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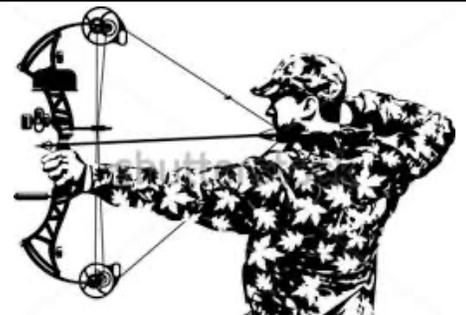
Next Meeting Info:

Thursday Nov. 30th. @ 7:00pm

This months meeting will be held at the
Akron American Legion Post
...As always, members, non-members, family
members, and landowners all welcome!!
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*! Good Luck ! & happy
hunting to all our club
members and landowners...*



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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



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Landowner and club Christmas Party



Saturday Dec. 9

The American Legion
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Doors open at 5pm. Dinner at 6pm.

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Contact Info:

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Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

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2023-2024 Season

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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: _____

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and keep noise to a minimum, do YOUR part to keep this trail open !!!

General & BOD Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Oct. 19, 2023 @ Akron American Legion (7:00pm)
Welcome	* Andy ~ 21 souls in attendance at the meeting
Christmas party invite folding exercise & envelope stuffing	* Ron * Have Christmas party invites here, please fold and insert into envelopes. *****DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPES***** ~ Great thanks to those who folded and stuffed at the meeting
Last Meeting Minutes	* no minutes were taken
Committees	
Emergency Response	* Andy update & next meeting info ? ~ Next scheduled meeting is Nov.8th. 7pm @ the Newstead / Akron Emergency response management center on John St. downtown Akron, Contact Andy if you'd like to join in. ~ Andy asked for a motion to spend up to \$400 on the Hi-Vis vests and neck lanyards with ID cards to bring us into compliance with standards set perviously. Bill 1st., Arron 2nd., all in favor, motion carried. * Clarence Fire Hall open house Saturday, we will have a groomer on display there, to show our involvement with the emergency response committees in our local towns. Many thanks to Brian Braunschudel for moving & washing the groomer for us. ~ The open house runs from 11 - 3
Club Apparel	~ Aaron & Matt showed off new club march., some very nice hoodies, explained how we can go to the website and order whatever we want and have it shipped to our door. Matt will get info to Ron, he will put in next newsletter and post to website. Rich will put up on FB also
UTV's & Equipment	* UTV's at Ron's contact him if you need one for trail work * UTV #2 still has not been serviced if someone would like to change oil and service it ~ Phil offered to service the UTV, he will contact Ron to pick it up. * New UTV #1 trailer is registered and has a plate on it, ready to go, thanks to Bill and Rich for getting it done.
Groomers & Drags	* Ron update * Groomer training class Nov. 6th, @ Akron Acres 6pm cost ??? ~ We are always looking for groomer operators, to start the process of becoming one, you need NYS certification, and training class is where you get that. ~ Rich reported cost of class is \$10 to cover pizza and wings ~ Class is open TO ANY CLUB not just NESS * Groomer #1 to be picked up from storage and brought back to Ron's * Still need to purchase tool boxes for groomers to carry new chainsaws we purchased last year * 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.




Groomer Operator training

We had a NYS groomer operator certification class scheduled, but unfortunately we had to cancel due to lack of interest. Anyone interested in becoming a NESS groomer operator, please contact Ron (716)622-8121 and we will get you signed up at another class somewhere in WNY. Taking the class, and getting your certification is one of the steps to becoming an operator, the other steps have you teamed up with a seasoned veteran until we take off your training wheels and send you out solo. Get in touch with Ron ASAP so he can get you on the list, and keep you in the information loop.

Christmas Party & Landowner Dinner

This years party is right around the corner ! It's coming up faster than you think ! We need help in few areas, our biggest concern at this point is contributions & donations for the basket raffles. We have gotten all kinds of donations over the years and we look forward to what folks can offer us this year. Help us keep this tradition up to its high standards. Please contact Bill (716)863-6471 to offer your help, prize donations and deserts, cookies & pastries !!!

	~ Bill reported that after deep evaluation he has determined that we leave it as is, has no effect on grooming ability, and would be a very serious undertaking to fix. Everyone agreed
	* Groomer #3 has blade cylinder had. leak, needs to be removed and repaired. Had same issue on #2 few years ago, poor design.
	~ Ron explained the situation with the cylinder(s) When groomer gets back from fire hall duty, we will get cylinders off and send them in for service / repair.
	* Trail Captains, please keep in mind the size of the groomers, and how and where you place your trail markers and trail signs, especially at intersections.
Christmas Party & Landowner Dinner	* ? chairperson for this ?? Update ?? Have 241 invites ready to go out.
	~ Aaron & Matt are chairpersons.
	~ Aaron shared info on what he has for pricing, menu, etc., good deal of discussion on price per plate, refreshments, decoration and whether or not Santa will be showing up.
	~ Bill will get "big" door prize, and "landowner prize"
	~ will need donations for Chinese auction, and desert dishes
	~ Contact Aaron for more info, or to make donations for party **Aaron Dudley (716)353-5870**
Vintage Show	* Kevin update ?
	~ Bill informed us that Kevin has been under the weather, and needs help getting things lined up for the show.
	~ Bill offered to Co-Chair this years show with Kevin to help him out
	~ Niagara Label offered their services to help with printing up tickets, Ron / Bill will be in contact with more info
Newsletter	* October newsletter only mailed to current club members, and landowners, total 315
	* Club member Ryan has developed a past advertiser index list and is contacting previous advertisers along with potential new advertisers, many thanks to Ryan for taking on this task !!!
	~ Ryan gave us a report of all the advertisers he's contacted, and the ones that have signed up and sent in money.
	~ General discussion on who (if any) should get "free" ad space. Agreement was reached.
	* Always open to new ideas or things to add to the newsletter, such as other club functions, youth safety courses, etc. Community events, fund raisers, ect. Contact Ron please
Trails	
Trail Coordinator Report	* Bill update
	* Dave Allan has taken on trail captain responsibilities for C4K in Niagara County, from Bunker Hill Rd - Rte #31 in Gasport. Club members from up that way, I'm sure he could use a hand marking that trail.
	* Can't find the trail markers and signs for the Niagara County section of trail from Bunker Hill Rd. North to Rte 31 ? anyone know who took that trail down ??
	~ Bill requested any info anyone had about this at the meeting, many club members got on their phones, but still no answer as to where the signs and stakes are.

Trail Marking



Just 7 weeks before trails can officially open (weather providing of course). You may see some sections of trail already marked, trust me, there is LOTS more to mark. All 13 of our trail captains would love some extra help !!! If you live in a particular area, and would like to offer help marking a specific section of trail, maybe it's in your neighborhood ? Call or txt [Ron \(716\)622-8121](tel:7166228121) and he can share contact info with the trail captain for specific trail areas. No experience is needed, and its a great way to get out of the house, and spend a few hours helping out. If you have kids, what a great way to get them off the couch and interacting with you NOT USING A THIER PHONE...



Hello Everyone,

Looking forward to another winter, hopefully this one brings some snow! But snow or not there is a lot of work to be done in preparation. With many upcoming events as well such as the vintage show and the landowners appreciation Christmas party If anyone can help or offer up a little of their time it goes a long way!

We have also been working with the towns of Clarence, and Akron Newstead with how we can help assist in the event we get another crazy blizzard like we got last year. We are looking for some more help with that as well. So again if you or someone you know is slightly interested and would possibly like to help please have them reach out and we would love to get in touch and see how they may fit into the puzzle to lend a helping hand.

Think snow!
Andrew Braunscheidel

	* New batch of trail markers painted by Don Kreher, at Ron's if you need some contact Bill or Ron
	* Our sign inventory at Ron's could use some organizing, if someone has some time, an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated, contact Ron or Bill
	~crickets.....
	* We have intersection markers here for Wolcottville trail, Mike Clark is the trail captain, if anyone can get those to him, please see Ron
	~ Mike contacted Ron on way to meeting, he will get them sometime
	* We have 500 plastic trail markers we will be deploying in certain sections of trail that we plan to leave marked year round. Bill has a map and a plan, he will be in touch with certain trail captains to get them put up.
	~ we had few on display at meeting, very nice
	* Bill has been a brush hog crazy man, covered a huge amount of trail !!! Many thanks going out to Bill, he has a LOT of hours covering trail.
	* New section of trail in Brucker's Woods to move trail to higher ground, we still need to remove some big trees in there. A work session is needed to get this done, have to work around the hunters schedules in that area.
	~ Ron is going to check it out on a UTV, and evaluate what we need to finish up this trail re-route.
	~ Bill said we could really use a stump grinder in there, many stumps to cause issues for sleds and groomer drags
	* Bill working with the Town of Clarence to make some improvements on the Pizza Inn trail (S41E)
	* Still looking for a new trail captain for section of trail in Alden, Peter's Corners area South on the Dibble RR.
	* Questions from the floor ? Comments from the floor on known trail issues for this season ??
	~ General discussion in regards to sections of trail many places, what needs to be brush hogged yet, rock pile needs to be moved, etc.
NYSSA / SLEDNY	* Rich
	* New NYSSA trail coordinator, has impressive background, hope he is able to pick up the ball and run with it....
	* Super Raffle ??
	~ ...Somehow we skipped this topic, not sure how that happened, will table for next meeting...
Erie County Federation	* Rich update
	* Next meeting in Eden VFW Tuesday Nov. 7th. any club members welcome, contact Rich to coordinate a ride down
Niagara County Federation	* we need a NYSSA director for Niagara County
	~ Rich reported we now do have a NYSSA director representing Niagara County !!!!
Genesee County Federation	* Rich update
	~ We got our final check from last year
Membership	* Rich update
	~ 91 current club members

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, UTV, ATV, chain saw)
- ~ Trail work performed (ie: brushing, trail marking, bridge install)

Rich TxT: (716)553-4819



Vintage Show

Sunday Feb. 4, 2024

The annual show may be months away, but we are knee deep in the "prep" work already. This is our biggest event, and it takes a LOT of preparation. Our chairpersons for this years show are [Aaron \(716\)353-5870](tel:7163535870) & [Matt \(716\)464-2912](tel:7164642912). These guys need YOUR help, they need help on the day of the show, but they also need help getting things lined up. PLEASE reach out to them, find some time, and a way to contribute to make this years show a fun filled family event.



	* Membership forms here at meeting if you need to re-join
Treasurer Report	
Treasurer Report	* Rich's printed report, questions ? Motion to except report
	~ Club member Dave questioned the movement of money in the club's checking & savings account and documentation in regards to that. Good deal of discussion on this issue, explanation from both the treasurer and then some of the BOD / officers. More discussion was had, treasurer will provide a more detailed report at next months meeting.
	~ Rich asked for a motion to except treasurer report, Allan 1st., Ryan 2nd., all in favor motion carried.
New Bills	* Rich , motion to pay new bills
	~ Rich listed off the bills to be paid, Rich asked for a motion to pay bills, Ryan 1st., Bill 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
New Business	
Open Floor / "for the good of the club"	~ Rich thanked the "new" club members who have stepped up to take on new responsibilities
** Next Meeting Info **	Nov. 30th. 7pm @ Akron Legion, ((wings were awesome !!!))
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Andy
	~ Andy asked for a motion adjourn, Ryan 1st., Bill 2nd., all in favor, motion carried

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

Official minutes of the meeting recorded and transcribed by NESS secretary:



Ronald T. Dawydko

The success of this club, its trails and trail grooming "ride" fully on the shoulders of its club members and their volunteered time and donations. NESS is what it is, because of you. How have you contributed ? There is way more to our club than pounding stakes, and clearing brush. Whatever your skill set is, what ever abilities are, there is

someplace where you can help us provide some of the highest quality snowmobile trails in the WNY. Club officers will tell you that, there is way more time and effort that goes in behind the scenes, website, social media, trail grant, public relations, landowners, etc. then go into marking and grooming trail. Those who volunteer will tell you, riding our trails has a whole new feeling when you have devoted time and effort.



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NEW NESS Apparel

Club members Matt & Aaron have lined up brand new NESS apparel. If you missed last months meeting, Matt walked the runway showing off the latest (hottest) WNY fall fashion, the NESS hoodie! There is whole line of NESS “merch” available now for ordering. Scan the QR code here for direct link to order. You can order, and have it shipped directly to you, or save the shipping cost, and we will bring your “merch” to the November meeting. To scan the QR code, simply focus your camera on your phone on the QR code, and a link will appear, click on the link, and BOOM your there !



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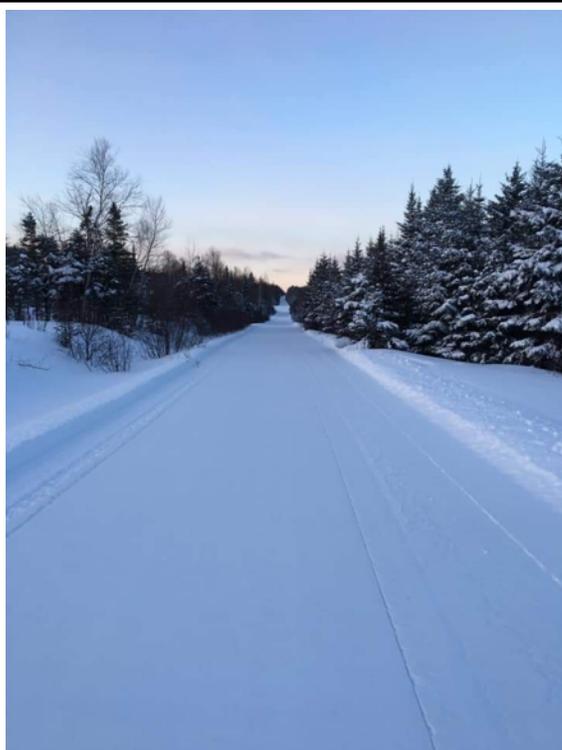
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Trail Re-Route

very tight for the groomers to get through, and we've suffered with deep & wide swamp holes that never seem to freeze for 20+ years. Ron contacted the landowners, Bill mapped out & GPS'd a new trail that puts us on high ground, with gentle sweeping turns.



We held a work session to get it all done. Would have been nice to see a stronger showing of volunteers, but they managed to get the job done with who showed up. We worked with the landowners to stack up all



the useable logs on the side of the trail to retrieve for firewood. It's an amazing NESS phenomenon, hardly any one is able to make time to help on a Saturday morning, but if snow falls on a



Tuesday there will be countless sleds out on the trails. This phenomenon seems to happen to all clubs across WNY from what we hear ! Special thanks going out to our landowners; Dave B., Keith R., Kelkenberg's, Dave K. & Leslie K. for their permission on this project.



Help ?



We have a couple odd jobs if someone has an hour or two. There are plastic barrels at Ron's that need to be hauled up to the bike path, they are already loaded on the club trailer, just hook up, drive up to the bike path, and unload them at the barrel depot, there are 2 loads. We also need someone to take an hour or so, and organize our sign inventory at Ron's. We have multiple piles of signs laying around, just need to be organized, and put in the sign rack. Nice inside job in the old barn. We have new painted trail markers that need the signature NESS used road sign reflectors installed on them, we have the reflectors, screws even the cordless screw gun if needed, just need someone(s) to devote some time to get the job done. ...As days disappear off the calendar more jobs like these pop up. An hour or two after work during the week, or on the weekend can make a HUGE difference helping getting NESS ready for the 2024 riding season!

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