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We have heard from some club members that they would like to see if we could change up the meeting locations. We have an officer in the club looking into different venues that might be available to us. Look for more information at this months meeting.

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 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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WELCOME

Well, hello there.... Is this your first edition of the NESS Express ? ...If it is, welcome aboard. Let me take a moment to say thanks for joining NESS, and becoming a part of our club. Maybe you were a member years and years ago, but haven't had a reason to pull that sled out from the back corner of your garage, until this year. Or maybe you joined us for our annual vintage sled show at Akron Acres, and you picked up a membership application there. You might have just been out for a nice ride, and passed through our trail system, and decided to join our club. However you got here, we are glad to have you a part of our club. You couldn't have picked a better time to join, we are smack dab in the middle of the best snowmobiling season WNY (and pretty much all of NYS) has seen in 20+ years. With our membership over 370, rest assured your in good company. Joining is the very important first step, to continue to propel our club to move forward improving existing trails, creating new ones and creating social opportunities. Consider taking the next step, become a contributor, not just a member. There is a long list of things our club never gets a chance to do every year, just because we don't have the volunteers. There are chairperson positions that go unfilled every year such as fundraising, youth safety course & social activities. We look forward to hearing from you !

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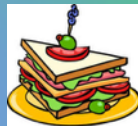
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Dine in & Take Out

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Elections

Our February meeting starts the election of officers process. At our February meeting we will be entertaining nominations for all officer positions and the the 4 open Board Of Directors positions. If you think you might be interested, but you have questions, such as what your responsibilities would be, or anything about the position your interested in, we will discuss everything at this months meeting. If you can't make the meeting, reach out to us, email, txt, or give any of us a call, we would be glad to answer your questions. We look forward to seeing some new faces come forward, to become part of the officers & BOD. The most common excuse we hear is "I don't have the time to make the commitment". We all have families & work. We know your thoughts and fears. Becoming an officer is a great opportunity to work to shape the future of the club.

Vintage Show

...As this this edition of the NESS Express goes to press, details are just starting to filter in on this years Vintage Snow, look for full coverage in next months newsletter. It was another near perfect day for the event, with plenty of snow, and open trails for everyone to enjoy the show ! Keep posted for further details.

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New Member

Renewal

Landowner (on trail, single only)

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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.

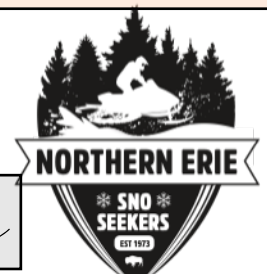
*Membership acknowledges assumption of all risks associated with snowmobiling, it is also a release of liability, and waver of claim.

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

I'm very glad to report that there have been very few problems, incidences & complaints in regards to snowmobilers staying on the marked trail and following the posted signage. NESS trail captains pound in 3,000+ trail marker stakes, and hang close to 2,000 trail signs. They do all that to keep you safe, protect our landowners property and remind snowmobilers to act respectful and responsible toward homeowners and landowners close to our trails. As I crisscross our trails, in the groomers, and by way of snowmobile, I've been very impressed with everyone following the marked trail, and staying between the stakes. In the most sensitive & dangerous sections of our trail system, where the NEXTERA workers are, there have been no issues or complaints. We have weekly conversations with the folks at NEXTERA, and they have been very happy with the snowmobiles crossing their sections of trail. In the fields where farmers have winter crops planted, snowmobiles have stayed on the marked trail, even though it's not the most convenient route. Our biggest complaint, as always, NOISE... Loud snowmobiles are an issue, like they are everywhere, but for NESS it goes beyond that. Our trails pass through some very residential areas. Please, please be mindful of your actions out on our trails. How you ride, is a reflection on all snowmobilers. As I'm sure your aware, there has been a SERIOUS crack down on altered & loud snowmobile exhaust, don't be part of the problem that closes trails.... Be part of the solution to keep trails open, keep the stock exhaust in place on your sled, and be aware of your surroundings before you pin the throttle to the bars... Save that for the wide open fields, where it's much safer, and will not effect public relations. ~Thank YOU~

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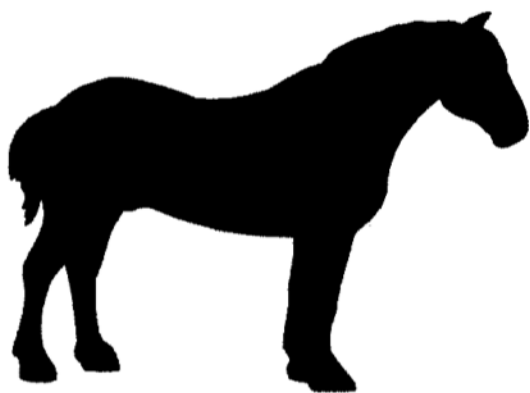
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Wiener Trail Roast



Near perfect NESS trails, and awesome weather, spurs impromptu social snowmobile gatherings !!! Club member, landowner & world class “wiener” chef Brian, along with his brother & right-hand man (also our club president) Andy, threw together a last minute NESS trail side wiener roast, complete with bonfire, condiments, kids activities & priceless entertainment. With a BIG donations jar set up for NESS, we can’t thank these guys enough for taking the time to make a great day out on our trails even better !!! We

hope to see more of these type of “pop-up” events as we round the corner and head toward the finish line on this years trail riding. It also gives us something to aspire to do more of in the future ! Especially seeing how we didn’t even know we had a world class wiener chef in our ranks !!! Another great reason to become more involved...

GROOMER TRAINING



With great snow, and great trails, comes great enthusiasm !!! WNY has seen some of, if not the best trail conditions in 20+ years, and with that comes incredible amounts of groomer hours. NESS has logged more groomer hours this season, than we have in the last 5 seasons COMBINED... To keep trails flat and smooth, we need to keep fuel in the tanks, and drivers in the seats. We, along with other surrounding clubs put the word out that we were in need of some new operators. Our very own Sergeant of Arms, Jeff contacted Rick & Larry Engasser from the Cherry Creek Sno-Goers, and set up a groomer training certification class. Hosted by none other than club members, and officer Andy & Jake at Akron Acres. Jeff had 60+ trainees attend from 8 counties. We can’t thank Jeff, Andy, Jake, Rick & Larry for making this happen on such short notice. Special extra thanks going out to Akron Acres once again, for allowing us to use their event center. Akron Acres is an amazing event hosting site, for weddings, birthday parties, all kinds of summer or winter events, check ‘em out, you won’t be disappointed.



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General Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Jan. 27th., 2022 @ Wolcottsville Inn (7:30pm)
Welcome	<p>Andy</p> <p>~ Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting @7:29pm</p> <p>~ there were 15 club members present & 11 officers present</p> <p>~ Rich asked to address the meeting, requested that everyone be mindful of how and what they post on social media, and texting others in the club. He asked if there was controversy brewing, speak in person, or make a phone call. The season is so short, and we work so hard.</p>
Last Meeting Minutes	<p>* motion to except</p> <p>~Andy made a motion to except the minutes as printed, Jake J. 1st., Jake A., 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.</p>
NYSSA / SLEDNY	<p>* not much new to report, other than we are still waiting for our 70% funding, they keep saying it's on its way, it's not a NYSSA issue, it's really a NYS Office of Parks & Rec. issue.</p> <p>~ Rich reported that there will be new info at this coming ECFOSC meeting on the delayed 70% funding.</p> <p>* Super Raffle Tickets available for purchase</p> <p>~Rich has them, take as many as you can sell, and then take some more. We get a % of all tickets sold !!!</p>
Erie County Federation	<p>* Erie County "ride-in" was last weekend, did anyone attend ? how was it ?</p> <p>~ No one at the meeting attended or had a report</p> <p>* continue to get same 2 complaints across the county, loud pipes, and off trail riding, many clubs reporting ongoing issues with these</p> <p>~ Rich reported there have been complaints to the sno-phone, and from the supervisor in regards to some noise issues in Clarence, 2 locations, neither are landowners, just homeowners, or renters adjacent or close to the trail, Rich made some phone calls, and made a visit to speak with some of the reporting parties</p> <p>~ Sheriffs had also been contacted, and spoke with Rich, and were aware that these complaints weren't directly NESS issues, just snowmobilers in general</p> <p>* next federation meeting Feb 1st., 7:30pm in Eden, all are welcome to attend. contact Ron or Rich for details</p>
Committees	
Vintage Show (Kevin)	<p>* Kevin</p> <p>~ Kevin & Marcie spoke in detail of the upcoming event, sign up sheet passed around, explanation of where help was needed, shifts discussed, parking, awards,</p> <p>~ questions of intent of the future of the event discussed, costs associated with it</p> <p>~Raffle prizes discussed</p> <p>~Set up on Wed evening, and also Saturday evening</p> <p>~parking lot clearing will happen sometime in the week to freeze things up</p>

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Buck's Motorsports Dice Run	<p>* Bucks' is holding a dice run Feb. 12th (Saturday)</p> <p>~Discussion on time, and date</p> <p>* proceeds to benefit the club</p> <p>* Start at Buck's, to Log Cabin, to Alabama Hotel, to Wolcottsville Inn, return to Buck's</p> <p>* Asked if we could groom those trails last for the week, as close to the event as possible</p> <p>* Buck's will have prizes awarded</p> <p>* Need some club volunteers stationed at the establishments, sounds like we would need a handful of volunteers at most.</p> <p>~ No one offered to sign up, or help out</p> <p>~ going to have to contact Jan and let him know</p>
Club Bonfire	<p>* Club member Brian to host a club bonfire, at his property between Utley Rd. and Salt Rd., close to Utley Rd., this Saturday starting at 12 Noon, going to have a big fire, cooking hot dogs (free), taking donations for the club, going to keep the fire going all day, it's a "bring your own refreshment" event, this is located on trail C4B, just north of the trail intersection C4B & C4K, if you'd like to donate something, like chili, or rolls, or chips.... any donations would be greatly appreciated. please contact Andy for details</p>
UTV's & Equipment (Ron)	<p>~ nothing new to report</p> <p>~ Jake K. reported that UTV #1 is in rough shape, need attention, caked with mud</p> <p>~ discussion on condition of the club UTV's, how they are treated, options on what to do discussed, Jake K. offered to take it to Bucks for service so it's ready for trail takedown.</p> <p>~Jake K. to take UTV #1 to Bucks, get a price quote on servicing it</p> <p>~More discussion on club tools, chain saws, UTV's & how things should be.....</p> <p>~ More discussion on the missing chain saws...</p>
Groomers & Drags (Ron)	<p>* all 3 groomers up and running, burning lots of fuel, have burned 200+ gal. of fuel so far.</p> <p>* still looking for new groomer operators to train, contact Ron</p> <p>~ 2 in attendance willing to go out and learn grooming, Ron will be in contact</p> <p>~ Jake K reported a headlight out on #2, and a blown HYD line, he's got both fixed, also would like to see a strobe light on back of #3 to increase visibility, something to address this summer</p>
Trails	
Trail Coordinator Report (Jake K.)	<p>* Jake K.</p> <p>~ going to cut down a post on dibble RR to be able to groom to GDI's will also need to install a gate there</p> <p>~ need to buy and install a gate on Knapp Rd.</p> <p>~ Need a trail captain to take over section of trail from Lake Rd - Log Cabin</p> <p>~ Need a trail captain to take over responsibility of the barrels on the bike path</p>

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	~ Questions from the room on Norfolk / Southern RR crossing, status, future
	~Reported Darien State park enforcing the night riding permit to cross through the park after hours
	~ Trail closure in Darien, at Rte#77 discussed
New Trail Captains	* had a few new trail captains join the ranks, take on sections of trail, it's much appreciated !!!
	* New trail captains are Steve, Craig, Aaron, and Josh
	~New trail captains present at meeting were acknowledged
Trail Marking	* Trail captains have done an excellent job as usual, marking and signing our trails. They deserve a great deal of credit, for marking trail in some very adverse conditions this fall !!!
Questions from the floor on trails ?	
Newsletter (Ron)	* Newsletter sponsorships all expired first of the year, need new sponsors to offset the cost of the newsletter, contact Ron for details
	* Next Newsletter will go out 2 week of Feb,
	* 600+ newsletter going out to club members & landowners
Membership (Rich)	* Rich
	~ Rich reported currently 356 members in good standing
Treasurer Report (Rich)	* Rich
	~Rich handed out a detailed treasures report, he went over the report
	~ Rich shared projections of next few months
	* Motion to except report
	~Rich asked for a motion to except report as printed, Trenton 1st., Jeff 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
New Bills	* Rich
	~ Rich listed the new bills to be paid
	* Motion to pay new bills
	~ Jake K reminded that we failed to get the gift certificate out to the folks who pulled the groomer out to to the road, and transport it for repairs. Jake A., offered to handle it.
	~ Rich asked for a motion to pay new bills, Trenton 1st., Jake A., 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
Club Elections	* Club elections at the March general meeting, nominations at Feb meeting, all officer positions open, and (4) BOD positions up for election
	~Rich discussed the open BOD position, who's slot was up this year
** New Club Business **	~ It was brought up that some club members would like to see meetings get moved around a bit, across the trail system, not just in one location all the time.

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	~ Jeff offered to get in contact with some establishments in the Akron, Clarence area, check out what's available and report back
	~ Questions from the floor on future BOD meetings, general meetings through the summer were discussed
	~ Rich discussed a phone call from a long time establishment on our trail in regards as to how they can support the club
	~ More discussion on social media
	~ More discussion on storage of equipment
	~ Rich discussed how the trail grant in the future is going to pay out, how it may effect the funding of the club.
	~ Fundraising opportunities were discussed
	~ Grooming questions discussed
	~ Grooming certification class discussed
Questions, Comments, Ideas, Concerns	* open floor for discussion on any topics
** Next Meeting Info **	BOD meeting, Feb. 10th., @ Paul's shop 7pm
	General Meeting Feb. 24th. @ Wolcottsville Inn 7:30pm
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Andy , motion to adjourn meeting
	~ Andy made a motion to close the meeting, Jake J., 1st., Trenton 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
	Officers / BOD Attendance
President: Andy	X
Vice President: Jake J.	X
Secretary: Ron	X
Treasurer: Rich	X
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff	X
Trail Coordinator: Jake K.	X
BOD: Jake A.	X
BOD: Kyle A.	X
BOD: Luke A.	X
BOD: Dave	
BOD: Paul	X
BOD: Earl	* Retired position *
BOD: Kevin	X