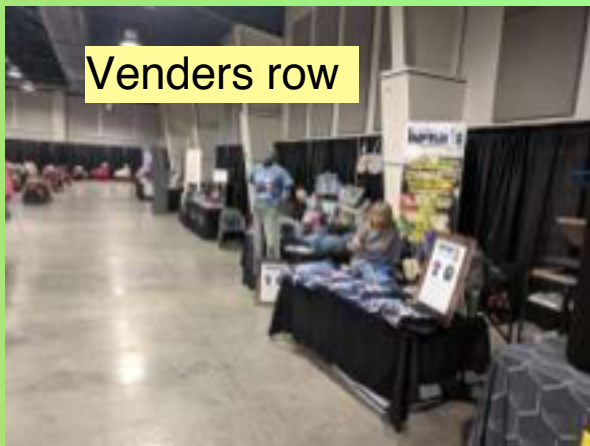
Lots & lots of "sled heads" from all corners of the state !!!



? Did someone say it's time to eat ?



Huge groomer & equipment display area



Venders row



Awards ceremony & official business part of the forum. An impressive crowd for sure. It was a jam packed, fun filled day. Classes started at 8am and ran till 5pm, with a break for a HUGE & AWESOME lunch, along with the awards ceremony, It was a great to spend all day talking with clubs from all across the state discussing everything from trail grooming to fund raising. I bumped into some old friends, and made some new ones as well. It's amazing how we all as clubs in general struggle with a lot of the same issues, and deal with the same problems. What's really cool is hearing how different clubs handle it all.

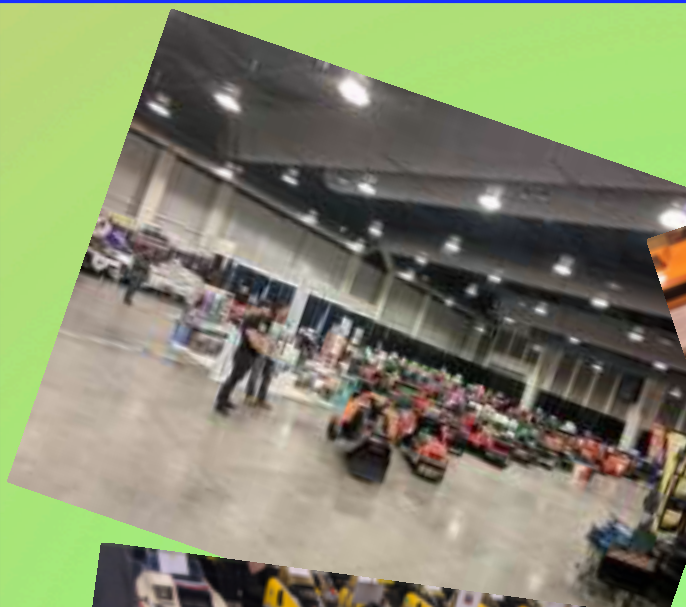
Everyone was there, from the NYS police to GPS mapping companies



Lunch was friggon awesome !!! All kinds of great food.

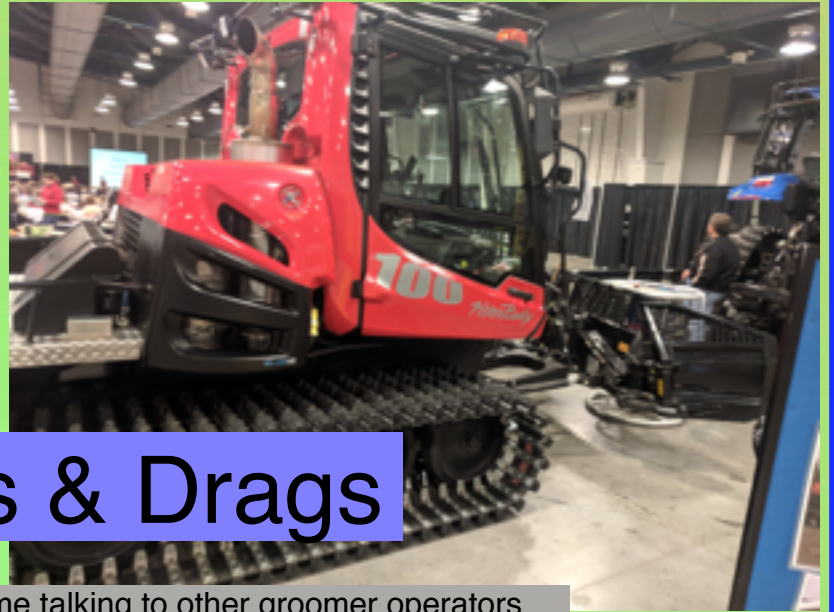


Vintage sled show was huge ! Rows and rows of sweet rides of yester year, all spit shined to perfection. There were many awards handed out, in mutple categories including a factory race category. The whole "vintage sled" thing is growing rapidly, I'm glad to see a club member step forward to form our own NESS vintage chapter.



...I even found the very first sled I ever rode !!! A Sno~Jet "Astro~Jet" 338





Groomers & Drags

I got to spend some quality time talking to other groomer operators, kicking the tracks & talking shop with reps from many of the companies.

When it's all said and done...It all comes down to making trails smooth and flat, that's what it's all about !!!



This was my 3d. forum, and by far the best. There is way more there, than one or even two people can handle in one day. It's amazing to spend a whole day surrounded by the "movers & shakers" from clubs across the state. With all the classes I attended, I walked away with some very valuable information to bring back to our club. The speakers were all great, and lunch was awesome. Attending this annual forum is a great way to get more involved with our club and help keep moving forward to bigger and better things ! It's moving back to Syracuse next year, so.... can anyone say ROAD TRIP... Gas up the family truck-ster & lets do the I-90 east boogie..

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	
President: Andy B.	
Vice President: Dan D.	X
Secretary: Ron D.	X
Treasurer: Rich M.	X
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff W.	
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	X
B.O.D.: Jake A.	
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	
B.O.D.: Jake J.	X
B.O.D.: Jake K.	
B.O.D.: Dave L.	X
B.O.D.: Matt W.	
B.O.D.: Ron W.	

Total Club Members Present	11
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Date / Time / Location:	April 25, 2019 7:30pm Mavin's
Welcome & Introduction	Meeting called to order by Dan. D @ 7:51PM, (Andy was not present)
Previous months meeting minutes	previous months meeting minutes distributed and pre-read, motion to except by Dave L. , 2nd by Curt W. , motion carried.
Committee(s)	
Legal	--nothing new to report--
Emergency	--nothing new to report--
Marketing & Advertising	this months landowner gift card winner picked by Ray S. was #17 (alternate #53) Ron D. will send out a thank you letter with a \$50 gift card
Fundraising	--nothing new to report--
Social & Public Relations	--nothing new to report--
Membership	Rich M. reported membership currently stands at 5 members in good standing in the club.
Groomer & Equipment	<p>Dave L. has moved the BR-180 drag to his shop, and started a refurbishment project on it, it has been previously noted back in late fall there was a few issues that needed attention, broken tire hub, sagging & broken advertisement board, loos wires, seized grease fittings, faded, and some rust showing through in places. Rich M. advised unit was purchased in 2005. Dan D. reported the plan was to fix up the drag, get it back into tip top shape, and fix up the advertisement board(s) so we could aggressively seek out advertisers to buy space, and sponsor the drag for the upcoming year. Some general discussion regarding replacing various parts of the sign set up, and tool box(s), or removal of. Dan D. is going to stop by to take a close look at wood and advise on replace or change some pieces to steel. Curt W. inquired about hydraulic hoses conditions, it was decided to replace hoses & quick connect couplers. It was decided purchase (2) new rims & tires, from Mogul Master, new rims are built heavier to avoid the problem with broke rims previously. Rich M. set a project price of \$1,500 to do all completed work talked about, Dave L. to report back to the board if he finds any other issues of higher cost. Dan D. 2nd. the motion, motion carried. Other (2) drags were talked about, possibly painting them either this summer, or next summer. ...We will wait to see how good a painter Dave L. is... Discussion regards to setting a budget & savings account now that the groomers are all paid off, setting aside money for repairs, and updates. Rich M. discussed various options, Dan D. discussed some known issues (most small) regarding repairs to the Piston Bully's, cost for such repairs were discussed, and were shocking, Piston Bully's are very expensive to work on and repair! Dan D. discussed hiring a tec. to take a look at both machines, and advise us as to repairs needed Dave L. inquired about an extended service plan, it was advised there is nothing available.</p> <p>Discussion moved to UTV purchase. Dan D. suggested a committee formed in regards to this discussion / possible purchase. Al W. advised of prices he had gotten from Jan-Cen and Don Georges.A great deal of discussion was had on this issue by everyone present.... It was decided Al W. would be the committee chairperson for UTV purchase. A lot of discussion on size / engine CC / tires vs. tracks was all talked about. Al W. will gather more information, get more prices from other local dealers. Dan D. inquired about a lease program or rental program in stead of purchasing. More information was needed on this, no-one was sure of such a program. Dan D. will look into renting & leasing a UTV. Rich M. discussed purchase options cash, or finance possibilities. What to do with existing Cub Cadet UTV was discussed, sell, or keep. Dan D. discussed outfitting groomers with electric chain saws, he is going to get prices, and check out options and report back to the BOD.</p>

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

Trails & Landowners	Discussion on (2) areas that need culverts, both Ron D. is going to work to get taken care of, Dan D. & Rich M. advised of culvert pipes that the club has stored at Rich M's. and Bill P. has at his place, just need to get them installed sometime this summer. Discussion on the status of the "old" section of trail through landowner Dan's property, landowner asked / inquired as to if the club was abandoning that section of trail, or keeping to because of the club members that live adjacent to his property that use his property to access the trail system. Al W. and Curt W. discussed this issue, Ray S. brought everyone up to speed on it, he had talked to the landowner. Decision made to keep the trail in place, continue to keep landowner on the insurance list, and use it as an alternate & access trail only. Ray S. going to talk to landowner and advise him as to our decision. Al W. advised 99% of the trails are down, with only a small section in extreme swamps that still remain up. Rich M. reminded trail captains to get any work logs submitted to him asap, call, email, txt, any means possible to get logs to him. Al W. discussed damage to the barricades at the treacle over murder creek on the bike path in the village of Akron. Al W. advised he will stop in the town garage to discuss proper repairs that may or may not need to be done. Rich M. advised that he did not get a chance to GPS trail system before it was all taken down last month. This is our last year to do the GPSing, so we will have to find a way to do it this fall. Rich M. advised that there is a company the ECFOSC is working with that will GPS the whole trail system in Erie county, price seemed steep, but take the hassle out of all the clubs doing it on their own. Rich M. brought attention that Ray S. was retiring from being in charge of marking / signing the paved bike path through the towns. Rich M. brought everyone up to speed on just how much work and effort taking care of that section of the trail is. Over 500 barrels are moved, set up, removed and stored every year to mark that section of trail alone. Ray S. along with his "crew" Jim, Bob, Jeff and others have been responsible for that section of trail for 15+ years. We greatly appreciate his dedication and service for all those years! Storage of the barrel in the off season was discussed. Dave L. discussed the possible purchase of "C-Can" containers to store club "stuff"
Trail Guides	~nothing new to report~
Newsletter	Dan D. discussed the overhaul of the newsletter, many good comments have been fielded. Ron D. reminded everyone that the paper version on the newsletter will not be sent out over the summer months, so it will only be going out via email and also posted to the newsletter for the next few months.
Social Media	~nothing new to report~
Apparel	Dan D. was going to reach out to Tayne B. regarding the possibility of a new logo design she was working on years ago, and also other apparel designs. More input would be appreciated from club members on what they want. Someone to chair a committee on this issue would be greatly appreciated
Safety	~nothing new to report~
Adopt A Highway	~nothing new to report~
President Report	Dan D. reported that Andy B. was working and couldn't make the meeting.
Vice President Report	Dan D. reminded us all that he was there to conduct the meeting in Andy's absent.
Treasurer Report	Rich M. went over the distributed copy of the treasure report. Ray S. made a motion to accept the treasure report, 2nd. by Curt W. , all in favor and motion was carried. Rich M. discussed new bills filed, Jim made a motion to pay bills, 2nd. Ray S. , all in favor, motion was carried.
Secretary Report	Ron D. made a motion to honor Robyn's years of service to the club as the secretary. Sandy G. offered to take charge of getting a plaque to present to Robyn.
Other	There was discussion of moving meetings (Board meetings) to different locations, not being specific to Marvin's. Discussion of locations were discussed, nothing specific decided, many options discussed, this topic was left on the table for more discussion. Al W. advised he did not think it was a good idea, and noted his vote no to moving any future meetings. This topic was tabled with no decision made at this time, and plans for further discussion in the future.
For the Good Of The Club	Ron D. advised that a club member contacted him in regards to the possible formation of a committee in the club as a "vintage chapter" of the club, and setting up possible events, and outings, and rides and other social activities regarding this issue. It was decided to form a vintage chapter committee, and make Kevin G. the chairperson. Sandy G. advised that if the club needed storage trailers she may be able to help out in that area.
50 / 50 Raffle	~no raffle was conducted~
Entered In & Recorded By:	<i>Ron Dawydo</i> (secretary)