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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. For more information, or if you wish to contact us, snoseekers.com, or (716)741-NESS or snoseekers@yahoo.com



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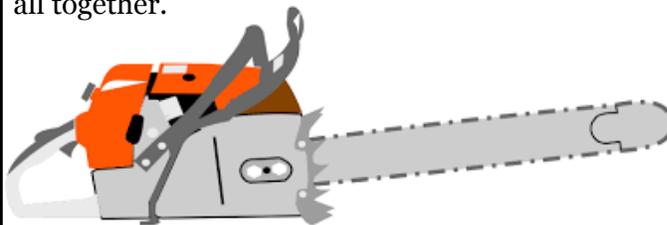
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Chainsaws Purchased



With all the “wind events” we seem to have these days, the officers & groomer operators decided to outfit all 3 groomers, each with a chainsaw and supplies to give the groomer operators the ability to clear down trees off the trail, and open up the trails safely, and keep the groomers rolling down the trails. Jeff Glassman was chairperson for this purchase, and worked with Gino Nati over at Woodcutters Headquarters on Crittenden Rd. in Akron to for fill our needs. Gino was the greatest to work with on this, we had lots of questions, ideas, and options to weigh. Woodcutters made it easy to shop at, cause they simply carry everything. We had to decide between battery or gas power, size, and brand. They went above and beyond to help us get what we needed. It's so great to do business with a local business that treats customers as awesome as they do ! I always make it a point to keep everyone aware of who the club does business with, that goes out of their way to support us... So you all can do what you can to support them ! Woodcutters really is a “one stop” shop, for EVERYTHING you might need... and thats no B.S. If your in the market for anything from lawnmowers to chop saws, it's worth your time to stop in. Gino will hook you up with what you need. And don't forget to give them a 5-star review on google !!! It means more than you can imagine to the continued success to their dealership. Look for their add in this newsletter. Thanks to Gino & Jeff for their parts in bringing this all together.



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The Passing of a Legend

I was sad to hear of the passing of Don George Sr. late last month. I wanted to take a moment and share who Don was in regards to our club, and our sport. Don George's Sport Center "The Big Boy's Toy Store", and the George family from Clarence was very important to our club, and shares some deep history that dates back to the formation of our club. When Don George's dealership closed last year, I went into quite a bit of detail explaining just how important Don George's was to NESS. Don didn't just support our club, he went out of his way to support all clubs, and our sport with events such as "club day" at the dealership. If you shopped on club day, you would find special pre-season deals on snowmobile related items and clothing. And if you could prove membership to ANY snowmobile club, you would get a discount on anything you purchased that day. We would have groomers parked for display, a booth set up with club pictures, map and membership applications. Don was always willing to donate items for raffles, and worked with us to afford to raffle off big ticket items such as snowmobiles and ATV's. His, and his families contributions to our club will never be forgotten. As a staple in our community for so many years, some of us "old farts" grew up visiting his dealership as little kids, walking through the snowmobiles, dirt bikes & motorcycles dreaming of one day owning one !!! We will miss you Don, thank you for all that you did to help us get to where we are at today. ~Ron~



MEETING MINUTES

...Ron was unable to make it to the Feb. meeting, big NESS secretary thanks going out to Nathan K. for handling my secretary duties at the meeting. Due to my absence, there are no meeting minutes transcribed at the time for this months newsletter. Thanks Nate for picking up my slack, my throttle thumb appreciates it !!!

Next Meeting

Thursday March 30th. @ 7pm



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Club Elections



We opened nominations at the Feb. meeting, we have 3 BOD positions open, as well as all other officers positions. Nominations were made for all the open positions, but we are still looking for a few more. There were no nominations for Trail Coordinator, so we are still looking to fill that position, as well as a few more BOD nominees. It's hard to get excited about volunteering to become more involved, and accepting a nomination to an officers position when this year has been such a let down..... I think I speak for all the officers when I say, we feel the same way ! Nominations will continue to be accepted at our March meeting before we hold our elections. April will be our last meeting and then we take the spring and summer off. It's important we fill all the officers positions to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently.



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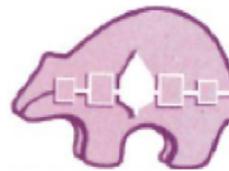
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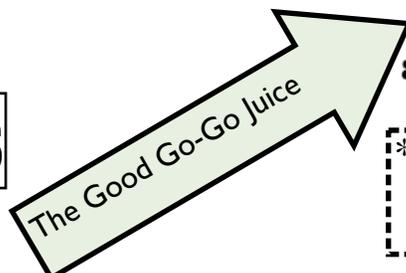
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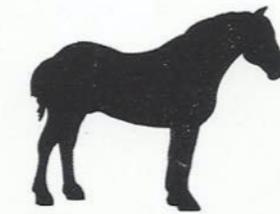
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Vintage Show



The 2023 NESS Vintage snowmobile show was another huge hit ! With 87+ sleds registered to compete for the prizes and trophies, we once again prove snow is totally optional for this event. Akron Acres once again hosted this event, and we simply can't thank the Kelkenberg family enough for all they do to help make this event such a huge hit year after year. Club chairpersons Kevin & Marcie truly work all year long to put together this event, and it shows ! With the addition of alcohol sales at the show, along with a

costume parade, the show keeps getting better and better every year. Some of this years highlights included a "Larry Enticer" spotting at the show, and a dinosaur making rounds in the crowd. The 50/50 was won by Marc Shuknecht, and he graciously donated his winnings back to the club ! Thank you so much Marc ! Our main raffle prize this year was a "Ski-Boozer", a 1971 Ski-Bose fully restored by Kevin Gaik, and donated to the club. It was packed full of booze donated by sponsors and club members. Our very own club member & trail captain Matt Priebe won the "Ski-Boozer". Matt graciously donated the Ski-Bose back to the club, so we can do it all over again next year ! We can't thank Matt enough for his donation back to the club. With the growth of the show, and the addition of events and activities, we needed more volunteers from the club, and club members answered the call to come help, thanks to everyone who helped keep it running smoothly, and a great success. The donators and sponsors of this years show were: Hebler's Sales and Service, Buck's Motorsports, and of course Akron Acres. Our judges for this years show were: Rob Brien, Denny Berghorn, John Janis, Bill George, Don Showler and Tom Vanderlaan, thanks guys for taking the time to judge our contestant winners. Joe Gonzalez had his food trucks on site to keep us all fed well, and Blue Grove Coffee provided the coffee and drinks. What a great family fun event, even if we didn't have the snow we wanted so bad. So many contribute in so many different ways, but in the end, Kevin & Marcie are the ones that pull this event all together and make it the huge success it is year after year ! We really can't thank them enough for all that they do, and the time they devote to this year after year.



Antique Show Award Winners

1967 & Older (un restored)	Ward Brunning 1963 Fox Trac
1967 & Older (restored)	Bob Heighling 1963 Sno-Traveler
1968 - 1973 (un restored)	Jon Harvey 1973 Rupp Magnum
1968 - 1973 (restored)	Bob Heighling 1968 Ski-Doo
1974 - 1983 (unrestored)	Tarra Shuknecht 1980 Scorpion
1974 - 1983 (restored)	Bruce Barratt 1976 Mercury
1984 - 1993	Wyatt & Kolton Schafer 1988 Yamaha
Cutter Class	John Zucarelli 1971 Dauphin
Most Unique	Jeff Cherry 1974 Raider
People's Choice	Marc Shuknecht 1970 Scorpion
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