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Next Meeting Info:

Thursday Sept. 28th. @ 7:00pm

NOTE MEETING LOCATION

This months meeting will be held at the
Akron American Legion Post

...As always, members, non-members, family
members, and landowners all welcome!!

Come hungry, we feed 'ya the wings & fries



Monthly general meetings started last month, and will continue through May on the last Thursday of every month, with a 7pm start time. Meetings are open to the public with info on location printed in the NESS Express, or online at snoseekers.com We hope to see you at our next meeting !!!

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 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

Membership

...Your membership has expired !!! It's time to renew. There are many ways to renew your membership, you can visit the NYSSA website (nyssnowmobiler.com) or visit our website (snoseekers.com) and print out the membership application and send it in or you can use the membership application included in this newsletter, last but not least... you can show up at a meeting and join on the spot there !!! HOW you join isn't important... TAKING THE TIME to join is...

Trail Work is In Full Tilt Boogie

Volunteers are greatly needed ! No matter what your skill level is, or what equipment you have at your disposal... We've got somewhere you can help keep NESS trails #1 in WNY... email, txt or call...

snoseekers@yahoo or TxT/Call: (716)622-8121



President: Andy Braunscheidel
Vice President: Bill Peronne
Secretary: Ron Dawydko
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Board Member: Luke Anderson

Committees

Legal Committee: (open)
Emergency Response: Andy B.
Marketing & AD: (open)
Fundraising: (open)
Social & Public Relations: Rich
Membership: Ron
Groomer & Equipment: Ron
Trails & Landowners: Ron & Rich
Trail Guides: ~ NA~
Newsletter: Ron
Social Media: Rich
Apparel: (open)
Safety & Education: Jeff
Vintage Chapter: Kevin & Marcie

NESS Express

Sponsorship Rates

Business Card \$75

1/4 Page \$100

1/2 Page \$150

Full Page \$250

Circulation to: 500+ members & landowners
Prices are for 9 monthly newsletters (Sept.-May)
contact Ron for a lame-ass sales pitch, or further
details [\(716\)622-8121](tel:7166228121) or snoseekers@yahoo.com



**! We need you !
It's time to
renew**



As we kick off our 2022 - 2023 season, I wanted to take a moment to thank our returning / renewing club members, and welcome our new members. We look forward to meeting you all. As secretary, I just wanted to take a moment to welcome you to NESS. We are always looking for feed back from our club members on how to make our

trails, and our club better. We are always just a few key strokes, or a phone call away. We still have many open positions in our committees, and would welcome some new faces and new ideas !!! Or just leave us a comment. snoseekers@yahoo.com or (716)741-NESS or TxT: (716)622-8121



...I'm back at it again for another season. The September edition of the NESS Express marks the return to our monthly newsletter. See something you like / don't like or feel this thing is missing something ? I'm always open to any & all feedback. Please feel free to share your thoughts !!! ~Ron~

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NEW

Trail Captains Needed

Due to (2) club members / Trail Captains moving out of state, we are in desperate search of replacements for their respective trails. We need a Trail Captain for the section of C4B at the extreme Southern end of our trail system, from Sandridge Rd., East to the county line, and North to Rte 33 (Peter's Corners). This is a very easy section of trail to mark and maintain, it's 90% abandon RR bed (Dibble Rail Road).

The other section is at the extreme Northern end of our trail system up in Niagara County, from Rte #31 in Gasport, South on C4K to Bunker Hill Rd. This is also a nice easy section of trail to mark and maintain seeing how it's 90%+ open farm fields. We did a great deal of work on this section last fall, opening up the few wooded sections, so you will have a nice easy go marking this trail!

...Either one of these trails are a perfect match for a *NEW* Trail Captain, someone who has never marked trail before. If you're hesitant about offering to help, we will be glad take you out, show you the trail, exactly where it goes, and mark it with you! You'll have access to one of the clubs UTV's... Just an afternoon of your time, fall & spring is all you need to commit to. It's a great way to spend some quality time outdoors, with kids or younger sledders. On a final note here, I'm gonna be brutally honest... There are just a handful of Trail Captains that cover the 120+ miles of our trail system, a couple of them handle 15+ miles of trail each, and have done so for 20 years!!! They can't take on any more trail, and if they don't get any help in the near future, they are just going to get fed up and walk away. Let's all do our best to make sure we don't loose some of the most important, contributing club members we have. Remember... NO TRAILS OPEN until ALL TRAILS ARE MARKED... Assuming someone else will step up, and offer to help is not a good idea, nor is waiting for the snow to fall to decide to mark trail. Trudging through knee deep snow, cold & wet hands, trying to pound trail markers into half frozen ground is NO FUN.

...With your help & support, NESS installs, maintains and grooms the highest quality trails in WNY, there is a great deal of pride that goes into our trail system, join the team, and enjoy that pride!! Contact Trail Coordinator Bill for more details (716)863-6471



Trail Captains & Club Volunteers

Any trail work done MUST be reported to Rich so it can be logged and added into this years trail grant. Super, super important here folks!!! Keep track of your time, start to finish, your location (cross roads are fine), what you were doing (ie: brush clearing, signing, bridge construction, trail inspection), what you used (ie: ATV, UTV, pickup truck & trailer, screw gun, chain saw, limb saw, lumber, screws, marking paint) work crew / club members. Take it from a 20+ year veteran, before you leave the work sight, get out your phone, and text or email Rich with the details. If you wait, you will forget details, or forget all together.

Rich: (716)553-4819 call or TxT
email: rich@remcnamara.com

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

General & BOD Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Aug 31, 2023 @ Marvin's (7:00pm)
Welcome	* Andy
	~ Jeff brought the meeting to order at 7:12pm
	~ 21 soles in attendance
Last Meeting Minutes	* no minutes *
Treasurer Report	
Treasurer Report	* Rich's printed report
	~ Andy initially postponed Rich's report to give him some time to process the in person membership renewals that were present.
	~ After the break for wings and fries, Rich presented his printed report,
	~ Bill requested more info on the rather large check going to Ron, that dated back to our last meeting, which was May. Rich listed off the expenses Ron had submitted, Ron clarified a few things listed.
	* Motion to except treasurer report
	~ Motion to except treasurers report by Rich, Jake A. 1st., Trenton K. 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
New Bills	* Rich
	~ Rich listed out the new bills to be paid, and let us know he forgot the check book, so he will catch up on bills to be paid in a day or two.
	* Motion to pay new bills
	~ Motion to pay new bills by Rich, Dave A. 1st., Jeff G. 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
Committees	
Storm Emergency Response	* Andy update ? future meetings ?
	~ Andy will contact all committee members, and town(s) officials, and set up a meeting
	~ Rich reported that CONTRARY to political officials from Erie County making statements in the press that the county has an agreement in place with the snowmobile clubs of WNY to provide service and equipment in a snow emergency, RICH CLARIFIED THERE IS NO SUCH AGREEMENT... THE COUNTY HAS DROPPED THE BALL YET AGAIN, AND WE ARE WAITING FOR THEM AND THIER ATTORNEYS TO PRESENT CLUBS WITH A M.O.U.
	* Rich update on Pisten Bully personal carriers
	~ They were removed from the NYS budget at the last moment, they are a "NO GO" no funds available.
UTV's & Equipment	* UTV's at Ron's contact him if you need one for trail work
	* UTV trailer #1 is in bad shape, needs TLC, almost not road worthy, lights don't work, fenders are rotted off & ready to fall off, tail gate falls down, we need someone to give it some love. We shouldn't be hauling a \$15,000 club UTV on a trailer that's not up for the task.

	~ general discussion on trailer purchase, agreed to purchase a new aluminum trailer with lower sides, so we can open doors on UTV when parked on the trailer. Bill will do the purchase (money was already voted and approved 8 months ago)
	* UTV #1 is fully serviced and ready for trail work, UTV#2 needs to be serviced, oil changed, air filter changed, greased up and checked over.
	* Both UTV's badly need a bath... they were never cleaned up when they were parked
	* UTV #1 needs a new winch cable installed (no cable on the winch currently)
	~ Andy will work on servicing UTV #2 and cleaning both them up
Groomers & Drags	* All (3) groomers parked in storage currently
	* Need to contact Don Jr. to see when we have to get groomer #1
	~ Dave reported that we are ok until October for removal of GR #1 at Don Georges
	* All (3) groomers need to be serviced before season, should be very easy no hours on them to speak of seeing how they never went out on trails.
	* Need to outfit all (3) groomers with "tool boxes" to haul our newly purchased chain saws. We need a chairperson to handle this
	~ Andy offered to look into purchasing boxes for groomers, Ron will get dimensions for saws and supplies to Andy
	* Groomer #3 has a bent blade we need a welder / fabricator to get her fixed up. We can remove the blade to make this task much easier.
	~ General discussion by various club members on possible fixes. possible welders in the club that could be contacted, Bill will contact them
Christmas Party & Landowner Dinner	* Date ?? * Paul comment / update ??
	~ Paul was not present, but we did get a confirm on the date of Dec. 9th. @ Wolcottsville Fire Hall
Vintage Show	* Kevin / Marcie * DATE: Sunday Feb 4th. 2024
	~ Kevin & Marcie were not present, but we did confirm the date for the vintage show
Newsletter	*Ron * new adjustments to the mailing of the NESS Express. Getting (1) complementary newsletter after that only good standing members get newsletters. Only mailing out total of (4) monthly newsletters. Newsletter costs \$1,000+ / month to mail out.
	~ General discussion on what to do to save money, decided to limit 1 newsletter to non-current members (October issue) and then no more newsletters to them until they renew
	~ Discussed sponsorship pricing, ideas on pricing, steep pricing sponsorship to pay total cost of newsletter, lots of ideas were covered
Trails	
Trail Coordinator Report	* Bill please enlighten us...
	~ Bill gave a lengthy and detailed report on numerous sections in need of work
	~ Bill explained club purchased 500 plastic trail stakes / markers from Voss signs, and they need to be picked up in Syracuse
	~ General discussion resulting in the agreement to purchase 500 additional wood stakes 6' in length.
	~ Phil K. offered to get the wood stakes painted
	* 217 Landowner cards all went out 2 weeks ago, no problems ...YET...

	* Landowner on corner of South Newstead & Broadway (Howard Heist) has requested help brush hogging that corner lot where the trail goes through. Who can help ??
	~ Ron will contact him again to get more details
	* Bill Smith on Miland would like to see trail on his property widened out a little on the Right side
	* Brucker's / Kelkenburg's / Rosenberg's woods needs to be trimmed and widen out section of trail Rapids - the power lines.
	* Trail captains please report known trail issues, bridge repairs, etc.
	* We've got sections of trail that badly need brush hogging We need volunteers and equipment to come forward.
	* need a trail captain for Dibble RR section AL took it down to help us out, NOT putting it up this fall, who knows anyone from Alden / Peters Corners area ???
	* need trail captain for Niagara County, Gasport Rte #31 South to Bunker Hill Rd. ? anyone know anyone from up that way ??
	* We will need to purchase some wood stakes and get them painted, Ron can order them from Dave, need someone to pick them up and someone(s) to paint them up, Ron has paint and supplies
	* We purchased 500 plastic trail markers / stakes from VOSS signs in Syracuse, we trying these VERY EXPENSIVE trail markers out on "Pilot" program to see if they are worth the \$\$\$ they cost. These stakes need to be picked up in Syracuse. We need someone to pick them up. Think they will easy fit in back of a pickup truck.
	~ A good deal of general discussion on trails, brushing, clearing, maintenance, and various other topics assisted with trails were covered.
	* Questions from the floor ? Comments from the floor on known trail issues for this season ??
	~ Nothing
Norfolk / Southern RR Crossing	* Trail situation between Dibble RR to Rte #20 Broadway trail will be closed again this year if we can't get the RR crossing installed
	~ Ron explained the situation, and gave an update
NYSSA / SLEDNY	* Rich
	~ Rich gave us an update on his appointment to the committee to address the program and paperwork to apply for trail grant funding yearly.
Erie County Federation	* Rich update
	* Next meeting in Eden VFW Tuesday Sept. 5th any club members welcome, contact Rich to coordinate a ride down
	* Bonus trail funding check (small \$\$) from left over funds due to shitty last season
	~ Rich gave us a report, and clarified that there is NO BONUS check, there was an error at Erie County level, and we didn't get all our money that was coming to us.
Niagara County Federation	* we need a NYSSA director for Niagara County
	~ Rich gave us a report, not much of anything going on at this time
Genesee County Federation	* Rich update
	~ Rich reported all quiet at this time from Genesee Co. Federation
Membership	* Rich update
	~ Rich reported as of the meeting, 54 members in good standing

	* Membership forms here at meeting if you need to re-join
New Business	
Open Floor / "for the good of the club"	
	~ Nothing
** Next Meeting Info **	Sept 28th. ?? where ??
	~ Arron D. reported that the Akron VFW (Legion Post) was open again, and has a new management, and updated / renovated, general discussion on where to hold next meeting, and it was decided to hold it at the Akron VFW (Legion Post)
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Andy
	~ Andy asked for any closing thoughts or comments, none given, Andy made a motion to close the meeting, Bill 1st., Ron 2nd., all in favor, motion carried

Officer / Director Meeting Attendance
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President	Andy Braunscheidel	X
Vice President	Bill Peronne	X
Treasurer	Rich McNamara	X
Secretary	Ron Dawydko	X
Sergeant at Arms	Jeff Glassman	X
Trail Coordinator	Bill Peronne	X
Board Member	Jake Jurek	X
Board Member	Jake Anderson	X
Board Member	Kyle Anderson	X
Board Member	Nathan Kreher	X
Board Member	Luke Anderson	X
Board Member	Paul Winkowski	X
Board Member	Dave Allan	X

Landowners

Each and every year, we as a club reach out to 300+ landowners, in 3 counties to ask permission to install 120+ miles of our snowmobile trails. Without our landowners there would be NO trails... simple... We often get caught up in many other aspects of this club, and take for granted our landowners. There are two parts that make up the back bone of this club, our members, and our landowners. Without those two ingredients we are dead in the water !

We can't thank our landowners enough, and we don't thank them often enough ! As we get ready to start work on installing this years trails, I just wanted to take a moment to say thanks. On behalf of all our club members, I want to let you know that we appreciate you granting us permission to cross your land every year. I also want you to know that when we are riding on your land, we treat it as if it was our own. We respect the wildlife we encounter, pick up any trash we find and when the snow melts we do our best to return it to the condition we found it. Leave no trace, is a pledge we as snowmobilers take everytime we get on our sleds to ride. Our yearly landowner permission cards, with insurance information were sent out a few weeks ago. If you did not receive yours, or you know of a landowner who did not receive theirs, or you know of a NEW landowner on our trail system, please reach out to us so we can get in contact with them or make the appropriate changes. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas party and landowner appreciation party in early December.

Trail Captains

The count down has started, and there are way less NICE, PLEASANT & COMFORTABLE days to get trail work done, and trails marked than you think !!! With the big game hunting extensions, we have very limited window before hunting season starts. Many landowners request we steer clear of the their property during hunting season, so we need to get any trail work done NOW, not to mention doing trail work before it gets muddy and cold is way more fun !

Having never opened trails last season, along with the blizzard at Christmas and 70+ MPH winds, there is a lot of trail clearing that needs to be done ! I've been out with the club brush hog, and there are A LOT of BIG trees & limbs down, way more than I expected. I would highly recommend taking a chain saw with you when you go out.

Please inventory your supply of signs, reflectors & stakes you need for your trail(s). We have the supplies you need to mark your trail at Ron's, along with supply of stakes there as well. Contact Bill or Ron to get the supplies you need

Ron (716)622-8121

Bill (716)863-6471

The club UTV's are available for trail work. Please contact Ron well ahead of time to reserve dates. Lastly, THANK YOU trail captains for your contributions and volunteer work every year ! Without you we wouldn't have trails !!!

NEWSLETTER CHANGES COMING



Due to increased costs associated with.... EVERYTHING... Especially printing and mailing of the NESS Express, we have decided to make adjustments to keep costs in line (hopefully). Sponsorship rates have been adjusted and raised. The new rates are listed in this months newsletter. We have also decided to limit newsletter mailings to current & good standing club members and landowners only. Ensure you stay up to date with all NESS news and info, and renew your membership today !

Sponsorship helps pay for this newsletter.

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This page is blank because we need sponsorship !!!

Calendar of upcoming NESS events

Sept. 28 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting @ Akron Legion 7pm

Oct. 26 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm

Nov. 30 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm

Dec. 9 (Saturday): Christmas Party & Landowner appreciation party @ Wolcottsville Fire Hall

Dec. 28 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm

Jan. 2 (Tuesday): Earliest date trails can open, depending on weather and conditions.

Jan. 25 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm

Feb. 4 (Sunday): NESS Vintage Show @ Akron Acres

Feb 29 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm - nominations for elected positions

March 28 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm - elections

April 25 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm

May 30 (Thursday): NESS general monthly meeting (location yet to be determined) 7pm - last meeting of the year

The Christmas party & Landowner dinner requires volunteers to help set up the hall, assistance bringing in the food, serving the food, running the raffles, serving drinks at the bar, handing out raffle prizes and cleaning up the hall when we are done. We also need volunteers to go out and collect door prize donations at local businesses for the Chinese auction. Paul & Molly are the chairpersons for the Christmas party, please contact them to offer help. Paul Cell # (716)946-3757

The Vintage show also requires a great deal of help from EVERYONE... This show grows in size every year, and with its growth, it requires more volunteers to staff it. From parking, to registrations, voting, raffles, drink sales, set up, clean up, the list is long... We also need help and equipment to clear the field well ahead of time for parking. We also need to collect donations for the basket raffles. As you know, this event is a huge family favorite event for snowmobilers and non-snowmobilers. We draw participants from as far away as Vermont, and attendance topping 1,000 we really do need help from EVERYONE !!! Please contact Kevin & Marcie to see where you can help (716)912-2607

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Membership Application or Renewal

2022-2023 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

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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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"WNY Trail Perfection" for 28+ years

