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The NESS Express

Snowmobile Club Newsletter

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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 300+ member, non-profit club responsible for 120+ 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. Our meetings are always open to the public. We encourage you to come see what we are all about. Our club & meetings are completely family oriented. If you plan to join us for a meeting, come hungry! The club buys wings & fries for all who 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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Christmas Party

Another great landowner appreciation / club Christmas party in the books. A good time was had by all for sure. We had one of the largest crowds we've ever entertained. There is a long list of "thank you's", and as hard as we try to keep track of donations, I can't promise there isn't someone we have missed !

* The Gibson's & Moore's families * DA Landscaping * Shannon Landow * Charles Landow * Kevin Gaik * The Beyer's family * Buck's Motorsports *

The Wolcottsville Inn * The Wolf family * Akron Acres. Special thanks to going out to Wolcottsville VFD for the hall rental, Ginny's Catering for the delicious food, Goofy Faces caricatures artist, DJ Don for the music and Wegmans for the sheet cakes for dessert. Many thanks going out to the club members & family

members who helped set up, decorate, clean up and man the tables to insure the evening went smooth. A special NESS tip of the hat to our MC for the evening, Mr. Jeff Glassman, he had big shoes to fill as his father Eric has been our MC for longer than anyone can remember ! ...And, saving possibly the biggest thank you for last, club members Molly & Paul for being the chairpersons for this stellar event. Molly is a professional event planner, and it sure showed ! From making all the arrangements, to organizing the evening, she made everything as smooth as it could possibly be ! We look forward to seeing everyone back again next year !!!



* Reminder * This club is a 100% volunteer organization. Everything done on behalf of NESS is time and effort donated by its members. What kind of experience is generated from events such as the Christmas party, antique sled show or even a Sunday afternoon ride with your friends and family on some smooth well marked trails is a direct result of the efforts put forth by our members. How have you contributed ?

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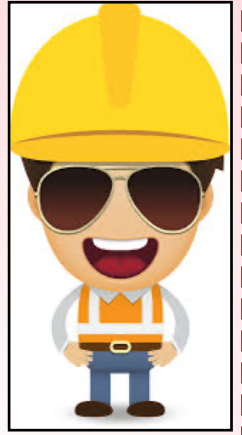
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Dine in & Take Out

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Trail Work Logs



Super important to get all info regarding trail work logs into Rich ASAP. We need to pool all information and work logs, and get this filed into the trail grant before the end of the year. Please txt, email or call Rich with the following info:

- ~ date & hours worked
- ~ Area (cross roads or trail # ID)
- ~ Names of workers
- ~ tools used, (ie: screw gun, truck, trailer, UTY, ATY, chain saw)
- ~ Trail work performed (ie: brushing, trail marking, bridge install)

Rich TxT: (716)553-4819



Our hard working trail captain up in Niagara county Scott has obtained landowner permission(s) to add a second half to the trail leading into Wolcottsville, and ending at the Inn. The purposed trail addition leading back out of town would head North from the Inn and link up with C4H. There has been a few discussions and there doesn't appear to be much work involved hacking a couple holes in some hedge rows and poking some trail markers in the ground and hanging some signs. It's a nice opportunity to add a small section of trail to close a loop. The Trail Captains in the area are already maxed out, so if it's something we want to pursue we will need some folks to come forward. Contact us for more details & information.

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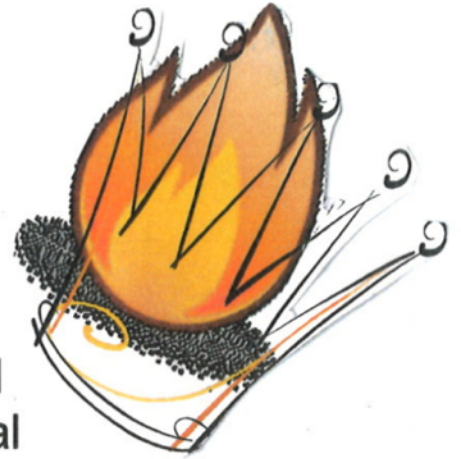
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Signature: _____

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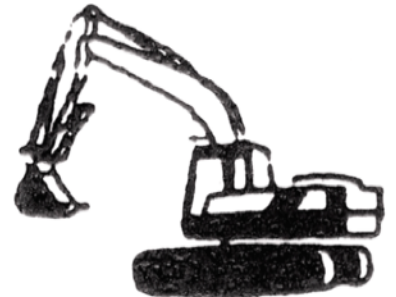
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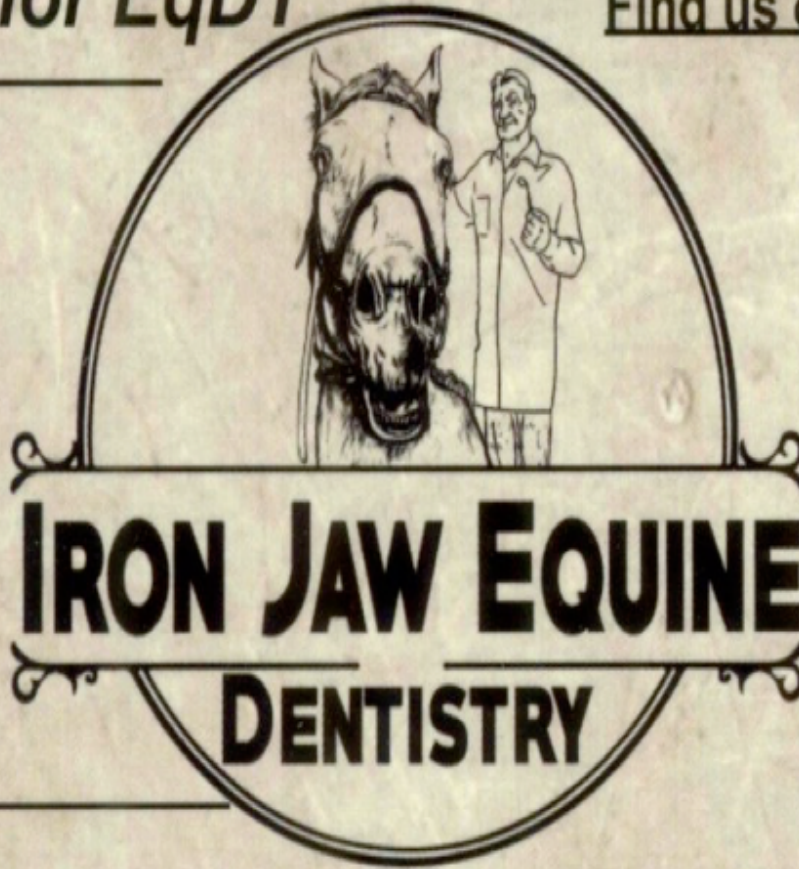
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Trail Useage



Lets have a little discussion about our snowmobile trails... Due to the extension of big game hunting season in NYS, the EARLIEST our trails can open, weather and conditions providing is Jan. 2nd. With that said, just because there is enough snow to cover the grass in your front yard, and you can't wait any longer to push the flipper on your new sled... DOES NOT mean you can hit the trails !!! We all feel the same way as you !!! NESS trails open and close at the discretion of trail coordinator Jake K. There are many factors that go into deciding on opening or closing our trails. Over the past few years the consequences for riding on a closed trail have gone up considerably. Hefty fines, court fees, on the spot impoundment could make you very sorry you didn't check before you hit the trails. If you're thinking you're going for a quick "scoot", or just a few miles to

your favorite watering hole. Remember, EVERYONE carries a very powerful video recorder and camera in their pocket these days ! You no longer need to be caught "red handed" to be issued a ticket. Remember there is a good chance the guy writing your ticket also rides sleds too. Law enforcement has divisions in the NYS police, County Sheriffs, NYS Office of Parks & Recreation & the DEC. Any snowmobile infractions are directed to one of those departments, so they are already prepared for your excuse that you didn't know the trails weren't open, or whatever other excuse you can dream up. It's YOUR responsibility to check trail availability before you head out. It's also your responsibility to be prepared for the conditions you may encounter out on the trails. We go to great effort to explain the conditions on our "trails" page on our website. When a trail is listed as "limited" and in the comments section it says "Water Holes" be prepared to return home covered in slop, and soaked to the core. We update trail conditions as they change, but you can always post a question to the fb page, and get info directly from other riders. Another very common excuse we hear when riders are stopped on a closed trail, is that they are not from around here, and rode onto our trail system from another club that was open. Again, it won't get you out of a ticket, you are responsible to plan your route, and check conditions before you leave. Trails may open up at anytime of day, but trails will only close at midnight, to ensure no one gets stuck out on a trail that was open when they left to go for a ride. Use our website & the NYSSA interactive web map to make the best of your riding experience! And enjoy our trails !



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Don't miss advertising in a single edition of the NESS Express !!! All sponsorships expire at the end of the year. Don't miss reaching out to our 600+ landowners & club members !!! ...YES... by February of 2021 we were mailing out over 600 newsletters !!! With our memberships up 129% over last year at this time, NEW members in the double digits already this year, we are well on our way to passing last years high mark. Advertising rates are listed here in this edition, contact Ron for details and hop on board. Ron cell / TxT: (716)622-8121 ~Thank You for your continued support~

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Remember

When you're riding on our trails, you're riding on very generous landowners property. Please treat it with respect, stay between the trail markers, and obey all signage !!!



Welcome

...Is this your first newsletter ??? Well, in that case, welcome aboard ! This is where our club news intersects with WNY snowmobiling, with a twist of Ron's humor thrown in just to keep things interesting, and cause some controversy. I consider this publication a continuing work in progress. Or a train wreck in progress. I welcome any ideas, input & criticism. Hit me up ! (716)622-8121 or snoseekers@yahoo.com

Snowmobile Vintage Show



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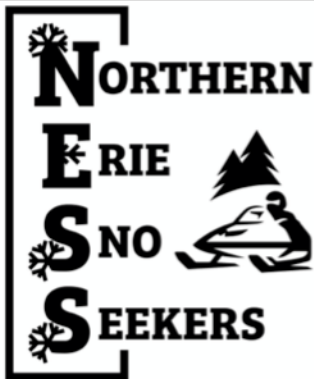
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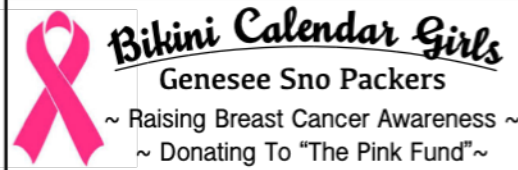
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Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	NOV. 17th. @ Wolcottville INN (7:30pm)
Welcome	Andy
	~Andy called the meeting to order at 7:39pm with 16 members and officers present
Last Meeting Minutes	~Andy made a motion to except last meeting minutes, Jeff G 1st., Kevin G. 2nd., all in favor motion carried
NYSSA / SLEDNY	? super raffle tickets ?
	~no information was available at this time, hope to have them for the Christmas party
Erie County Federation	many clubs doing youth safety courses, check NYS office of parks and recreation for complete list,
Committees	
Vintage Show (Kevin)	* flyers have been printed up
	~ Kevin needs more flyers, Ron will have more printed up
	~ Kevin was contacted by Bucks Motorsports, asked set up a booth, was agreed they would not be charged
	~ Kevin is working on adding some more food vendors
UTV's & Equipment (Ron)	* contact Ron if you need a UTV for trail work (716)622-8121
	~it was reported that UTV #1 has a soft tire, will need to be fixed or replaced at some point
	~ Earl reported that trailer for UTV #1 needed a pig tail extension, and was missing a pin for the tailgate
Groomers & Drags (Ron)	* will be starting fall service on them soon
	~ Ron reported that the new sprockets and hardware showed up for #1
	~ Brush guard for #3 was sent out for welding repair
	~ filters and oil were ordered for groomers #1 & #3
	~ focus is on getting trails all set, and marked, once we get there groomer fall service will start contact Ron to help out
Christmas Party / Landowner Dinner (Paul / Molly)	* 201 invites were mailed out to landowners
	* 15 RSVPS from landowners
	* 2 baskets dropped off at Ron's
	* Paul or Molly updates ???
	~ Paul reported 2 more baskets at his shop
	~ Molly gave a detailed report on the current state of the party
	~ Molly to contact Allen about beer and pop for party
	~ Bartender has been hired

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	~ Rich reported that we need to find a MC for the evening
	~ DJ has been hired
	~ character artist will be there from 7-9pm
	~ deserts were discussed and decided on
	~ Rich to get in contact with Molly & Paul, to hand off party supplies, and tickets
	~ Rich to get a check to Paul & Molly to cover basket prizes need to be purchased
	~ helpers needed to decorate fire hall, set up, tear down, ticket sales
	~ door prizes were discussed
Trails	
	**** Trails can't open until Jan 2nd. ****
Trail Coordinator Report (Jake K.)	
Trail Supplies	* news stakes are available if needed, any signs needed contact Ron, we have a large inventory of all signs, reflectors & all supplies
	* new stakes need to be painted
	~ no one came forward to help
	* have permission for a new trail into Wolcottsville on North side, if it's going to be installed need volunteers to come forward
	~ Kevin reported that he might know some riders from Orleans Co. that might help out
Re-Route at Block Church	* need to find a way around, Block Church to Rte #93 is all closed off due to construction
	* Ertman Rd is NOT an option... need to resolve this
	~ no other input was offered
Niagara County Bridges	* any update on bridge behind Lacey's old property ?
	~ no new information was offered, except that it was under water
	* Bowen Rd bridge is not completed, have to look at the property damage done there talk to the landowner before we can complete it.
	~ Ron will contact the landowner and inspect & report back
Niagara County brushing	* Terry's Corners Fire company brush trim ??
	~ Gary reported that he did some light trimming when he marked that trail, but it could for sure use some brush hog action before the snow flies
	~ Rich reported he may have a chance to get up there to brush hog it
County Rd issue	* updates?
	~ Jake K. Reported he was working on it, thinks it may not be an issue for this season

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	* Landowner shut off trail at Hunts Corners Rd.
	~ Ron reported, explained, and is working on a re-route
Bike Path	* Barrels / signs date ?
	~ no new information was given
Trail head signboards / maps (Paul & Ron)	* Map boards are done
Norfolk - Southern crossing (Rich)	? any updates ?
	~ Marilla is working on this issue, looking to install a new crossing at a different location
Other Issues ?	* Questions on trails, info on trails, problems anyone is aware of ?
NEETNY / NEXT-ERA Powerline Project (Rich)	* Ron, had meeting with them.
	~ They are making very good progress and moving fast !
	~ They are concerned about the Block Church area, and what the re-route will look like
	~ They want to meet again in 2 weeks to evaluate things
Treasurer Report	* Rich
	~ Rich gave a detailed printed report
New Bills	~ Rich listed the current list of new bills to be paid
	~ Rich made a motion to except report, and pay new bills, Earl 1st., Jeff G. 2nd., all in favor motion carried
	~ Rich reported that he forgot the check book and would send checks out ASAP
** New Club Business **	~ Earl announced that he was moving out of state, and retiring from his BOD position, effective at the end of the meeting.
	~ A round of applause for Earl, everyone thanked him for his re-involvement in the past few years, and wishes of good luck
Questions, Comments, Ideas, Concerns	* open floor for discussion on any topics
	~Rich reminded everyone how important it is to get work logs to him ASAP
** Next Meeting Info **	BOD meeting Dec 9th. ** General Meeting Dec 30th.**
	~no meeting location was decided on for the BOD meeting General meeting will be at Wolcottsville Inn
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Andy closed the meeting