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Next AWESOME MEETING

We will be covering the following topics:

- Treasure Report
- Membership Info.
- NYS Snowmobile Topics of Discussion
- County Topics of Discussion
- NESS Trail Coordinator Report
- NESS Antique Sled Show
- Officer Election & Nomination Info.

* Bring your questions, cause... We got answers *

Thursday Jan. 28 @ 7pm

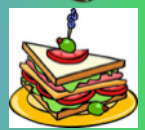
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The NESS Express

Snowmobile Club Newsletter

Created & Edited By:
Ron Dawydko

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, or (716)741-NESS or snoseekers@yahoo.com



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Newsletter: Ron D.
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Safety & Education: (OPEN)
Vintage Chapter: Kevin G.

Hello,
Hope everyone got out to enjoy the early snow and some early season riding! Big thanks to everyone for allowing the trails to be opened. Took a lot of last minute work for it to come together, but we did it! Keep your fingers crossed for some more white gold! Happy holidays to everyone,
Andy

Andy Braunscheidel



Trails

We are in search of a few club members to become "Trail Captains". For those that may not know what a trail captain is, it's a club member that is responsible for marking a section of trail. We supply you with everything you need, you have access to one of the club's UTV's to use for trail work. We have some long time existing sections of trail that are to be honest, about as easy as it gets to mark ! We have a section of C4C in Genesee County, from Lake Rd. to the Log Cabin that needs a new trail captain. We also have a section of C4H up in Niagara County from County Line Rd. to the trail head between Gasport Rd & Bunker Hill Rd. There is also a section of C4K that runs between Hunts Corners Rd. and Utley Rd. We really, really need some new folks to come forward to help us out on these sections. We will take the time to assist you in anyway you need help ! We really need some new faces and new blood to take on some new rolls in the club. The same handful of folks doing 95% of the work are tired.

Please inquire with Trail Coordinator Al for more info (716) 510-4171

Membership Application or Renewal

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers inc.



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2020-2021 Season

Mail to: Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. Box 167 Akron, New York 14001-0167

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

- | | | |
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| <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 |

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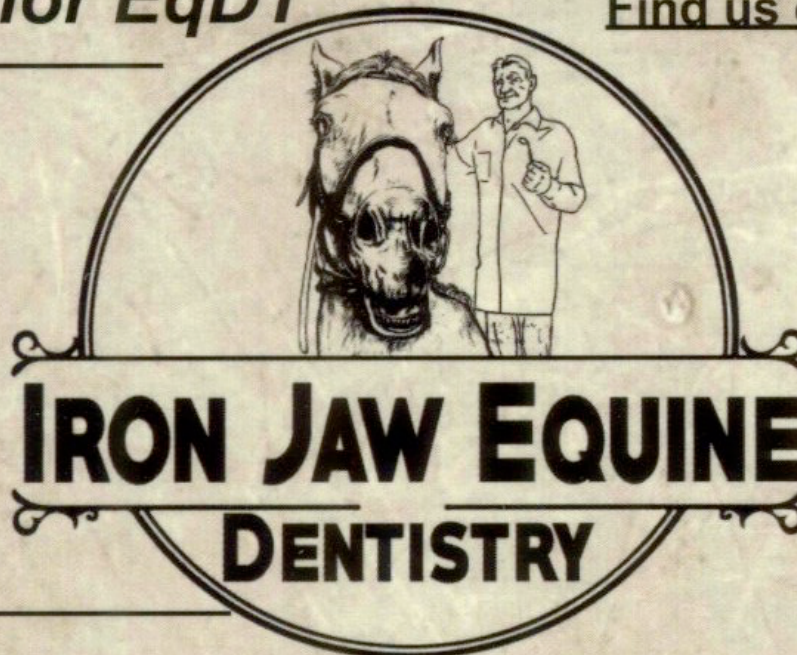
*** Reminder ***

The sponsors you see in the NESS Express have made commitment to support our club, or trails and our members. Please take note of who sponsors this newsletter, and when you're in need of a new set of ride'n gloves, maybe your going to order some takeout on a Friday evening, or you need a new set of carbides, remember who has made a commitment to support YOUR club!

Nate Taylor EqDT

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We would love to slap a couple go pro's on a groomer, and capture some great video of grooming, sleds passing, beautiful scenery, stitch it all together and make a nice video.

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...Speaking of NESS sponsors, here's one that has been with us since the beginning. Jan, Gloria & the Schafer family have been club members, sponsors, club officers, trail captains, landowners, and various other club contributors for 20+ years now. Jan was a NESS club member way back before he was a Polaris, Ski-Doo / BRP dealer. Our club's relationship with Buck's Motorsports runs deep. From the early days of his Grass Drags, at his former location in Wolcottsville Jan has always been there for our club. He played a key roll in getting our trail through Wolcottsville, and the Iroquois National Wild Life Refuge and among other things, he made the first NESS road trip with a truck and trailer to purchase our first groomer and drag in Barrie, Ontario, Canada and get it across the border. From our humble beginnings, to where we stand today, we are very proud to have had Buck's Motorsports with us all the way !!! We are very fortunate to have a world class top notch dealer right here on our home turf.



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8th Prize: 1 pr of C&A Pro Skis including Carbides & Mounting Kit donated by C&A Pro

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- 26 \$250 Cash-Northern Erie Sno-Seekers
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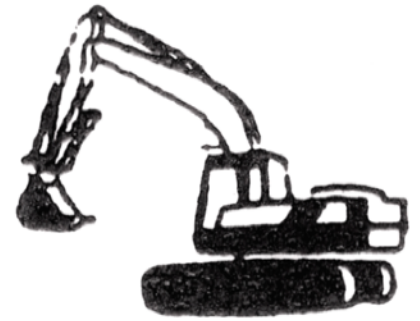
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Feb 6th. Perrysburg, NY (10am)

Feb 21st. & March 6th. (9am)

Boutwell Hill State Forest

March 14th. (50 Mile Iron Dog)

Cherry Creek, NY

** Above all posted on flyer inside

The NESS Express**



The NESS Groomers

All 3 of our groomers are tuned up and ready to roll when the white stuff starts falling again. When these girls head out to dance, the \$\$\$ starts clicking up pretty quick. They each hold 60+ gallons of diesel fuel, and they are filled back up after each run. Consider making a grooming donation to keep the tracks turning, and the fuel flowing.

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We just a few short weeks away from our annual Vintage Sled Show & Ride. If you made it out to the show last year, you know how much fun it was. If you didn't make it, rest assured, NESS proved once again we don't need snow to put together a great gathering and have a ton of fun !!! ...We don't call ourselves "Sno-Seekers" for nothing. With the success we saw last year, we are expecting a much bigger showing this year. Kevin & Marcie are our chairpersons on this event, and they could use a few helpers to keep things on tract, and running smoothly. Please contact Kevin to help out (716) 912-2607

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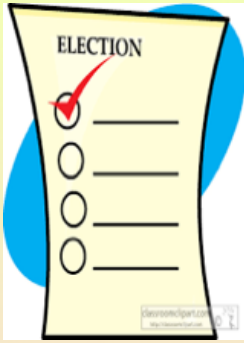
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Election Time

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. We could really use some new blood, new faces, new ideas. If concerned about becoming an officer or BOD, no worries, we don't do back ground checks (maybe we should) and you don't have to pee in a cup (... unless we are screening for accuracy, not content) ...Seriously though... If you have any questions about any of the positions, or what's open for nominations, or what's involved in being elected to a position, please contact secretary Ron he'd be glad to explain it all, including string theory, the Higgs Boson particle, Monopoly board game strategy, and the meaning of life... Ron: (716)622-8121



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NYSSA interactive trail map



Loud & Obnoxious

Have you seen these two snowmobilers? They were last spotted on NESS trails, 2 weeks ago. We've been looking for them for years, and years. They are spotted all over WNY, and rumored to have been in Northern snow covered climates all over North America. These are the notorious "Butt-Head" brothers, Loud & Obnoxious. They are responsible for; pissed off landowners, irate homeowners, upset motorists & furious fellow snowmobilers. Their actions behind the bars have caused trail closures everywhere they ride. They are easy to spot on the trails, but hard to catch. They only seem to ride with the throttle pinned to the handlebar, ski's hanging in the air, snow rooster tail flying high in the air behind. Their usual hours of operation are dusk to dawn, but have been reported out in the daylight as well. They don't belong to our club, and it's unknown if they belong to any other clubs. They ride out of control, outside the trail markers and all over the trail. With their "altered" aftermarket exhaust, they are usually heard long before they are ever seen. Their only recorded statement, in regards to the charges against them is; "We aint from your town or club, and we don't give a F\$#K about your trails, we're just passing through head'n South (or North) just look'n to rack up some miles, and hit a few bars. We do appreciate your flat smooth trails, we enjoy carving them up like cousin Clyde's Christmas ham." Some of you may have passed these guys out on the trails, our groomer operators have all reported seeing them. You may not have recognized them with their riding gear on, but the trail behind them gives them away every time. It's covered with "trail Closed" & "Follow Road To Trail" signs.

* WANTED *



Reward for any info on these 2 snowmobilers
Only known aliases "Loud" (left) & "Obnoxious" (right)

Our 120+ miles of NESS trails cover a WIDE range. We have everything from farmers fields, state wildlife refuge, town bikepaths to homeowner back yards. In the Western most portions of our trails, specifically in Clarence, we have pretty much run out of options to cross the roads due to residential housing. We have places where our trail is 30 feet from houses & garages, right across lawns and back yards. If we loose permission at some of these property's, it's all over folks. Just one landowner / homeowner saying NO, will close from that point all the way to the "Ship -n- Shore", we are all out of options for re-routes. On the asphalt bike path(s), we have to meet with the town boards & supervisor(s) on a yearly basis to ask for permission, and it all hinges on how things went last year. Our trail system sits in a very strategic spot in WNY. A whole lot of riders head out, and take our trail system to head South or East on their way in search of deeper snow, and many more miles. It's everyone's responsibility to help police our trails. If you come across riders acting in a irresponsible manner on our trails, take action. Get registration #'s, take pictures, get that information to the officers of the club. The State Police, County Sherrifs, DEC officers, and local law enforcement are all there to work with us to combat these problems. It all comes down to just one fact.

It's Your Trail to Loose



Big NESS thanks go out to all our Trail Captains, Trail Coordinator AL, and all the club members who stepped up and answered the call for help to get our trails installed before the first big snowfall of the season ! We kicked butt & pulled out all the stops to get OUR trails marked and ready. ...RESULT... NESS was only 1 of 5 clubs that were able open, out of the 10 WNY clubs of Erie County when the first snow of the season fell. I know conditions deteriorated quickly, the snow melted from the bottom up as fast as it did from the top down. And yes, there was plenty of water under that blanket of snow, but we got you out there when NONE of our neighboring clubs were marked and open. ***Disclaimer*** When conditions are right, and we have enough snow cover to protect our sensitive sections of trail, and Trail Coordinator AL, along with the officers and BOD agree, we will open NESS trails. Refer to the website for up to date trail(s) conditions before you GO, and please pay close attention to the descriptions. Example: "Li" means Limited conditions, you're gonna find water, mud and minimal snow. If your looking for a riding experience where you will not be finding any open water or mud, you've got to wait for trail conditions to show "Good" or "Excellent". The NYSSA interactive web map only allows us to OPEN or CLOSE our trails, so, refer to the website for detail info to take the guessing out of your riding experience.

Welcome to the 2021 Cherry Creek, NY Sno-Goers Vintage Chapter Events!!!

January 10, 2021

Vintage Show & Ride hosted by:

RODGERS & SONS
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7406 Route 83 Cherry Creek, NY 14723

Registration and show begins @ 9am

Group Ride Departs @ 10am



February 6, 2021

Vintage Show & Ride hosted by:

Perrysburg Diner

11846 Main Street Perrysburg, NY 14129

Unloading & Registration begins 10am

Group Ride leaves @ NOON

Diner will be OPEN!

Contact Dennis for more info: (716) 254-1445



February 21, & March 6, 2021

Vintage Ride at Boutwell Hill State Forest

****TWO DATES****

2100 Rутtenbur Road Cherry Creek, NY 14723

Parking area at intersection of Rутtenbur Rd & Lewis Rd

Unloading & Registration @ 9am

Group Ride leaves @ 10am



March 14, 2021

50 Mile Iron Dog 2 man team ride

We are still working on details

50 Mile trail ride

I will post updates asap

Cherry Creek, NY

All rides require a \$10 donation

1983 and older sleds with leaf springs

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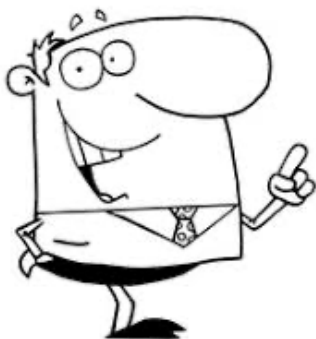
Lunch is provided on most rides Questions or info: Rich 716-680 2487

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.	X
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	X
B.O.D.: Jake A.	X
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	X
B.O.D.: Kevin G.	X
B.O.D.: Jake K.	X
B.O.D.: Dave L.	
B.O.D.: Matt W.	
B.O.D.: Luke A.	X

Total Club Members Present	15
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Lets plan to make it to next months meeting

Date / Time / Location:	December 17th., 2020 @ Wolcottsville Inn (7:00pm)
Welcome & Introduction	Sergeant of Arms Jeff G. brought the meeting to order at 7:21pm Andy was unavailable to attend the meeting, so VP Jake J. welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Previous months meeting minutes	copies of the Nov meeting minutes were available to those in attendance, Jake J. asked for a motion to except the Nov. minutes as printed, Jake A. made the motion, Jeff G. 2nd., all were in favor, none apposed, motion carried.
Antique Sled Show	Kevin G. informed us that he was unable to hold a meeting due to he was in quarantine. He was asked for clarification on what's considered vintage for the show, it's 20 years old, but depends on the class the sled is entered in. Kevin reported that there wasn't really anything else to report on.
NYSSA / SLEDNY	Rich reported that the extension to the big game hunting season is a no go for this year. But we should be concerned that they will push for it for next year. The NYSSA is going to work on this issue, and push that it does not happen. Super Raffle tickets are available, contact Rich for tickets, 50% of all ticket sales stays right in our club, so its a good deal for our club to sell tickets. NYSSA is working on trying to put together a spring forum in Syracuse. Rich reported that the NYSSA monthly meetings are being held via ZOOM.
E.C.F.O.S.C.	Rich reported not much new, these meetings are being held via ZOOM now.
Niagara Co. Fed.	Rich reported there was no new news
Genesee Co Fed.	Rich reported there was no new news
Landowner Appreciation Event / Dinner	Dave was not present for an upadate on this. Al inquired as to what was going on with this, and if we had sent out any info with the Landowner cards, nothing was mentioned in the landowner cards, we wanted to just get the cards out ASAP, they went out way to late this year. AL made it known that he thought we should do something, and make this happen at some point for this season, Rich, Ron, everyone seemed to agree, problem seems that we need someone to take this project over, Dave is tied up with his house project. We need someone new to step forward to put this together.
Committee(s)	
Newsletter	Ron reported that the Nov newsletter was sent out late, due to ...other club commitments... going to try and get the December newsletter out sooner, he also reported that the mail is moving very slow, and it's taking 3 weeks from the time he sends it to the publisher to arriving to mail boxes. Ron reported that sponsorship was down, not much interest in sponsoring so far this season. Ron reported that the Nov. printed version was mailed out to just shy of 500 mail boxes. (current members, sponsors & landowners)
Membership	Rich reported we are at 198 members, last year on this date we had 204 members, and 2 years ago on this date we had 704 members.... Discussion on why numbers were low, everyone agreed no snow, no trials open kills membership.
UTV's & Equipment	Ron reported that the new club ranger UTV broke down, AL called Bucks and they got it right in to fix it, and we had it back in just a couple days, big thanks to Bucks for getting us back up and running. The UTV's are available for trail work, contact Ron or AL to arrange for pick up. The light on the trailer for the new Ranger is not working, Joel offered to rewire the trailer and put on new lights, Ron will get that trailer to Joel when we are done using it for trail work. There was discussion on weather we should fix or replace it. was decided to fix it for now. Ron reported that he was done brush hogging, and had washed up the brush hog, replaced the knives on it, an returned it to Billy P. Ron also washed up Rich's skid steer and returned it along with the trailer. Ron reported that the skid steer developed a fuel issue while he was using it. Ron asked for a motion to pay for the repairs to Rich's skid steer. Earl made the motion, Kevin 2nd, all in favor, none apposed, motion carried.
Website & Social Media	Ron asked that club members refrain from getting arguments on social media in regards to the club

Northern Erie Snow-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.	X
Trail Coordinator: Al W.	X
B.O.D.: Jake A.	X
B.O.D.: Kyle A.	X
B.O.D.: Kevin G.	X
B.O.D.: Jake K.	X
B.O.D.: Dave L.	
B.O.D.: Matt W.	
B.O.D.: Luke A.	X

Total Club Members Present	15
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Date / Time / Location:	December 17th., 2020 @ Wolcottville Inn (7:00pm)
Groomers & Drags	Ron reported that #1 & #3 are at his place, ready to roll, #2 is at Jake K's. and ready to roll. We have fuel in the tanks, at respective locations, when the snow flies we are ready.
Trails & Landowners	Al gave a lengthy report on trails, long discussion, to much to list here, no major issues of problems, some trail yet to mark, AL will check status with a drive by in many locations, and then get in touch according trail captains. It looks like there are only a few sections that are not yet marked. Jake J., reported that the town removed the culverts behind McD's when they cleared the ditch, so, we need to replace them, going to try to set something up. We still have a bridge to install off of Salt Rd., close to the bike path, Rich reported that we are waiting for the town of Clarence to remove the old concrete, and install the poles, and then we can install the deck and be done. AL reported that the trail captain for the log cabin trail from Lake Rd to Log Cabin, and out to Kutters Cheese can not do it anymore, so we need to find someone new for that section of trail. Super easy section of trail, well established, many landowners are club members, please someone take this section so existing trail captains don't have to pick this up. Bike path is 90% set up, and barrels installed, discussed some new type of barrels, or barriers to use on the bike path, discussion will continue. Discussion regarding the issue we had with the #90 interstate folks, and how to handle that situation for this year, Jake K, will look it over. Rich reminder that we have to GPS trails this season.
NEXTERA/NEETNY (Power Line Project)	Ron & Rich brought everyone up to speed. LONG LONG discussion on this topic, to much to type, Ron & Rich attend a ZOOM meeting on a bi-weekly basis with the NEETNY guys. There will be some re-routes, and they won't be pretty, going to be rough trail, and wet, and narrow, but we don't have any choice, put our trail where they specify or no trail at all. Ron will be in charge of checking on these sections of trail for compliance with what we have agreed to with the NEETNY folks. We will have to be on our best behavior in these areas.
NESS Memorial	Rich reported on a idea to set up something to honor past outstanding club members, officers and such. We need ideas from club members. This will take much discussion over time, looking for input from everyone on this issue.
Treasurer Report	Rich M. presented everyone in attendance with a printed copy of the treasurers report. Rich asked if there were any questions in regards to the treasure report. There were inquiries as to the cost of the printed newsletter, and the revenue generated from the sponsorships placed in it. Rich asked for a motion to except treasurers report as printed. AL made the motion, Jake K. 2nd., all were in favor, none apposed, motion carried. Rich presented the club with the bills to pay for the month, Rich asked for any questions regarding the bills to pay., Rich asked for a motion to pay the bills, Earl made the motion, AL 2nd., all in favor, none apposed, motion carried.
General Meeting(s)	Jake J. reported that we will continue to hold general meetings monthly unless Wolcottville Inn will not be able to host us. Staying up in Niagara County is a good plan going forward, staying in the yellow zone.
Brushing	Ron, Rich and Joe will continue to brush hog as their schedules allow, and weather permits
Gromer House	Rich reported nothing new here, to busy working on fall trail issues, this is not a high priority right now. we will revisit this issue when we have time
President Report	Andy was not present at the meeting
Vice President Report	~nothing~
Secretary Report	Ron made everyone aware that a former long running officer & club president, Earl S. was present at the meeting. Always great to see old friends, and club members who haven't been around for a few years back at a meeting. We hope he finds his way back to future meetings !!!
Other	~nothing~
For the Good Of The Club	~nothing~
Next Meeting	Thursday January 28th, 7pm @ The Wolcottville Inn ((lets plan to RIDE !!!))