

# 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 125+ 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](http://snoseekers.com), or (716)741-NESS or [snoseekers@yahoo.com](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com)



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## Election Time

March meeting we will be holding our elections, February meeting we will be nominating candidates for all open positions. There are many, many open positions, such as officers, board of directors & chairpersons. Of course it's hard to get enthused about any of this in the middle of the season we are having, we all get that. We could really use some new blood, new faces, new ideas. Don't worry there is no caucus to screw up and impeachment (as far as NESS is concerned) is what Canadians in Quebec call it when Americans get frostbite of the butt cheeks. We promise not to prosecute you for insider trading, unless of course you don't share that info with the rest of us! Think about it, what else are you going to do? Watch a Sabres hockey game? ...UGH...





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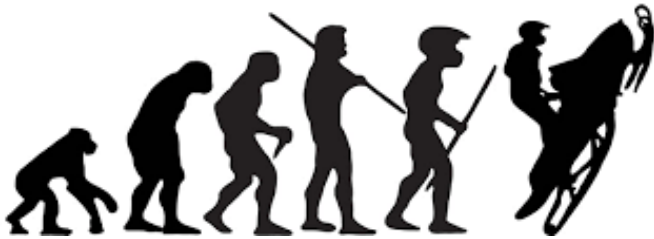
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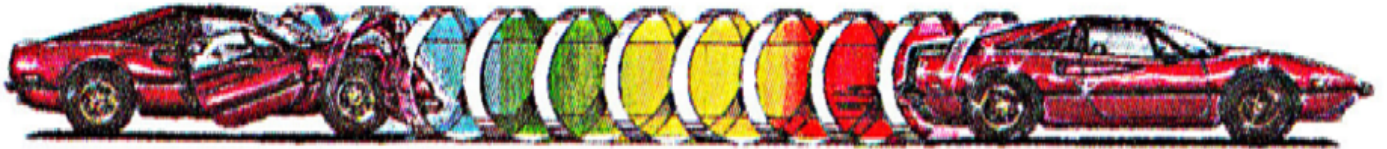
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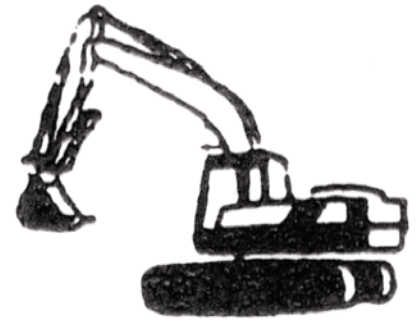


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# Don George's SPORTS CENTER

**STORE CLOSING**

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You guys all know by now, I'm usually not at a loss for words, or lack something to say about ANYTHING... This page of the newsletter has sat on my screen for days and days. I guess I just don't want to acknowledge it. I'm sure the old-timers of the club (of which I am one of) will remember the deep and long history between NESS and Don George's. For everyone else, who may be newer members, or part of the younger crowd, let me fill you in. The very first year of the club 1996, we needed money, and needed it bad! We needed to buy signs, paint, lumber for bridges and the list went on and on. Things were looking kinda bleak, and local businesses were getting sick of us asking for donations. I along with Mike Grisko were at Don George's picking up wood pallets to use for bridge building material. When Don Sr. & Don Jr. heard how tight our budget was, they offered to DONATE a brand new Ski-Doo snowmobile for us to raffle off to raise enough money to fund our trails that first season. Our raffle went very well, so much so we did it again the following year, with an ATV in place of a snowmobile. When we approached Don George's about what kind of a deal we could get on an ATV to raffle off, they once again DONATED the ATV to the club, we were in no way expecting a second freebie. For the next few years the club raffled off something from Don George's every year, one year there was a choice, if you won, you could choose either a ATV or a Snowmobile. Another year it was a choice between an ATV, Snowmobile or Watercraft. Don George's always was there for us, the cost for our raffle prizes were always way below retail value. Back when we used to build floats, and put them in the Labor Day Parade or the 4th. of July parade, Don George's donated the use of a trailer, snowmobiles and manufacturers banners to decorate our floats. In later years, Don George's hosted club membership sale days, if you showed up on a specific day, and showed proof of membership to ANY snowmobile club, you would get % off of your purchase. They also hosted NESS open house at the dealership, where we would have a booth set up, and show off our groomers. The club has enjoyed support from many dealers over the years, and we appreciate, and acknowledge all of them who have helped us get to where we are today. BUT... NO ONE had done more to help get us established in our very first few fragile years than the George family. Don George's has served our community for generations, my own father went to school with Don Sr., and graduated from Clarence HS. My first memories of the store were when I was 11 years old, and the whole store was just where the apparel resides today. There was a brand new Yamaha MX-100 dirt bike in there, with a \$721 price tag on it. It sure is funny how lasting memories are made. I wish there was some way NESS could help Don George's the way they've helped us over the years. The best I can do is share this story, so you all can stop in and just say thanks, and help them retire and go out of business in style, and hopefully score some killer deals in the process.

*..For everything you've done for us over so many years,*

*Thank You,*

**N.E.S.S.**

# The NESS

Urban Snowmobile Dictionary



**Primary Clutch:** Out of all the purses your wife owns, this is the one she uses most.

**Bump Steer:** When your pregnant wife with twins, re-defines your priorities, and snowmobiling ain't one of them. (Jake A.)

**Skid:** When divorce or engagement doesn't allow you to trade-up to the current model year.

**Carberator:** Nickname from your wife for all the food found on snowmobile trails, all carbs, and nothing healthy.

**Bogie Wheels:** Your buddies trailer that is... less than perfect condition...

**Jetting:** When the winter is SO bad in the North East, you have to board a jet plane to find decent snow to ride.

**Ski-Stance:** When your Polish riding buddy won't listen to you when you come up with a short cut.

**Bar-Riser:** When you fall asleep (wink-wink) at the last stop of the night, and wake up the next morning, on top of the pool table, in full riding gear, ready to roll.

**2-Stroke:** A less than well known rapper from Tupper Lake, NY.

**Balaclava:** A Russian mix drink, stored in a snowmobile trunk, an emergency device that can be used for engine fuel, fire starter, smelling salts, de-icer or re-hydration.

**Helix:** Specific DNA sequence found in all die hard snowmobilers.

**Groomer Drag:** Your hair dresser or barber when he or she decides to start cross dressing.

**Pipes:** The nick name for your riding buddy that always tells the story when you got loose in the corner, and wound up in the ding-weeds, 20 years ago.

**Trail Can:** Trail side porta-potty's, or in Canada also know as Treasure Boxes.

**Larry Enticer:** (stage name) A very famous North Bay, Ontario male stripper.

**Send It:** ANYTIME...peer pressure overcomes clear thinking, usually associated with the term "Hold my beer".

**Grass Drag:** Anytime you run to the window to look out, hoping to see snow, and all you see is green grass.

**Trail Pass:** When you blow off work on Friday to head North with your riding buds for the weekend.



# Chirstmas & Landowner Appreciation Party

## Chinese auction & gift basket donations

Detail Kit - DC Supply	Cast Iron Pans - Shanon Landow
Assorted Basket - Buck's Motorsports	Pro-4 Tactical Light Set - The McDougall's
Helmet - Bob Weaver Motorsports	Mary Kay Satin Hands Set - Shanon Landow
Bit Set - Duve's Pool Service	Light Up Gift Boxes - Lee & Carrol Muffoletto
Castle X Jacket - Don Geroge's Sport Center	Teaddy Bear - Ray Sommers
Wreath - Stanley & Lynda Jurek & family	Dewalt Bit Set - Bob Duve Pools & Excavation
Gift Basket - Gibson's Cantlon's & Moore's	Kenny's Key Lime Pie - Icelandic Seafood
Technician Case - Jeff Glassman	Hitachi Drill & Light - Tool Ranch
Assorted Basket - Buck's Motorsports	Lube / Filter Change Gift Card - Dadswell's
\$25 Gift Card Elysium Day Spa - Shelby Anderson	Husky Bag - Cutting Edge Trimming
Cold Wave Gloves - Kevin Gaik	Haddock Bites - Icelandic Seafood
Archery Target - Brian Braunscheidel	Knife Sharpener - BTS Services
Snow Pants - Kevin Gaik	NAPA Bag - King Petroleum
Lube & Filter Change Gift Card - Dadswell's	Detailing Kit - King Petroleum
Lowe's Gift Card - Dan D's Lawncare	Candle Holder - BTS Services
Uncle Jumbo's - DC Supply	Hatchet - W.A. Peronne Trenching
Football - DC Supply	Fire Extinguisher - W.A. Peronne Trenching
Torch Kit - Charles & Marguerite Landow	Rachet Strap - W.A. Peronne Trenching
Torch Kit - Charles & Marguerite Landow	E-Z Bow Maker - QSG Tech
Avon Gift Basket - Charles & Marguerite Landow	20lb Breaded Haddock Fillets - Icelandic Seafood
Tool Basket - Charles & Marguerite Landow	Kenny's Key Lime Pie - Icelandic Seafood
Garden Hose - Felber's	Wild Alaska Pollock Wings - Icelandic Seafood
Post Pounder - Felber's	Toy Set - Glassman Family
Water Filters - Felber's	Stuffed Bear - Glassman Family
Loppers - Felber's	Lottery Board w/ Cutting Board - Glassman family
Wheel Barrow - Felber's	BBQ Sause, Pickles & Peppers - Akron Acres
Air Fryer - DA Landscaping	Wreath - Akron Acres
Tool Box - W.A. Peronne Trenching	Teaddy Bear - Ray Sommers
Cutting Board - W.A. Peronne Trenching	Ace Hardware Bucket - Gui's Lumber
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	Sled - Shannon Landow

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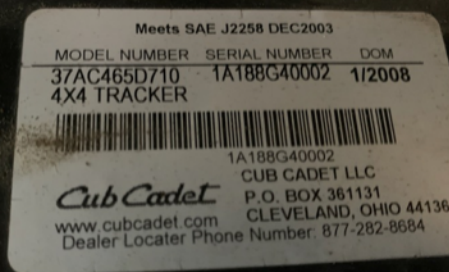
# NESS UTV Cub Cadet Sealed Bid Silent Auction

Having purchased a replacement UTV, the BOD has voted to accept sealed bids up to Thursday Feb. 27th, 2020 (next meeting) At that time the treasurer will open the bids, and award the highest bidder the following:

2008 Cub Cadet 4x4 Tracker UTV (Model #37AC465D710)  
approx. 388 hours (hour meeter shows 288)

roof & windshield  
front racks & rear manual tilt bed  
air cooled motor  
tires fair condition

**\*\*Motor blown up\*\*** (motor removed) Needs complete overhaul, or replace motor with reman or new. other than the motor, everything was working fine on it, no problems or issues Rear differential was replaced at 50 hours, hour meter was replaced at approx. 100 hours. See pic's below, for in person inspection, or further details, contact Curt (716)435-7068. Mail bids to NESS, PO Box 167, Akron, NY 14001 or submit in person to Rich (716)553-4819 or at this months meeting.





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*Andy Braunscheidel* Hello,



I hope everyone's been able to enjoy the snow. Putting a few miles on the truck, and many more on their snowmobiles. I know it's still not the same as being able to enjoy our own trail system, but any riding is better than none! I would also like to take a second to point out that not opening the trails sometimes is our only way to ensure the trails are still there when we do get the proper amount of snow. As much as it has angered people not opening, everyone needs to understand that if the conditions are not just right, or even better, we just can't risk it for the future of our club. Think snow, and enjoy what's left of this winter! Hope to see you all at this month's meeting.

~Andy~

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides            | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel            |
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## THE PARTY

Huge thanks going out to fellow club members Kevin & Marcie for putting together and hosting the first annual NESS Vintage Sled Show & Ride. Extra NESS brownie points going out to the Kelkenberg family at Akron Acres for hosting the event for us. And Babz BBQ for sponsoring the great food. If you were there, you know what a great, family fun time was had by all attendees. If you missed it, check out the pics in this killer publication, or our FB page. We made some new friends, and saw some retired former club officers as well!



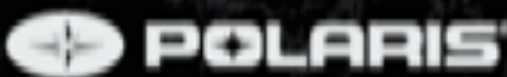
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B.O.D.: Jake K.	X
B.O.D.: Dave L.	X
B.O.D.: Matt W.	
B.O.D.: Ron W.	

Total Club Members Present	<b>14</b>
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Date / Time / Location:	<b>January 30th., 2020 @ Wolcottsville Inn</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Andy called the meeting to order at (time unknown), and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Lee for hosting the meeting at The Wolcottsville Inn
<b>Previous months meeting minutes</b>	Andy asked for a motion to except last months minutes as printed. Jake A. made a motion to except, Jeff G. 2nd, all in favor, motion was carried.
<b>Committee(s)</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Emergency</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Marketing &amp; Fundraising</b>	landowner #272 was chosen for this months visa gift card, alternate #14 was chosen also
<b>Social &amp; Public Relations</b>	Rich reported on possible fundraising opportunities at the upcoming Vintage Sled show & club bonfire
<b>Christmas party</b>	Big thanks going out to Jake & Andy K., for allowing us to hold the Vintage show & club bonfire at Akron Acres. Ron and Kevin had posters for the event printed up, and have been distributing them everywhere they can, Ron had mailed out posters to all WNY clubs in all counties, hope to get the word out to all their members
<b>Membership</b>	Dave L., & Kyle A., made a final report on the Christmas party. Al reminded everyone that a thank you page needs to be published in the next newsletter to thank all the sponsors and contributors, Ron will be advised, Kyle will contact Ron with list of thank you Date for next years Christmas / landowner party was set for 12/12/2020 The hall has been already rented, and spoken for.
<b>Groomer &amp; Equipment</b>	Rich reported current membership at 284, last year at this time, 386, down quite a few.
<b>Trails &amp; Landowners</b>	Dave reported on the status of the groomers, especially #3, work was finished up on #3 with the warrantee service of the servo-motor on the drive pump/motor. Work was also finished up on #1 and some pesky wiring issues, and current draw, and new batteries. She is all good to go, all 3 groomers and drags are all served up ready for snow! Dave reported that Ron D. and built a packer bar for groomer #2 on his own, he was able to try it out and posted some video on it, and looked to do a good job. Kyle reported that he had serviced the fuel tank for groomer #1 at its new location, new pump installed, new hoses, all 3 tanks for all 3 groomers were filled with fuel, everything is all set and ready to go, just need snow and cold !!! #1 & #3 are still at Ron's currently, he will deliver #3 to Billy's when space is made for it there. #1 will stay at Ron's until there is enough snow to groom up into Niagara County and park it at it's winter parking location. Rich asked for a motion to sell the used blown up cub cadet UTV in a concealed bid auction to the highest bidder. Billy P made a motion to sell the UTV as described, Jeff G. 2nd, all were in favor, motion was carried. Rich advised he had already gotten 1 bid submitted, and he will except bids up to the next meeting when he will open them, and award the winner. This bidding will be advertised on the website, in the newsletter, and on FB.
<b>Trail Guides</b>	Al reported on trails... We need trail captains very bad for Niagara County, Al marked almost all of Niagara county by himself, he is not going to do that again next year. A lot of discussion on the sections that are most important to find trail captains for. From Transit Rd east there is a lot of work that needs to be done to fix brush issues, bridges need repair. Al reported the water on that section of trail is beyond anything he has ever seen marking trail in 25 years. There was talk about leaving sections of the Niagara county trail markers up all year long, just to cut down on labor. Jeff G. reported an issue with a new re-route off of Clarence Center Rd. and a landowner issue, will have to be addressed in the spring when trail is taken down. Al reminded everyone to not get antsy and start taking down trail markers and signs, assuming our session is over. Rich reminded everyone to get any lingering work logs to him for the trail grant.
<b>Newsletter</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Apparel</b>	Ron was not present at the meeting, no report from him
	Andy said there was new apparel available if anyone was interested.



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B.O.D.: Ron W.	

Total Club Members Present	<b>14</b>
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Date / Time / Location:	<b>January 30th., 2020 @ Wolcottsville Inn</b>
<b>Safety</b>	nothing new to report
<b>Adopt A Highway</b>	~nothing new to report
<b>Vintage Sled</b>	Kevin, Marcie, Jake K., Ron & Rich had met last last week, got everything pretty much lined up for the show
<b>President Report</b>	Andy asked everyone keep their fingers crossed for snow.
<b>Vice President Report</b>	Dan asked for continued snow dances !!
<b>Treasurer Report</b>	Rich gave a detailed report, line by line on the printed report handed out. Al inquired about the groomer house fund, and what to do with it. Dan D. made a motion to except the report, Jake A. 2nd, all were in favor, motion carried. Rich asked for a motion to pay bills, Dave made a motion to pay bills, Al 2nd motion carried.
<b>Secretary Report</b>	Ron was not present at the meeting, no report from him ((side note, big thanks go out to Dave L., for taking notes, running the recorder, handing out minutes, and taking roll for Ron))
<b>Other</b>	ELECTIONS COMING UP...Nomination next month, elections follow in March.
<b>For the Good Of The Club</b>	~nothing~
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Feb. 27th., location not determined as of yet. Will post as soon as we decide
<b>Meeting Closure</b>	Andy made a motion to close meeting, and eat. All were in favor, motion passed
<b>Entered In &amp; Recorded By:</b>	<i>Ron Davydko</i> (secretary)



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**February 27th..**