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Next Meeting Info:

Thursday March 25th. @ 7pm

*****Nominations*****

*****Elections*****

Lee will once again be hosting our March meeting at the Wolcottsville Inn. He will be serving up the best wings & fries North of the mighty Tonawanda. The club picks up the tab for the eats, so come hungry !!!



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



President: Andy Braunscheidel
Vice President: Jake Jurek
Secretary: Ron Dawydko
Treasurer: Rich McNamara
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Board Member: Kevin Gaik
Board Member: Jake Kelkenberg
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Board Member: Luke Anderson

Committees

Legal Committee: Al Wolbert
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Fundraising: (OPEN)
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Membership: Rich M.
Groomer & Equipment: Ron Dawydko
Trails & Landowners: (OPEN)
Trail Guides: (OPEN)
Newsletter: Ron D.
Social Media: Ron D.
Apparel: (OPEN)
Safety & Education: (OPEN)
Vintage Chapter: Kevin G.



SNOW



Yes !!! After 2 almost non-existent winters, here in Northern Erie County, old man winter remembered our zip code, and brought us what we all wanted desperately in 2021. It feels kinda like the snow has come and gone already, but us old-timers remember that we can see some nasty winter storms that dump significant amounts of snow in March. So, don't give up hope just yet. February has been very good for our trails, trail coordinator AL reports that we had a run of 20 days straight of trails open, and although we'd all like to see them open for 5 times that long, 20 days compared to the last 3 or 4 winters is not bad at all. We had the groomers ready to roll, and once the snow started falling, we were out packing it down, and filling in the wet holes. It took a little longer for enough snow to fall on our Northern sections of trail in Niagara County, but once we got enough to work with, we jumped right on it with the groomers. I have received many compliments on our trails, and our trail grooming through social media, the groomer operators and trail captains deserve all the credit.

Membership Application or Renewal

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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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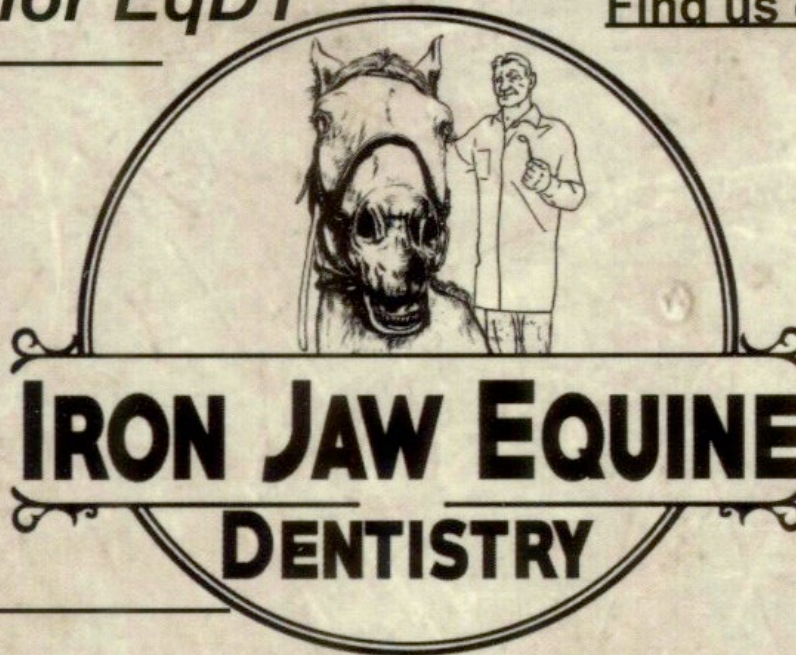
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...Nothing breaks until you use it... That doesn't just apply to your snowmobile, that also applies to trail groomers. Just ask ANY snowmobile club !!! No matter how new they are, or how much pre-season maintenance you perform to them, you will have break downs through the season. Some more severe than others, we had a pretty serious one last month with groomer #1 (the BR-180), Dave and Earl were out with it, when it just....quit... Engine died, and that was it. They spent a few hours in the cold trying to diagnose the problem, but no luck, so, we recruited some help from our old buddy Curt, and after a few more hours in the freezing cold in knee deep snow out in the middle of a field, they still had no luck. So, we called in reinforcements, and with help from Bill, Curt & Dave, we dragged the groomer out to the road, and up on Bill's trailer. Big thanks to Keith at Anchor Farms for making room in the warm farm shop to work on it. I reached out to the only professional "fixer" that I knew of, that I thought could help us out. Club member, Trail Captain & landowner, Dale Berghorn answered the call, and with help from Dave, and Keith, got #1 back up and running, and back out on the trails !!! This is not the first time Dale has fixed one of our broke groomers, we can't thank you enough Dale !!!





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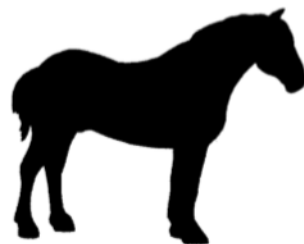
The weather was perfect, trails were open & we knocked this one out of the park! If you missed it, you missed NESS at its finest. I'd like to give you the details, but, we don't need to get our hand slapped by NYS, so... I'm just gonna say, if you missed it, you missed ONE HELL OF A SHOW. We took what we learned from last year, and took it to a whole new level. We have many, many pictures posted to fb by club members and visitors, drone video footage up on our youtube channel, and more pic's posted to our website. I wish I could tell you more, but it was the greatest show that never happened (wink~wink).

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ~ Kevin & Marcie (chairpersons for this event)
- ~ Akron Acres (for hosting the event)
- ~ WXRL (for sponsoring & advertising)
- ~ NESS volunteers
- ~ All our donators for the basket raffle

We will set the date for next years show at this months meeting & discuss what we plan to do different for next year.

*** We are looking for sponsors for next years show, get in early, or miss the sled / boat...***



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On Thursday Feb. 18, sometime BEFORE 1:46pm, our sergeant at arms & trail captain Jeff G. was heading out for a ride, and found fresh tracks of a single snowmobile who had deliberately driven over all the trail markers and signs from Goodrich Rd. (trail starts) to Salt Rd. It was a fresh, single track, and from the ski-stance & tracks, it looks to be an older snowmobile. And from the direction they were ran over, the sled was headed East, so they started at Goodrich Rd., and drove East to Salt road. There were 30+ trail markers / sign stakes that were broke off at the ground, and were no longer useable. There were also 10+ signs that were damaged from being run over as well. The custom Clarence Pizza Co. sign at the trail head was ruined also. If you think we are overreaching , think again !!! The Stop signs & Stop Ahead signs were also knocked down, creating a very serious safety issue. The broken stakes were broke off protruding out of the frozen ground and snow, creating further safety issues for snowmobiles, riders and farmers or landowners. A frozen stake buried in the snow will easily puncture a tire(s) causing \$1,000's of damage !!! Trail coordinator AL was quick to respond, and spent 3 hours of his time repairing the damage.

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REWARD

Many thanks going out to the anonymous donor of "used" road signs, that showed up at Rich's office last month. We had been asking for old street signs to cut up for trail reflectors. Someone heard us, and dropped off some nice straight candidates to become future trail reflectors. ~Thank You~



Elections

Our March meeting means, ELECTIONS. All officers, and 1/2 of the BOD positions were opened up for nominations at the February meeting. Speaking on behalf of the current officers and BOD, we would really, really like to see some new faces join the ranks. The 2 big issues I hear when I talk to people about becoming an officer or BOD are; 1.) "I don't have time." 2.) "I don't have any experience, and I won't know what to do." Ok, first we (officers & BOD) conduct 75% of the business of the club through phone calls, group TxT message & email. We (current officers) are no different than you, we have full time jobs, families and other non-snowmobile interests. If someone new steps into a position in the club, we do not expect you will know what to do and how to do it, and we aren't going to hang you out to dry !!! Former and current officers are always there for help and guidance, whenever and wherever you need it. There have been some great, new ideas for trails, events & apparel. We need help, and new people to step up, and join the ranks. We have good number of committees that remain blank every year, because no-one is willing to become a chairperson. We look forward to hearing from you !!!



We are still looking for a few NEW trail captains. We have had a couple long timers "retire" from many years of service marking trail, and we need to find some new replacements for them. We also have a couple trail captains that have requested help on their section of trail. We supply you with everything you need, and a club UTV to do any trail work !!! ...Just like above, I often hear... "I just don't have the time.." Well, you find time to ride when the trails are open right? We have trail captains that mark 5 miles of trail, and we have the "A-Team" (Jake, Kyle & Luke) who mark 20 miles of trail. There are chunks of trail to fit everyone. Contact AL or Ron for more info & details. (716)622-8121

THANK YOU SNOWMOBILERS

...We can never thank you enough for your permission to use your land as part of our trail system. Most of you probably don't get as excited as we do about lots of snow, and continued cold weather, but we sure do !

It's been a few years since we have had a real opportunity to ride our trails when they are in good to excellent condition. As always we treat your land with respect, and when we are crossing it, we treat it as if it was our own. When we get such great weather and enough snow to open up our trails, our club becomes a piece of the puzzle that when conditions are right, and a blanket of snow covers the whole state, our club interconnects with our adjacent snowmobile clubs, that connect with 100's of other clubs all across New York state, that opens up a snowmobile trail network that gives us access to 10,500+ miles of snowmobile trail across the entire state. Many of our club members have ridden their snowmobiles from their own back door to destinations such as Letchworth State Park and towns in the Southern-tier like Arcade, Bliss, Springville. We've had club members ride East into the Finger Lakes Region, and up to Hilton, NY. Some have ridden further South and West into Chautauqua County and on to the Pa line. There are snowmobile trails North of us as well, there have been club members that have ridden all the way to the shores of Lake Ontario. Many of our club members have traveled 1,000's of miles on their snowmobiles this season, covering 100's of miles in a single day. I just wanted to take a moment to thank you, and let you know what an integral part of an interconnecting trail system that brings a great deal of revenue to businesses all across our state. Not to mention all the joy it brings to the families that spend every moment they can on their snowmobiles out on our trails.



Super Raffle

There is still plenty of time to purchase your tickets. The drawing isn't until April, so, see Rich at this month's meeting ! The list of prizes is plenty deep, and our club gets \$5 of every ticket we sell.



As our season winds down, keep in mind as much time and effort it takes to install 125 miles of trail, it takes just as much work to close all those trails. Our trail captains will need any and all the help they can get when the time comes. Please make it a priority to find the time to help us out. Like so, so many things in our club... "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK" Contact Ron to make yourself available to help: (716)622-8121 ** Side note ** Trail captains, please make note of problem areas on your trails, that need attention over the summer, such as bridges, culverts or brush trimming.



High Rollers

Ok "sled-heads"... Let's hear the numbers... Shoot me a T x T or drop me a email, let's see who's racked up the most miles. (716)622-8121 or snoseekers@yahoo.com

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Combination Board & General Meeting Minutes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	
President: Andy B.	X
Vice President: Jake J.	X
Secretary: Ron D.	
Treasurer: Rich M.	
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.	
B.O.D.: Jake K.	X
B.O.D.: Dave L.	
B.O.D.: Matt W.	X
B.O.D.: Luke A.	

Total Club Members Present	13
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Date / Time / Location:	Feb. 25th., 2021 @ Wolcottsville Inn (7:00pm)
Welcome & Introduction	Andy brought meeting to order at an undisclosed time, and welcomed everyone to the meeting
Previous months meeting minutes	Andy asked for a motion to except the January meeting minutes as printed and distributed. Unclear who made the motion, Jake A., 1st., Jake K., 2nd, all were in favor, motion passed Andy took roll call to record which officers were present at the meeting
Elections / Nominations	Andy asked for a motion to open nominations, Allen 1st., Matt W., 2nd, Andy was nominated for president, and excepted, Jake J was nominated and excepted, Rich was nominated to treasurer, he was not present. Ron was nominated for secretary, he was not present both will be contacted to see if they except their nominations. Jeff G. was nominated to sergeant at arms, he excepted. AL W., was nominated to trail coordinator, he declined. Jake A., was nominated for that position, he said he would think about it. Earl S., was nominated, he declined. Jake K. was nominated for trail coordinator, he is going to think about it. There are 2 open BOD positions, Earl S., was nominated for a BOD position, he excepted. Luke A. was nominated, he was not present, Dave L., was nominated, he excepted. Paul ? was nominated, he excepted. Andy asked for a motion to keep nominations open until next meeting, Jake J. 1st, Jeff G. 2nd, the motion carried.
Antique Sled Show	Kevin & Marcie were not present at the meeting to give a report. There was a family at the meeting that had a daughter experience an accident on their way to the vintage show, they wished to express their appreciation for the quick response and help, both from the snowmobile club, and the fire department on getting their daughter off the trail and out to the road where the ambulance was waiting for her. It was reported that it was an accident that happened when the rider hit a frozen rut in the field and caused the snowmobile to overturn. The rider was reported to be doing good, and recovering. The family reported that they wanted to become more involved in the club and its functions.
NYSSA / SLEDNY	no report available
E.C.F.O.S.C.	no report available
Niagara Co. Fed.	no report available
Genesee Co Fed.	no report available
Committee(s)	
Newsletter	no report available
Website & Social Media	no report available
Membership	no report available
UTV's & Equipment	no report available
Groomers & Drags	Ron was not present for an official report, but various groomer operators reported some information and problems they encountered. There were some reports for some off season repairs that will need to be done on the groomers.
Trails & Landowners	Work logs / Grooming logs need to be turned in, contact Rich or Ron. AL gave a lengthy report, covered a lot of stuff, to much to type out. Trails were closed yesterday.
NEXTERA/NEETNY (Power Line Project)	no report available
Treasurer Report	no report available
President Report	Andy thanked everyone for the work on the trails, and hoped they enjoyed the trails when they we're open.
Vice President Report	Jake took some time to thank the groomer operators for the hours they spent grooming.
Secretary Report	no report available

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B.O.D.: Luke A.	

Other	~nothing~
For the Good Of The Club	Jake A., reported that his dad, owner of KING oil wanted to make a groomer fuel donation.
Next Meeting	Thursday March 25th, 7pm @ The Wolcottville Inn
Meeting Closure	Andy asked for a motion to close meeting, Trenton 1st., unable to hear who was 2nd., motion carried
	**** Please note **** The secretary, Ron was not present at the meeting, and in his absence, Earl was acting secretary, responsible for handouts, sign in sheet, and audio recording of the meeting. ~thank you Earl for handling the duties~
Entered In & Recorded By:	<i>Ron Dawydko</i> (secretary)

Total Club Members Present **13**



Bridge Construction Projects

We have some bridges mostly in Niagara county that are in desperate need of some serious repair. With the heavy traffic we have seen this winter, and

the grooming frequency, these bridges need some attention, and at least one needs complete replacement. The wood for decks on these bridges is already lined up. We do however need steel to build or repair the frames. "I" beams are great if anyone has any info on them or know where any are. Our "go to" of choice for steel substructure that works extremely well is the square tubing that is used for bumper railing on the sides of roads. It's galvanized, and heavy wall, so it lasts a long time, and very strong to handle heavy groomers. If you see some on a job site, or in a scrap yard, or where ever, let us know.

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