

# The NESS Express

## Snowmobile Club Newsletter

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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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## NESS EXPRESS

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Do you got a ride'n bud that didn't get the newsletter this month? With all memberships from last year expired, it's time to renew membership, and with that membership renewal, you will be back on our NESS Express mailing list!!! Membership applications are within this newsletter, and always available online on our website.

# Membership Application or Renewal

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers inc.



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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## 2020-2021 Season

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 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO Email Monthly Newsletter: EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

All memberships are from Apr 1 to Mar 31 to coincide with NYSSA vouchers. \$5 of this fee is for membership to NYSSA who will donate .25c to the NYS Snowmobile PAC. Note: If you do not want to donate this .25c, check here \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you are already a member of NYSSA (through another club) deduct \$5 from the amount below and write the club name and voucher ID# here \_\_\_\_\_

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL
- LANDOWNER (ON TRAIL)
- 
- SINGLE \$ 30.00
- FAMILY \$ 35.00 (Incl. spouse & all children 17 & under)
- 
- GROOMER HOUSE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 
- UPGRADE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO BE A PART OF THE NYSSA TRAIL DEFENDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$ 20.00 - SEE BACK FOR MORE DETAILS

**"SNOWMOBILERS RESPECT LANDOWNERS  
 - STAY ON THE TRAIL"**

**If you are interested in promoting your business we offer many forms of advertising. You may choose from spots in our newsletter, along the trail and on our website. Please call us or visit our website for more information.**

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?**

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer/Board member  | <input type="checkbox"/> Website                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt - A - Hwy    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/Landowner       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Guides            | <input type="checkbox"/> Apparel            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groomer/UTV/Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising        |

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND WAIVER OF CLAIM:** I am aware that snowmobiling involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: other snowmobiles, changing weather conditions; natural or un-natural objects: trees, stumps, the condition of snow or ice; changes in the terrain; blind spots or areas of reduced visibility, snow grooming equipment, or other vehicles, or negligence of other drivers or on the part of NESS or its members to safeguard or protect me from these hazards. I am aware of, freely accept, and fully assume such risks and the potential loss resulting there from and release NESS and its officers, members, or sponsors from all liability and waive any and all claims for such loss.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

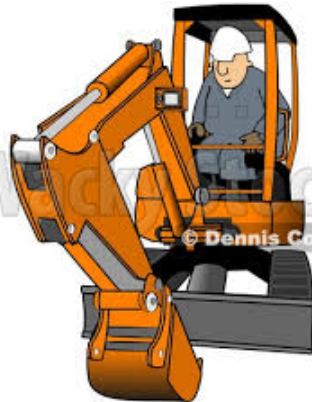
*48 years of service to our community & our members...*

# Trails

## Talk

...120+ miles of trails, 2,000+ trail markers & 2,000+ signs. It's a tall order, and a lot of work ! If you're a trail captain, please inventory your supplies, survey your section of trail, and report any problems or concerns to Allen W. If you're not a trail captain, how about offering to help lend a hand to one of our trail captains. Keep in mind we are always looking for trail supplies. From culvert pipes, to lumber for bridge decking, or steel for bridge construction, they are all needed supplies. If you can help us out in anyway, please contact us.

...And when your out there, snap some pic's, shoot some video, sketch me a scene or send up some smoke signals.. I'll be sure to make you famous in next months NESS Express !!!



## Trail Captains & Club Volunteers

Any trail work done **MUST** be reported to Rich so it can be logged and added into this years trail grant. Super, super important here folks !!! Keep track of your time, start to finish, your location (cross roads are fine), what you were doing (ie: brush clearing, signing, bridge construction, trail inspection), what you used (ie:ATV, UTV, pickup truck & trailer, screw gun, chain saw, limb saw, lumber, screws, marking paint) work crew / club members. Take it from a 20+ year veteren, before you leave the work sight, get out your phone, and text or email Rich with the details. If you wait, you will forget details, or forget all together.

Rich: (716)553-4819 call or TxT  
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## Behind Bars But Out Front



### Editors Thoughts, Notes & Idea's

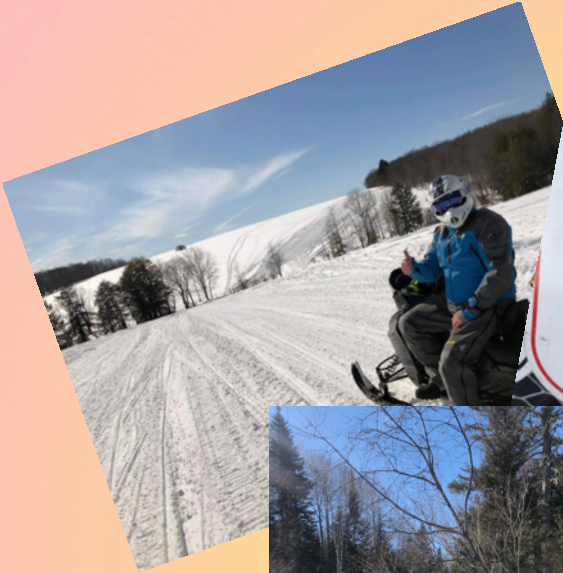
? Does the NESS Express seem a little light ? Maybe a little short ? Sponsorships all are expired, renewal letters have been sent out to all current sponsors. If you'd like to become a sponsor, please contact us, you will find rates and contact info within this newsletter. We appreciate your contribution, and look forward to helping raise awareness to your business.

...Last months meeting minutes will look a little scant, we did not have enough board of directors and officers show up to hold an official meeting. We discussed some issues, but could not do any official club business. Not ideal for this time of year, but it happens, and we all have "stuff" that comes up. With the Canadian border closed, not expected to open anytime soon, my bet would be Tug and surrounding areas will be more insane than usual (is this possible) this season. We are way overdue for a long, cold, snowy winter here in WNY, all the more reson to have our trails in tip top shape. We have some pretty serious issues facing us, on the NYS level. Stay informed and aware of what's going on, and be ready to reach out and make sure your voice as a snowmobiler and club member are herd.

-KEEP YOUR STICK ON THE ICE-

*Ron Dawydko*

## YOUR TRAIL PIC'S



Send me your trail pic's, cool or crazy... Local or long haul...

## Gone Postal

The NESS Express printed version takes the summer months off, to help save \$\$\$\$. We are back to mailing out the full printed version of this esteemed, often imitated but never duplicated publication this month. If you would like to receive the email version of the NESS Express, and skip the printed version, please let us know. If you opt in for the email newsletter, you will receive an email with a link to the newsletter, you can view it in it's full color version. If you haven't seen it in full color, you don't know what you're missing. Keep in mind each months newsletter (and all the previous ones) are posted to our website, [snoseekers.com](http://snoseekers.com) and look for the "newsletter" button.

The NESS Express is an ongoing "work in progress"... I'm always looking for fresh new ideas, comments & suggestions. If there is something you think it's missing please speak up. Ron cell/Txt: (716)622-8121 or [snoseekers14001@gmail.com](mailto:snoseekers14001@gmail.com)

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# NYSSA CLUB NEWS

FALL 2020

## Trail Funding

There has been a lot of conjecture about what trail funding will look like this season. The following is a statement from NYSSA President Rosanne Warner:

Since May of 2020, there has been a State Division of Budget (DOB) directive that all local assistance grants will be subjected to a 20% hold back. This directive from DOB has upset all entities which receive local assistance from NY state. From the time this directive was issued, NYSSA, its Government Affairs Committee, and Park Strategies (our lobbyist) have been in contact with DOB regarding grants which support the maintenance of the trail system. In relation to the 30% payments which are in the process of being paid now, we were able to successfully point out to DOB that the funding comes from a dedicated account which is solely funded by the registrations paid by snowmobilers and that this fund has ample revenue to support the program. In the end, the 30% submissions were paid in full. No decision has been made on the 70% funding which is scheduled to go out in December. As December approaches, Parks will prepare the state aid calculations that will determine what each sponsor and club will receive.

NYSSA will make the case that the trail fund has sufficient revenue in it to support the entire 2020-21 program and that fully funding the program will jump start the winter economy. As every other outdoor recreational activity has seen an increase in participation, NYSSA anticipates greater interest in snowmobiling within the state as participants will look for staycations and travel to Canada is likely to be restricted. It is important that our trail infrastructure be well maintained so that our trails are as safe as they can be to support the increase in use. Considering that clubs have very limited ability to raise money at club fundraisers, the only avenue they can turn to is the state assistance they receive from snowmobile registrations. NYSSA has been successful with the 30%, and we will do our very best to be successful with protecting this year's funding. In the interim, NYSSA will do our best to encourage riders to join their club now!

**Everyone who joins before 12-1-20 will be put in a drawing for \$1000.**

**Have you joined a club yet?**

*Announcing*

## THE NYSSA JOIN A CLUB CONTEST

**Join a club by December 1<sup>st</sup> and your name will be entered in a drawing to win**

**\$1000.00!!**

*Did you know that you can join and support more than one club?*

*Each secondary club membership will add an additional entry into the contest*

**Join online at**

**<https://membership.nysnowmobiler.com>**

**Watch the drawing live December 5<sup>th</sup> @ Noon on our [Facebook Page](#)**

Winner will be selected at random from members who joined a club(s) between 4/1/2020 and 12/1/2020

# Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

## Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

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

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| Total Club Members Present | <b>5</b> |
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| Date / Time / Location:                | <b>Sept. 24th., 2020 @ Rich M. Office on Roll Rd. (7:00pm)</b>   |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>      | Due to various reasons, only 4 officers, and 1 board member were able to make it to the meeting. Under our by-laws, we were unable to conduct an official meeting. It was decided we would not waste the opportunity to discuss club business, but would be unable to do official club business. The following is a summary of what we discussed |
| <b>Previous months meeting minutes</b> |  |
| <b>NYSSA / SLEDNY</b>                  |  |
| <b>Committee(s)</b>                    |  |
| <b>Christmas party</b>                 | Dave reported he has obtained info on the idea of a drive through chicken bbq for our landowners, prices and dates were discussed.   |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                      | Ron reported the first printed version of the NESS express went out  |
| <b>Website &amp; Social Media</b>      |  |
| <b>General Meeting(s)</b>              | Discussion on when and where and if we should start up general meetings, possibly November for a general meeting, will need to discuss this further  |
| <b>Membership</b>                      |  |
| <b>Groomers &amp; Drags</b>            |  |
| <b>Trails &amp; Landowners</b>         | Al discussed a few issues, nothing thought to be serious. The new bridge construction in Niagara county was discussed  |
| <b>Power Line Project</b>              | Rich informed us that he was able to contact a state senator, and had a zoom meeting with him.   |
| <b>Brushing</b>                        | Discussion on lack of equipment available when we have the time to use it.   |
| <b>Gromer House</b>                    |  |
| <b>President Report</b>                |  |
| <b>Vice President Report</b>           |  |
| <b>Secretary Report</b>                |  |
| <b>Treasurer Report</b>                | We looked over the printed treasurers report, no vote to except it was taken   |
| <b>Other</b>                           |  |
| <b>For the Good Of The Club</b>        |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                    | October 29th. @ Rich's office  |
| <b>Meeting Closure</b>                 |  |
| <b>Entered In &amp; Recorded By:</b>   | <i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)   |



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## Landowners

Please be advised, club members & trail captains will be starting work on preparing the snowmobile trails crossing your land. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to speak with a representative from the club please contact us.

**Ron (716)622-8121 or email: [snoseekers@yahoo.com](mailto:snoseekers@yahoo.com)**

## Trail Help

As always, we need your help getting trails ready and installing them. We seem to find a re-occurring problem every fall. We ask for help, and we get some folks who respond, and offer to help. Their first question is when & where? I can tell you with certainty that the officers and trail captains of the club would like nothing better than to be able to set days and times weeks in advance, script out exactly what they will be doing out on the trails, and then put that info out on social media, and have people sign up & show up to help out. ~PIPE DREAM~ We are all volunteers here, we have as much going on in our lives as you do in yours! Kids soccer games on the weekends, Boy Scout campouts, the wife has you raking leaves for the next 3 Saturdays, you get the picture. Then you throw in the wild cards like, the weather, and it's a roll of the dice on if anything EVER gets done! ...Here's the reality of how it usually goes down. From Mid October to January 1st. there is something going on, somewhere, by someone, someplace on our trails or servicing our groomers, every single weekend. And many week days, you will find club members taking time off work, or taking half days at work, and going out to work on trails. On Friday evening or early Saturday morning, we txt one another, see what's up, and what's going on for trail work. We connect up, and get it done. There is hardly ever more than a few hours notice on "plan" to get some trail work done. How do you fit into this? Reach out, share your contact info with us, let us know how you can help us out, do you have an ATV or UTV, or other equipment. We will reach out to you!

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