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- 1.) We are just a jet stream adjustment, or polar vortex plunge away from going green light on the trails.
- 2.) NESS is working with all other WNY clubs, to organize the largest snow dance ever held, guinness will be on hand to verify. We will keep you posted.
- 3.) We are less than a month away from our annual Vintage Show, we need your help !!!

MEETING!!



We had 9 brand new club members join us in person at last months meeting ! It was great to see new faces, lets keep this trend alive, make plans & put it in your phone, join us for this months meeting !

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

NESS Express

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Trail Info



We have some major re-routes in extremely sensitive, and very dangerous sections of trail. Due to the ongoing NEXTERA powerline construction project, we have multiple sections of trail that cross, or run parallel with MILES of timber mat. For those who don't know what timber mats are, they are squared logs, tied together with metal rods, 8" thick, 4' wide, 12' long. These timber mats have been installed 2 to 4 deep across many sections of our trail system. This makes a solid, wood obstruction up to 5' high. We have worked extensively with the NEXTERA folks, to be able to keep our trails open this season... The efforts by both NESS and the NEXTERA folks can't be overstressed !!! With this said, there is an unprecedented need to follow ALL POSTED SIGNAGE, and STAY BETWEEN THE TRAIL MARKERS !!!!! We have been offered the ability to keep our trails open in these areas, with the understanding that riders will follow the rules, and stay on the marked trail. Any.....Any... problems they encounter with snowmobiles will lead to complete trail closure in these areas. The danger associated in these areas can not be overstressed. NEXTERA has built us approach ramps, on and off the timber mats where we need to cross, we have EXTENSIVE signage, and marking, and barrier tape leading up to these crossings with stop signs posted. These areas are active construction zones, and workers will be present and working throughout the winter. Crossing timber mats are equivalent to crossing a



road, dual stop signs both sides, sleds are to come to a complete stop, before checking for traffic and proceeding. Where the re-route runs parallel with the timber mats, stay on the marked trail, away from the mats. We can't thank the NEXTERA guys enough for working with us to keep trails open !!! When you see the JWD trucks, or any of the workers, either on the job site or in town, give them a wave, and say thanks!

Trails OPEN...CLOSED...Trails CONDITIONS...

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Don't ASSUME anything...
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or

NYSSA interactive trail map



Thursday

January 27th.

at:

7:30pm

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~The Criswell's

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* Remember we have a nice trail in & out now, so if trails are open, ride in *

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

Trail Party

Sunday January 23
Noon - 3pm.

The annual Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs "Ride In" will be held at its usual location, the Erie County reforestation project on Genesee Rd., on trail C4, close to intersection ERIE 17, in the town of East Concord. There will be free hot dogs & drinks, warming shelters will be open, and public restrooms will be open. This event is trail based, so if trails are not open, it will not be happening. It's a great opportunity for a family ride and destination. Limited trailer parking available.



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Membership Application



2021-2022 Season

Memberships run from April 1 to March 31, this coincides with NYSSA memberships & vouchers

Voucher # _____

Date: _____

Check # _____

Cash: _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Club Admin Initials: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #:(____) _____ Club Text Messages: Yes ___ No ___

email: _____

* All memberships include \$5 NYSSA membership. If you're already a NYSSA member from another club, deduct \$5 from membership, please list club name here: _____

New Member

Renewal

Landowner (on trail, single only)

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$30.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$35.00

(INCLUDES SPOUSE & CHILDREN UNDER 17)

Groomer House Donation \$ _____

Groomer Fuel Donation \$ _____

Other Club Donation \$ _____

NYSSA "Trail Defender" \$20

Trail defender is a NYS dedicated fund to protect and acquire trails through legal and political actions

Mail To:

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*Monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of every month, locations vary, please contact us for details.

*Membership includes a monthly copy of the "NESS Express" our club newsletter.

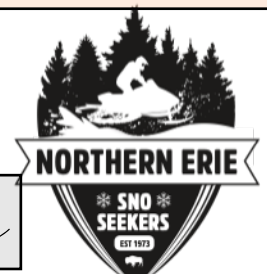
*Membership acknowledges assumption of all risks associated with snowmobiling, it is also a release of liability, and waiver of claim.

Signature: _____

NESS is 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 is greatly appreciated. Please don't just JOIN.... instead CONTRIBUTE, to keep our club awesome!

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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~

Advertisers & Sponsors offset the cost of printing & mailing this newsletter. Every dollar saved is another dollar we can spend on trails and groomer fuel.

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 !!!



... Does this issue seem a little... light ??? All sponsorships of the NESS Express expired the first of the new year. Contact Ron to get back in the NESS Express !!!

PARTY

If you joined us for our Christmas party & landowner appreciation dinner, you know how great it was. Molly was our chairperson for this years party. Molly just happens to be a professional event planner, some of our club members have already hired her for other events & weddings after getting a taste of her fine work at our club party. NESS requested her once again for our vintage snowmobile show in February ! Once you enjoy a party or event, without all the hassle and headaches of planning it, you'll enjoy it on a whole new level. If you're making wedding plans, or any kind of event, Molly's your girl ! Check her and her business out at:

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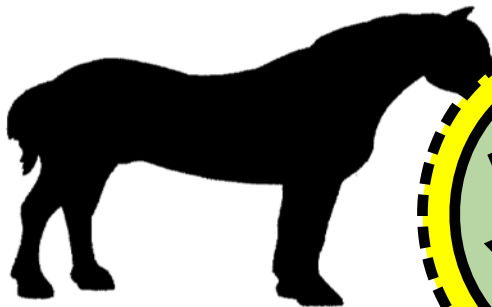
- * weddings*
- * birthday parties*
- * holiday parties*
- * corporate events*
- * group gatherings*





Trail Closed

Our neighbors to the South, the Marilla Sno-Mob announced at this month's ECFOSC meeting, after continued efforts from both NESS and the Sno-Mob, the section of C4B between Rte #20 (Broadway) and Westwood Rd. in Alden, will remain closed for this season. This section of C4B is the Sno-Mob's trail, but it sees extreme heavy usage from Northern clubs, such as NESS, Shawnee & Orleans Snowdrifters, as riders make their way south. The trail closure is all due to the ongoing issue with the rail road tracks that the trail crosses. Both The Sno-Mob & NESS have been working on this issue for 2+ years now, with involvement from both local and state politicians. We have had landowners on both sides of the tracks send letters to Norfolk / Southern requesting to re-install the crossing that they removed 3 years ago. Rail roads fall under federal jurisdiction, and don't seem to feel a need or desire to work with anyone in regards to this issue. As many of you know, this trail, and the crossing have been in existence long before our club was formed. From our understanding, at this point, The Sno-Mob has abandoned all efforts to re-install this crossing, and focus efforts on installing a new crossing at a location a little further West, where they are working on obtaining landowner permission for a re-route to make the whole thing work. For this season however, that section of trail will remain CLOSED. Please be advised, C4B will remain open on the North side, for access to GDI's Countryside INN, and on the South side, access to The Blackwater INN will remain open, but beyond both those points is officially closed. Please take note, last season, due to homeowners complaining about sled traffic in their lawns & driveways on Westwood & Sandridge Rd's, law enforcement was stationed in the church & Alden Lanes parking lots on various occasions, as riders decided to take to the roads to find their way around the trail closure. Please respect both our clubs efforts to resolve this issue, and obey the trail closure. Reengaging around the closure is trespassing, and will only make things harder, or impossible to complete a re-route for next season. NESS will post trail closure signs back at intersection ERIE 15, so riders can make alternate plans to navigate around the trail closure, and not have to back track.



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General Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	DEC. 30th. @ Wolcottsville INN (7:30pm)
Welcome	Andy
	~ President & Vice President were not able to make the meeting, so Secretary Ron conducted the meeting.
	~ Meeting started at 7:43pm
	* introduction of officers and BOD
	~ There were a large number of officers not present at the meeting, regardless, the officers present introduced themselves to the members
Last Meeting Minutes	* motion to except
	~ Ron made a motion to except the last meetings minutes, Jake K., 1st., Trenton 2nd., all were in favor, motion carried.
NYSSA / SLEDNY	* Rich, Super Raffle Tickets for sale
	~ Rich distributed the Super Raffle Tickets, contact Rich if you'd like to get Raffle tickets and you weren't at the meeting
	* Ron, interactive web map, updates
	~ The NYSSA web map is still not up, and the phone apps are still not available, NYSSA promises they will be available soon
	~ Gary updated with some other NYSSA information
Erie County Federation	* Ron, meetings held 1st. Tuesday of every month, all are welcome
	<p>* Ron, Erie County Federation "Ride in"</p> <p>Ride-In is scheduled for Sunday, Jan 23rd at the Erie County Forestry Warming Hut on Genesee Rd (West of Warner Gulf Rd) in Sardina. This is on Trail C4 West of Jct ERIE17. We generally provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks, Bottled Water and Coffee. I say generally since I don't think that menu has been confirmed yet. Food should be ready around 11:30 till about 3:30 or 4 that day. There is no charge.</p>
Committees	
Vintage Show (Kevin)	* Ron, flyers here, get them up
	~ Ron distributed flyers, contact Ron or Kevin if you would like some
	* Ron, Sign up sheet for help
	~ Sign-up sheet was circulated
	* need a photographer, need a drone,
	~ Rich said he will have his drone there
	~ agreed it would be a good idea to try to find someone willing to take good quality pictures, something other than just cell phones
	* 50/50 tickets, Super Raffle tickets,
	* ? clear field ahead of time to freeze up

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	~ Need help, need contractors to offer their time and machines to handle this ahead of the show if freezing temps look like they are happening
	* ? club selling drinks again ??
	~ Paul said that Molly from "The Planning Touch" would help us set up this event and make it great
	* questions regarding vintage show
UTV's & Equipment (Ron)	* contact Ron if you need a UTV for trail work (716)622-8121
	~ discussion on how rough its been on the UTV's marking trail this fall, lots of water and mud, going to need extensive service
	~UTV#1 has been starting hard, when cold, runs rough until it warms us, need to get to dealer once trails are all installed
	~UTV#1 also showing extensive wear on the tires, going to need some new sneakers, Al also reported that he's had issues with a tire loosing air
	~ Ron reported that they both are going to need some deep washing to get them cleaned up
	~ Gary requested a UTV to take care of a down large tree on his trail, that a landowner asked for help cutting up
Groomers & Drags (Ron)	* Ron, #3 all ready to go, #1 sprockets changed, serviced and ready to go. #2 ready to go
	* Ron, looking for some new operators, had one move out of state, and one retire, so, interested, contact Ron (716)622-8121
	~ Gary shared contact info of someone who reached out to him in regards to this, Ron will follow up
Christmas Party / Landowner Dinner (Paul / Molly)	* Big Thanks to Paul and Molly for chairing this event.
	* guess of 150 attendees
	* Molly's business name ? to print thank you in newsletter
	~ Molly's even planning business is called "The Planning Touch" Please take a moment to look her business up, and give her a positive review. Look for more information on this in the next newsletter.
	* questions / comments / thoughts / ideas from the floor ??
Trails	
	**** Trails can't open until Jan 2nd. ****
Trail Coordinator Report (Jake K.)	Jake K. ?
	~ Jake K. Gave a pretty extensive report on the current trail status, went over some spots in detail that still need to be marked and signed
	* Conditions are wet beyond anything anyone of us have ever seen before. Do not expect trails to open with out a deep freeze first

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New Trail Captains	* hand full of new trail captains taking over sections of trail, great to see !!!
Trail Supplies	* news stakes are available if needed, any signs needed contact Ron, we have a large inventory of all signs, reflectors & all supplies
	~ Discussion about what can or can't be done with "old" signs, or extra signs, or large inventory of extra brand new signs. It was asked if we could trade with other clubs in the area for signs that we need or are low on, while getting rid of extra signs we will never use.
	~ Possible donation of old signs to other clubs in the area was discussed
	* Need someone to paint new stakes
	* Kevin & group of Orleans County members marked the new trail from here North to C4H.
	~ Trail captain Steve R. Who helped mark that trail was at the meeting and gave some details on the new trail, and also shared some info on the landowners
Re-Route at Block Church	* all set, new trail captain Steve has it all marked
	~ Steve explained the re-route, and dangers of getting off the trail through this section
Niagara County Bridge(s)	* Riddle Rd. ? do we have a plan there ?
	~ There has been no follow up on this bridge issue, Ron explained, that no groomers can cross that bridge, and with out follow up on this, it will effect the grooming ability of the club on this section of trail out to Transit
	* Bowen Rd., clean up & finish up there this weekend ?
	~ Ron spoke with Joe S., and he said he would be finishing up that bridge on Friday with some helpers
	~ Jake K., will be contacting Joe about hauling away the old bridge wood
County Rd issue	* updates?
	~ Jake K. Explained the situation, he was working on it still.
Bike Path	* Marking on Saturday
	~ Al reported they will get underway at 9am on the bike path
Trail head signboards / maps (Paul & Ron)	* Map boards have all been installed
Norfolk - Southern crossing (Rich)	* Rich any updates ?
	~ last word from Marilla was that they were working on a installation of a new RR crossing to the West, this will take some time, and should be prepared that it will not happen for this season. This section of trail may very well be closed for the season.

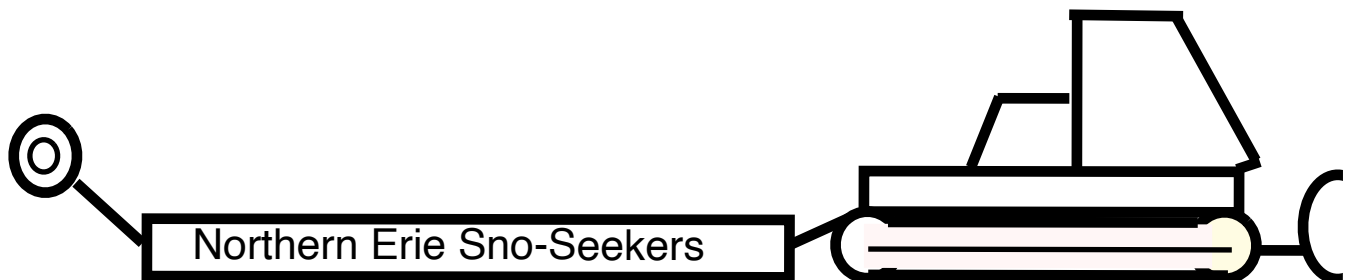
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NEETNY / NEXT~ERA Powerline Project (Ron)	* Ron, super sensitive areas, crossing timber mats, stay between the stakes or your gonna have a very bad day. * Ron, Jake K, silt fence ~ Jake K will cut the silt fence where its needed to route the trail through
Other Issues ?	* Questions on trails, info on trails, problems anyone is aware of ?
Treasurer Report	* Rich ~ Rich handed out a printed treasure report to all attendees ~ Motion to except by Rich, Trenton 1st., Gary 2nd., all in favor, motion passed
New Bills	* Rich ~Rich listed off new bills to be paid, asked for a motion to pay new bills, Trenton 1st., Paul 2nd., all in favor, motion passed
Membership	~Rich informed currently 235 members, up double digits from last year at this time
** New Club Business **	~ Nothing~
Questions, Comments, Ideas, Concerns	* open floor for discussion on any topics
** Next Meeting Info **	BOD meeting Jan 13th., *** General Meeting Jan 27th. *** ~BOD meeting to be held at Paul's shop in Lockport, 7pm
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Andy ~ Ron asked for a motion to close the meeting, Luke 1st., Trenton 2nd., all in favor, motion passed

Groomer Operators

We are in search of a few new groomer operators. If you think you've got what it takes, contact Ron (716)622-8121.



Snowmobile Vintage Show



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Sunday Feb. 6th. (11am-4pm)

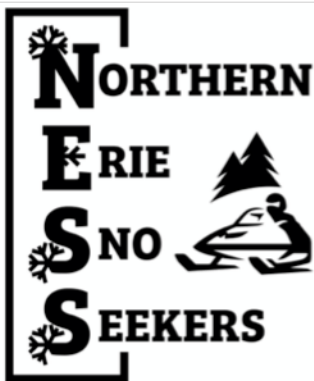
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