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Next Meeting Info:

Thursday Dec. 28th. @ 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!!

Come hungry, we feed 'ya the wings & fries



BEMBING!

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 !!!



The NESS Express

Snowmobile Club Newsletter

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Apparel: (open)
Safety & Education: Jeff
Vintage Chapter: Kevin & Marcie

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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2023-2024 Season

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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 <u>JOIN</u>.... instead <u>CONTRIBUTE</u>, to keep our club awesome!



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Dine in & Take Out



NESS award winning #1 sea food sled destination

Find us on Facebook ..or.. better yet..get off your phone and come visit us... We're damn sure your gonna bump into someone you know !!!

PLEASE... Respect our neighbors in town, stay off driveways and lawns, and keep noise to a minimum, do <u>YOUR</u> part to keep this trail open !!!

Trail Useage



Lets have a little discussion about our snowmobile trails... Due to the extension of big game hunting season in NYS, the EARLIEST our trails can open, weather and conditions providing is Jan. 2nd. With that said, just because there is enough snow to cover the grass in your front yard, and you can't wait any longer to push the flipper on your new sled... DOES NOT mean you can hit the trails !!! We all feel the same way as you !!! NESS trails open and close at the discretion of trail coordinator Bill. There are many factors that go into deciding on opening or closing our trails. Over the past few years the consequences for riding on a closed trail have gone up considerably. Hefty fines, court fees, on the spot impoundment could make you very sorry you didn't check before you hit the trails. If you're thinking you're going for a quick "scoot", or just a few miles to your favorite watering hole. Remember, EVERYONE

carries a very powerful video recorder and camera in their pocket these days! You no longer need to be caught "red handed" to be issued a ticket. Remember there is a good chance the guy writing your ticket also rides sleds too. Law enforcement has divisions in the NYS police, County Sheriffs, NYS Office of Parks & Recreation & the DEC. Any snowmobile infractions are directed to one of those departments, so they are already prepared for your excuse that you didn't know the trails weren't open, or whatever other excuse you can dream up. It's YOUR responsibility to check trail availability before you head out. It's also your responsibility to be prepared for the conditions you may encounter out on the trails. We go to great effort to explain the conditions on our "trails" page on our website. When a trail is listed as "limited" and in the comments section it says "Water Holes" be prepared to return home covered in slop, and soaked to the core. We update trail conditions as they change, but you can always post a question to the fb page, and get info directly from other riders. Another very common excuse we hear when riders are stopped on a closed trail, is that they are not from around here, and rode onto our trail system from another club that was open. Again, it won't get you out of a ticket, you are responsible to plan your route, and check conditions before you leave. Trails may open up at anytime of day, but trails will only close at midnight, to ensure no one gets stuck out on a trail that was open when they left to go for a ride. Use our website & the NYSSA interactive web map to make the best of your riding experience! And enjoy our trails!

Melcome

...Is this your first newsletter ??? Well, in that case, welcome aboard! This is where our club news intersects with WNY snowmobiling, with a twist of Ron's humor thrown in just to keep things interesting. I consider this publication a continuing work in progress. Or a train wreck in progress, the jury is still out... I welcome any ideas, input & criticism. Hit me up! (716)622-8121 or snoseekers@yahoo.com

NGP NGSS Apparel

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 December 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!

NESS apparel QR code





NESS Equipment Wees

Nothing breaks until you need & use it !!! Our club UTV #1 was out marking trail when it suffered a catastrophic electrical issue and just died on the West Shore Line on its way to mark some trail. I called AAA, but they forwareded the tow recovery request to my wife !!! Thank goodness I wasn't in the middle of a field or woods when it quit. A few hours diagnosing the issue, back home and I was still scratching my head... So... I searched my phone contacts for "NESS911"... Who could that be you ask? That's the club member,

landowner, trail captain, long time friend and former snowmobile mechanic <u>Dale Berghorn</u>, formerly from the WNY famous Berghorn Polaris. Dale dropped what he was doing to let us bring it over and take a look at it. He got our UTV back up and running, with some lingering issues that we need to address once trail gets 100% marked. I don't have enough fingers on my hands to count the number of times Dale has gotten NESS equipment back up and running !!! From Groomers to Skid-Steers to UTV's and ATV's, he's gotten us out of hot water many many times !!! Thanks Dale !!!



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General & BOD Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Nov 30, 2023 @ Akron American Legion (7:00pm)
Welcome	* Bill: Andy not able to make meeting
	~ Bill started the meeting at 7:12pm
	* Thanks to the Legion for hosting us again, reminder to everyone, the Legion is open to the public lunch and dinner
	* Anyone who is not yet a club member, and wants to join, applications up here, and see Rich with your \$\$\$
Last Meeting Minutes	*Last months minutes were printed in the newsletter for public review, motion to except minutes as printed:
	~ Bill made a motion to except minutes as printed, Trenton 1st., Kyle 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
Committees	
Emergency Response	* Bill: update & next meeting info ?
	\sim Next meeting is Dec 12 at the old Akron library, contact Bill for time, and specific address
	\sim Looking for more members to join this committee, we need groomer operators, coordinators, and snowmobiles and snowmobile operators
Apparel	* Matt update please
	~ Matt gave detailed report also showed off the various hoodies, and shirts available, also had a nice hat he reported the club makes a small profit from all purchases made, and sales are going pretty good
UTV's & Equipment	* UTV's at Ron's contact him if you need one for trail work
	* UTV #1 was broke down with electrical issue, Dale Berghorn to the rescue, he got us back up and running again, but needs a new wiring harness soon, keeps blowing FWD fuse, so it has no FWD currently
	~A lot of general discussion from the floor on what to do with the UTV, and other UTV topics. It was decided to run it as is for now, get trails marked, and then we will have a discussion on what we want to do when things calm down a bit.
	~ Was noted that Dale Berghorn would not submit a bill for his time and work on the UTV, he said it was his donation to the club. Many thanks to Dale !!!
Groomers & Drags	* Pretty much ready for snow & cold
	* Groomer training class that was scheduled was canceled, lack of interest. If you want to join the grooming crew contact Ron
	~ One club member gave Ron his name and phone number
	* Still need to purchase tool boxes for groomers to carry new chainsaws we purchased last year
	~ club member came forward to show us some used tool boxes he found on FB marketplace while we were talking about it, Bill will contact seller, get more details
	~ Trenton said he had a friend that could build wooden boxes for us for a reasonable cost, Bill will look into this option also



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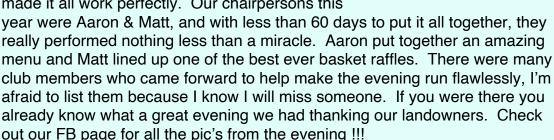
Start and end your ride at Georgie's !!!

Christmas Party / Landowner Dinner

This years landowner appreciation Christmas party was held at the Akron Legion. We had one of the biggest turnouts we have ever had! Huge thanks go out to the Akron Legion for hosting this years event,



the food was amazing and the service was perfect. We were getting concerned we would have enough food, but the staff at the Legion made it all work perfectly. Our chairpersons this





*Aaron update Aaron gave a lengthily update, covered many aspects, answered many questions. A lot of discussion on number of RSVPS we have gotten, and how many dinners to order. Price per, dinner plate was substantially higher than what we expected, or what we had paid in the past. Aaron gave details of the menu, what was included, Beer options were discussed, desert options were discussed, and Aaron informed us that we can not bring in home made deserts, this is not allowed by the NYS health board. Trenton offered to check at his work for options for other desert options we might use and prices. Aaron asked for a decent showing of officers, and helpers by 4pm on the day of the party to help set up and get ready for guests at 5pm Rich gave a report of the past 4 Christmas party costs, number of known attendees, he also reported on club money spent for gift baskets, door prizes and all other related things. Ron reported on the number of RSVPS we have gotten from landowners As Ron was reporting the RSVPS, he got 2 more RSVPS on his phone !!!! After a GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION it was decided to plan for 200 dinners Jake K. offered to have the Ski-Boozer at the Christmas party to help sell tickets for it. Vintage Show Jake K. update / Bill P. update ? Jake K. update / Bill P. update ? Jake K. update of "boozer" donations for the "ski-Boozer" Beer & wine & hard cider will again be offered at this years vintage show. Jake I is looking into different options for the alcohol, he was not happy with the way things worked out last year, and thought the club could do better. Jake K. reported that he was looking at different food truck options than last year, he felt the club could do better, and make more money off the food served. Bill informed us that he was looking at different food truck options than last year, he felt the club could do better, and make more money off the food served. Bill informed us that he was looking at different food truck options than last year, he felt the club could do better. Ja			
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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 Coordinator Report * Bill update

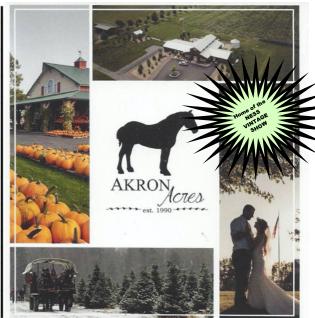
Standing room only !!!
Lots of happy landowner prize winners !!!
Santa made his anticipated appearance
as well !!!

Master of ceremony Eric once again on the mic





	~ Bill gave a long and detailed report on trails, and everything related to them
	* NO MATTER HOW MUCH SNOW WE GET, TRAILS CAN NOT OPEN UNTIL
	JAN 1ST. **** thank your current governor for that ****
	* 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 ??
	* Club member Dave K. worked last weekend to organize and clean up the our sign inventory and also put reflectors on our new wood trail markers. Many thanks to Dave
	* Have a report that the bridge South of Terrys corners fire hall need work, we need someone to go check it out, find out what it needs and report back so we can get supplie together and get it fixed up !!!
	~ As per a FB post, there is a bridge South of Terry's corners fire hall that need attention, said to have boards missing, and some rotted bad. Jake A. offered to check it out and report back.
	~ Bill asked again if anyone had any info, and asked for everyone to get the word out, we need those signs and stakes to get that trail marked
	* Jeff G. update, did you contact landowner(s) North of Delaware Rd. on possible trail re-route?
	~ Jeff was not able to make the meeting
	* Bill: ? did the town of Clarence put the ramp in to get up on the bike path ??
	~ Bill had not herd from the town at all, he would follow up and report to the officers
	* 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 ??
	~ nothing
NYSSA / SLEDNY	* Rich
	~ Rich reported not much going on believe it or not, everyone is focused on getting trails marked. not much going on at the state level
	* Rich Super Raffle ??
	~Rich reported that the super raffle was a go, and we would have tickets soon
Erie County Federation	* Rich update
	~ Rich gave a detailed report, many issues in regards to the ECFOSC. A lot going on there, but nothing of super importance
	* Next meeting in Eden VFW Tuesday Dec 3d. any club members welcome, contact Rich to coordinate a ride down
Niagara County Federation	* Rich update
	~ There is a new Niagara county director to the NYSSA, this is very good news !!!
Genesee County Federation	* Rich update
	~ Not much new to report
Membership	* Rich update
	~ Rich reported 139 members in good standing currently, last year at this time, we had 170 members
	* Membership forms here at meeting if you need to re-join



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Treasurer Report		
Treasurer Report	* Rich's printed report, questions? Motion to except report	
	~ Rich gave his detailed treasurers report, including a detailed list and accounting of the donations made to the "groomer barn". This was requested at last months meeting, and it was questioned as to exactly how much money was in that "fund". Rich went over the donations, categorized by year, showing exactly how much money was contributed. Rich asked for questions from the floor in regards specifically to this topic, no questions were raised.	
	~ Rich asked for a motion to except the treasurers report as printed, Jake K. 1st., Nate 2nd., all in favor, motion carried	
New Bills	* Rich , motion to pay new bills	
	~ Rich listed out the new bills to be paid, and asked for a motion to pay the new bills. Jake A. 1st., Aaron 2nd., all in favor, motion carried	
New Business		
Open Floor / "for the good of the club"	~ nothing was brought to the attention of the officers	
** Next Meeting Info **	Dec. 28	
	~ Next meeting will be held at the Akron Legion once again, 7pm	
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Bill	
	~ Bill asked for a motion to close the meeting, Dave 1st., Nate 2nd., all in favor, motion carried	

Officer / Director Meeting Attendance

President	Andy Braunscheidel	
Vice President	Bill Peronne	X
Treasurer	Rich Mc∏amara	X
Secretary	Ron Dawydko	X
Sergeant at Arms	Jeff Classman	
Trail Coordinator	Bill Peronne	X
Board Member	Jake Jurek	
Board Member	Jake Anderson	X
Board Member	Kyle Anderson	X
Board Member	Nathan Kreher	X
Board Member	Luke Anderson	X
Board Member	Paul Winkowski	
Board Member	Dave Allan	X

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



Ronald T. Dawydko





Vintage Show Raffle



We have put together a spectacular raffle for this years NESS Vintage Snowmobile Show. Jake K. is chairperson this time around, and he's put together an amazing raffle for this years event. SUPER HUGE thanks going out to V.P. Bill !!! Bill has donated a pristine 1998 Polaris XC-700 for this years raffle. We have 3 very nice prizes to be won on this years ticket. We are still looking for donations to finish filling the Ski-Boozer with Booze, contact Jake (716)481-4684 with your donations !!!

On this years ticket:

1st. Prize 1998 Polaris XC-700 snowmobile 2nd. Prize Ski-Boose full of booze 3d. Prize \$100 cash

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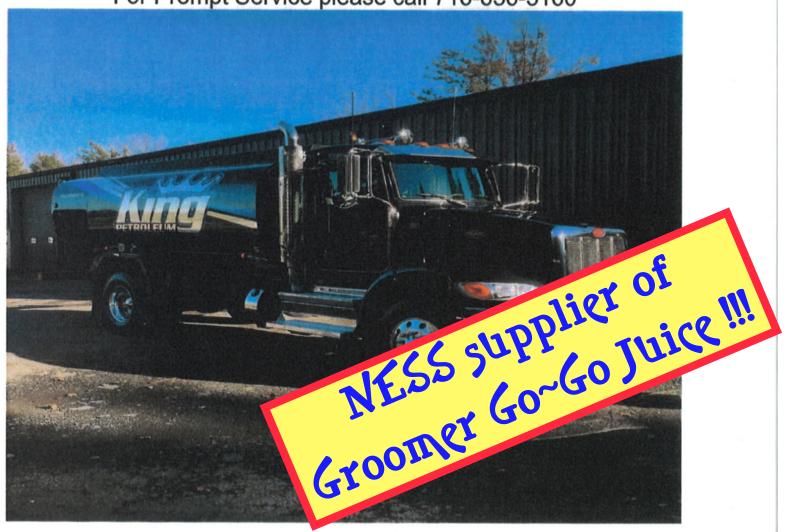
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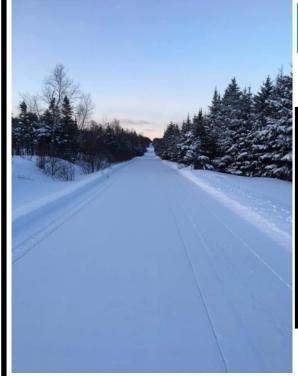
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