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Top **10** Snowmobiler Lies:

- 1.) I know a short cut
- 2.) You have plenty of gas to get there
- 3.) The water is not that deep
- 4.) I wasn't holding it wide open !!!
- 5.) The ice is plenty thick
- 6.) We'll wait for you at the next intersection
- 7.) My buddy drives the groomer, he said trails are open
- 8.) My registration sticker fell off because of the cold
- 9.) I don't need a trail map, I know the trails
- 10.) I'm to busy to help, besides I don't ride around here



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Snowmobile Club Newsletter



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Ron Dawydko

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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 or snoseekers@yahoo.com



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Name(s):				
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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)	Mail To: Northern Erie Sno-Seekers			
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$30.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$35.00 (INCLUDES SPOUSE & CHILDREN UNDER 17)	PO Box 167 Akron, NY 14001-0167 *Monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of every month, locations vary, please contact us for details.			
Groomer House Donation \$ Groomer Fuel Donation \$ Other Club Donation \$ NYSSA "Trail Defender" \$20	*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.			
Trail defender is a NYS dedicated fund to protect and acquire trails through legal and political actions	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 <u>JOIN</u> instead <u>CONTRIBUTE</u> , to keep our club awesome!				
snoseekers.com email: snoseekers@yahoo.com Phone: (716) 741-NESS (6377)				



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 !!!



Show your club colors, and make a fashion statement ((positive one)) We have a whole new line up of NESS merchandise. Members have been showing up at recent meetings in the super cool hoodies, and they do look SHARP !!! Quick & Easy way to order, is focus your phone camera at the QR code, and BOOM your there. The Vintage show is just around the corner, what a great place to show your club support by wearing a NESS hoodie.

NESS apparel QR code

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Groomer #3 in Brucker's woods trail

...You may think with the trails all installed, and snow falling, we are "good to go" for the greatest season, we all love so much... To keep those 120+ miles of NESS trails smooth and enjoyable, we need to feed our 3 class-A groomers !!! A pretty typical or standard groomer run is 4-8 hours. When conditions get good, and all 3 groomers are running each groomer will make run, 3 - 4 times a week. Each time we send those groomers out on a run they combined will burn 100-170 gal. of diesel fuel !!! Depending on how long our season lasts, our fuel costs get VERY serious VERY fast... Please consider making a groomer fuel donation !!! We accept physical diesel fuel donations, and cash donations to purchase fuel to keep the tracks turning.

Show Your

Club Spirit

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

General & BOD Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Dec. 38, 2023 @ Akron American Legion (7:00pm)		
Welcome	* Andy		
	~ Andy started the meeting at 7:13pm		
	* Lets introduce our Officers & BOD member who make up NESS, for those who are new members. (use contact sheet to run down names and positions)		
	~ Officers in attendance were introduced by Andy		
	* 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:		
	\sim Andy made a motion to except the minutes as printed, Nathan 1st., Dave 2nd., all in favor, motion carried		
Committees			
Emergency Response	* Andy update		
	~ Andy & Rich both updated on MOU process, and where we currently stand, with the County and Clarence and Newstead / Akron., It's a continued work in process. Still looking for more club members to join the committee, please contact Andy		
UTV's & Equipment	* UTV's at Ron's contact him if you need one for trail work		
	* UTV #1 needs serious repairs, contact Dale B. see if he is still interested in getting paid to fix it for us. It needs a new wiring harness, and 4WD is not working.		
	\sim Ron gave info and explained UTV #1 problems, lot of discussion from the floor on this topic, many ideas floated, questions answered.		
	* ? Motion to fix UTV #1 ?		
	~ It was decided that we would contact Dale B., see if he wanted to give us a price quote to fix it, and then decide what to do.		
Groomers & Drags	* Ron, few minor things to get done, need to mount tool boxes for chain saws, need to fix a radio speaker in #3, need to mount a cell phone holder in #2, anyone who wishes to help out contact Ron		
	* If you would like to become a groomer operator contact Ron he's got a list he's putting together		
	* #1's storage fuel tank moving from Niagara County Going to put it at Ron's for now		
	\sim Questions from the floor asking why we decided to remove groomer #1 fuel tank from parking location, Ron explained.		
	* Going to have a groomer operator meeting sometime probably next week, discuss everything grooming related, I will be contacting everyone on my list of groomer operators, anyone else that would like to attend let me know. Bill & Ron have been working on better organizing our grooming operations, we also will be implementing groomer GPS tracking and recording logs via. phone app.		
	~ Ron will keep us posted		
Christmas Party & Landowner Dinner	* Aaron /Matt update please		



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Next Meeting Info:

Thursday Jan 25 @ 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

9 Eckerson Ave., Akron, NY 14001

	\sim Matt gave us a run down, Rich shared the \$\$\$ numbers from the party, and also amounts of past years.		
	* Rich give us the rundown on costs of this years party		
	~ General discussion from the floor on plans for next years party, and where to hold it, ideas, options.		
	\sim One of, if not the biggest Christmas party we have ever had, went well, everyone was happy		
Vintage Show	* Jake K. update ? what do you need from us ?		
	\sim Jake gave us a in depth run down of what he has lined up, and the few things he needs to get cleared up.		
	\sim Lot of discussion from the floor, questions answered		
	$\sim\!At$ this time our biggest need is help on the day of the event, club members to pitch in and lend a hand for a few hours		
	\sim We all need to sell sell sell ski-boozer tickets NOW $\;$ Jake has tickets, get them sold $!!!!$		
	\sim Jake needs all the sold tickets and the \$\$\$ returned to him at next months meeting		
Trails			
Trail Coordinator Report	* Bill update		
	\sim Bill gave a lengthy discussion on where we need help yet, and what needs to be done yet		
	* Bridge repaired up in Niagara county, big thanks to Dave A. and Ryan for getting that done !!!		
	* have a small trailer load of plastic barrels that need to be hauled up to the bike path and placed between Jackson St - Cedar St. in the Village of Akron		
	~ Bill will see if he can take care of it		
	* Still looking for a new trail captain for section of trail in Alden, Peter's Corners area South on the Dibble RR. That trail still needs to be marked !!!!!		
	~AL will be marking that trail this weekend contact him if you can help out or contact Ron		
	* Questions from the floor ? Comments from the floor on known trail issues for this season ??		
	~ Lot of discussion from the floor, questions answered		
NYSSA / SLEDNY	* Rich		
	\sim Super raffle tickets should be showing up any day		
	\sim New Trail Coordinator at NYSSA is doing a awesome job, he's cleaning up a lot of stuff that needed to be taken care of years ago		
	* NYSSA new WEB map is up on app store, new company, some nice new features this year, better quality map, more accurate		
Erie County Federation	* Rich update		
	\sim Dave is retiring and moving out of state, a new Erie County director is needed		
Niagara County Federation	* Rich update		
	~ Need a Niagara County NYSSA director !!!!!		
Genesee County Federation	* Rich update		





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



* The 2024 NYSSA scholarships are open for applications. There are (2) scholarships available, and will be awarded this year. You must be a NYSSA member to apply. Visit the NYSSA website for application details

* as of Jan. 9, 2024 there were 52,552 registered snowmobiles in NYS and 30,664 total club memberships for NYS. For reference same date last year there were 7,418 more registered snowmobiles. The year the club re-formed, 1996 there were 150,000+ registered snowmobiles in NYS, and Erie County had more registered snowmobiles than any other county in the state. Residents aren't the only thing leaving NYS, snowmobiles and club members are too !!! Registration \$\$\$ is where trail funding comes from, huge losses in sled registrations, huge increases in fuel costs, and materials costs were a major factor in the increase of sled registration fees for next year.

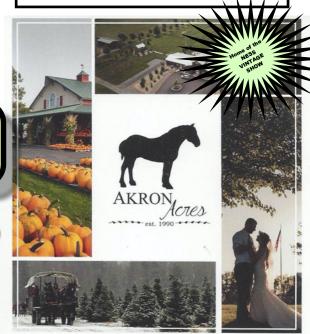
	~ nothing new to report
Membership	* Rich update
	~187 members as of tonight, last year at this time 259 sad state of affairs !!!!
Apparel	~Matt gave us an update, and report on sales so far.
	\sim Matt is going to see if we can have a special limited edition design for apparel at the vintage show on the day of the show. He will be in contact with Jake to work on this.
Treasurer Report	
Treasurer Report	* Rich's printed report, questions ? Motion to except report
	~ Rich gave his report, asked for a motion to except report as printed, Dave 1st., Phil 2nd., all in favor motion carried.
New Bills	* Rich , motion to pay new bills
	~Rich listed the new bills to be paid, asked for a motion to pay the new bills, Andy 1st., Jeff 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
New Business	
Open Floor / "for the good of the club"	~Rich gave us information on the award we have been given by the town of Clarence, the official award dinner and banquet will be March 21, we need a group photo to be published
	\sim Jeff would like to have a club social gathering behind Brian B's compound on the trail next to Ron's, the first chance we have good snow on the trails, a wennie roast, bonfire type deal, they did one a couple years ago, and it was a big hit. Jeff will keep us posted
** Next Meeting Info **	Jan. 25 here at the MIGHTY Akron Legion
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	* Andy
	~ Andy asked for questions and or comments, none were offered, he made a motion to close meeting, Eric 1st., Matt 2nd., all in favor, motion carried

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

1. aug Ronald T. Dawydko

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Officer / Director Meeting Attendance				
President	Andy Braunscheidel	X		
Vice President	Bill Deronne	X		
Treasurer	Rich McNamara	X		
Secretary	Ron Dawyako	X		
Sergeant at Arms	Jeff Classman	X		
Trail Coordinator	Bill Deronne	X		
Board Member	Jake Jurek	X		
Board Member	Jake Anderson			
Board Member	Kyle Anderson	X		
Board Member	Nathan K reher	X		
Board Member	Luke Anderson	X		
Board Member	Paul ∭inkowski			
Board Member	Dave Allan	x		



This years show is only a few short weeks away. This is a HUGE event for us. It grows in both attendance and participation every year. We need YOUR help. From set up and preparation the night before, judges for the snowmobile awards, people to sell 50/50 tickets & snowboozer tickets, folks to manage the sled



registrations, concessions sales... the list is long. It's always a fantastic family fun event at Akron Acres, help keep the tradition of HUGE smiles all around. Please make plans to not just attend this years show, but lend a hand and keep it something special.

"Where a visit becomes a Tradition"

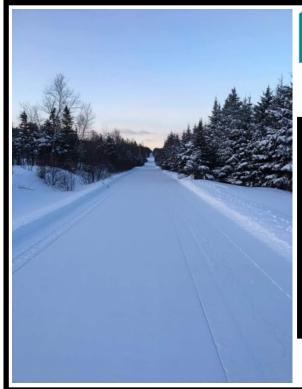
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than a snowmobile show.. It's truly a fun filled family event !!!! Don't hide inside under the covers. come celebrate winter with us !!!

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NESS Vintage Show





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YOUR REGISTRATION \$\$\$ GOING TO YOUR CLUB & YOUR TRAILS !!!

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:

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

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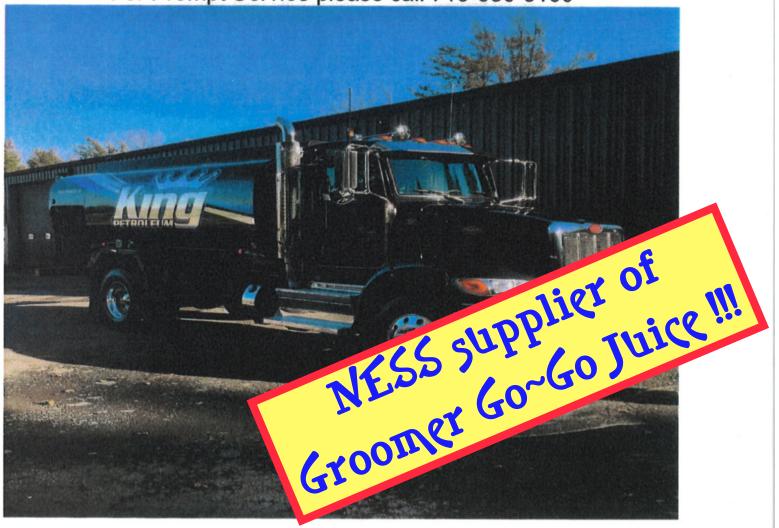
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Loud & Obnoxious

Have you seen these two snowmobilers? They were last spotted on NESS trails, late last season. We've been looking for them for years, and years. They are spotted all over WNY, and rumored to have been in Northern snow covered climates all over North America. These are the notorious "Butt-Head" brothers, Loud & Obnoxious. They are responsible for; pissed off landowners, irate homeowners, upset motorists & furious fellow snowmobilers. Their actions behind the bars have caused trail closures everywhere they ride. They are easy to spot on the trails, but hard to catch. They only seem to ride with the throttle pined to the handlebar, ski's hanging in the air, snow rooster tail flying high in the air behind. Their usual hours of operation are dusk to dawn, but have been reported out in the daylight as well. They don't belong to our club, and it's unknown if they belong to any other clubs. They ride out of control, outside the trail markers and all over the trail. With their "altered" aftermarket exhaust, they are usually heard long before they are ever seen. Their only recorded statement, in regards to the charges against them is; "We ain't from your town or club, and we don't give a rip about your trails, we're just passing through head'n South (or North) just look'n to rack up some miles, and hit a few bars. We do appreciate your flat smooth trails, we enjoy carving them up like cousin Clyde's Christmas ham." Some of you may have passed these guys out on the trails, our groomer operators have all reported seeing them. You may not have recognized them with their riding gear on, but the trail behind them gives them away every time. It's covered with "trail Closed" & "Follow Road To Trail" signs.



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Reward for any info on these 2 snowmobilers Only known aliases "Loud" (left) & "Obnoxious" (right)

Our 120+ miles of NESS trails cover a WIDE range. We have everything from farmers fields, state wildlife refuge, town bikepaths to homeowner back yards. In the Western most portions of our trails, specifically in Clarence, we have pretty much run out of options to cross the roads due to residential housing. We have places where our trail is 30 feet from houses & garages, right across lawns and back yards. If we loose permission at some of these properties, it's all over folks. Just one landowner / homeowner saying NO, will close from that point all the way to the "Ship -n- Shore", we are all out of options for re-routes. On the asphalt bike path(s), we have to meet with the town boards & supervisor(s) on a yearly basis to ask for permission, and it all hinges on how things went last year. Our trail system sits in a very strategic spot in WNY. A whole lot of riders head out, and take our trail system to head South or East on their way in search of deeper snow, and many more miles. It's everyone's responsibility to help police our trails. If you come across riders acting in a irresponsible manor on our trails, take action. Get registration #'s, take pictures, get that information to the officers of the club. The State Police, County Sheriffs, DEC officers, and local law enforcement are all there to work with us to combat these problems. It all comes down to just one fact.

It's Your Trail to Loose

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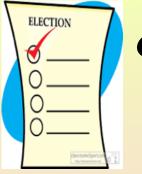


FAPES

When your out on the trails, get that phone out, grab some trail pic's, or parking lot pic's, or where you and your bud's are having lunch pic's, ...ANY... kind of pic's,

share them with us, post 'em up on our fb page. Good or bad, water holes or smooth trails, busy restaurants or quiet woods trails, take the time to share them, both with us, and our social media. It gets others involved in the club, and it also helps inform everyone else of potential hazards, and gives us an idea where we have problems we need to address. And remember... our trails and club are only as good as the volunteers who contribute their time to work on them !!! ? How have you contributed ?

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Election

March meeting we will be holding our elections, February meeting we will be nominating candidates for all open positions. There are many, many open positions, such as officers, board of directors & chairpersons. We could really use some new blood, new faces, new ideas. If concerned about becoming an officer or BOD, no worries, we don't do back ground checks (maybe we should) and you don't have to pee in a cup (... unless we are screening for accuracy, not content) ... Seriously though... If you have any questions about any of the positions, or what's open for nominations, or what's involved in being elected to a position, please contact secretary Ron he'd be glad to explain it all, including string theory, the Higgs Boson particle, Monopoly board game strategy, and the meaning of life... Ron: (716)622-8121





Club member & sergeant of arms Jeff announced at last months meeting he, along with his BBQ "side kicks" Andy & Brian will be once again be hosting at least one (hopefully more) trail side "weiner roasts" this season. These guys may not look like world class



dudes set up their trail side BBQ and crank out some of the tastiest Hot Dogs you can't possibly imagine. 2 years ago they sold out of dogs before they ran out of customers at their drive through trail side grub hub. With a toasty warm bonfire roaring trail side (don't tell the governor), and refreshments available, a good time is had by anyone who stops. Keep an eye on our FB page for details, or Subscribe to NESS text messages so you don't miss a thing NESS related. Subscribe to NESS txt messages by sending your # to (716)622-8121





SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4 11am-4pm

- Free Admission
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- Vintage Snowmobile Parade
- Raffles!
- Hay/Sleigh Rides, weather permitting
- Awards/Trophies @ 3pm
- Food Trucks

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