



April Meeting Change/End of Year Party

Please note that our April meeting date has changed! It will be held on Friday, April 20th, at the Navarino Fire Hall, **NOT at Footprints!** Times will be from 6pm to 9pm.

In addition to our regular meeting, 2 other events will take place. The first will be our annual elections for club officers. So anyone who is interested, please show up at this meeting.

Secondly, and more importantly, this will be our "End of the Season" social gathering/Party. Meat, entrees, beer, soda, and water will be provided. There will be a 50/50 and door prizes as well. Anyone interested in attending should contact Sue DeCario at 673-3425 to RSVP, so we know how much food to order. Footprints will be catering the event, but we ask that everyone bring a dish to pass as well. Please discuss this with Sarah when you RSVP. Leave a message if she is not home. You don't want to miss this one!

Message from the President

Here we are, another season over. And although it was a good season once it got started, it is always sad to see it go.

What have we accomplished this year? We bought our new IMP groomer, which works fairly well. We have rerouted many trails, to make them safer for all to enjoy, and also to accommodate the groomer.

We built many new bridges, replacing the old, dilapidated ones. We straightened trails, widened them, making them safer. The signage was second to none compared to other trails!

We finally got funded for the trail between the lakes, almost doubling our official mileage. Now we have to maintain it better!

And we also have challenges ahead of us. We need to do something with the pipeline so that it isn't a year-to-year battle. We need to replace the bridge on the pipeline, so that we can get the IMP through the pipeline. We will probably discuss the purchase of a new groomer, and together we need to figure out how to make our members (that's YOU!) more involved in the club! With these new trails, we will need all the hands we can get!

We can be the premier snowmobile club in Onondaga County. We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go!

We need to be more involved in the public, out in the public eye more often, pushing our agenda, so that they see that we aren't just a bunch of beer swilling alcoholics! Perhaps offering CPR, First Aid, and CPR courses.

But first and foremost, we need to have the safest, most well groomed, and funnest trails in Onondaga County, which set an example for all the others.

However, this takes a commitment from you, our members. Are you ready to help? Do you help? A little volunteering goes a long way, and we have a great time every time we go out to work on the trails, ore work in the community.

So at our next meeting, let's set some goals for next year. Because if we don't at least set goals, then we definitely won't know in which direction to proceed.

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"If we put forth enough effort, we can be the premiere snowmobile Club in the area!"



Financial Statement

As of 3/14/07

Petty Cash: \$386.00

Checking Account: \$7454.64

Groomer Account: \$807.51

Savings Account: \$6839.68



We will need to be financially prudent next year, as the state w corridor funding from \$500.00 per mile to approximately \$300 secondary funding will be cut from \$300 per mile to \$125.00 per mile. These figures represent HALF of the funding we received in years past!

The state bases the following years funding on the number of registrations it receives by December 31st of the previous year. Since many people chose NOT to register their sleds until after December 31st, the registrations this year were half of what they were in years past. And even though the numbers have picked up somewhat since the snow has been falling, they are still significantly less than last year, and regardless we will receive half the money from the state next year to maintain our trails.

If you know someone who has chosen NOT to register his sled, then it is up to YOU to call him on it when he rides on our trail system, the same trails that he didn't help pay for like you and me! Register those sleds early next year!



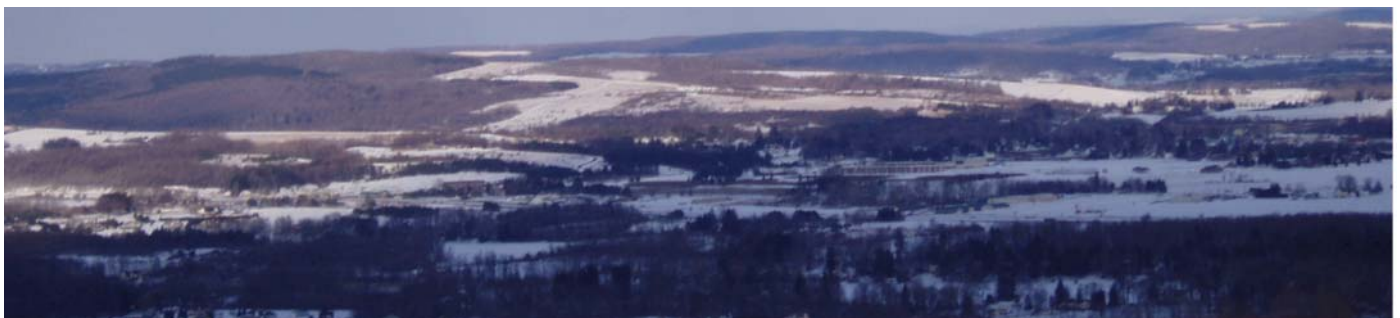
Trail Information

The trails are closed for the season. We still need to pull quite a few signs and pick up garbage, so please contact Mike Lanning for a schedule.

We can also look at widening some trails, rerouting some trails, with the ultimate goal being that we can use the large groomer on almost ALL of our trails.

We definitely need to get the signs off the trails before the farmers plow them under, and as good club members we should get all of the garbage off the trails as soon as possible.

We will discuss this at the next meeting!



Club Profile: Officer's Information

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Contact any officer when the need arises. That is what we are here for!

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Upcoming Events

Below you will find a list of partial upcoming events. For a more extensive, up-to-the-minute list, check out the [calendar](#) on our website under "Events Calendar".

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| Next Meeting: | April 21st |
| Toad Hollow Meeting: | April 4th |
| NYSSA Annual Meeting/Forum: | April 13 th -April 15th |



Rants & Raves



Short and sweet-

I went to the Snowmobile sneak preview Monday, April 22nd. I think I almost crapped my pants. Or maybe I did, and just didn't know it.

I am a dyed in the wool Ski-Doo fan. But I must admit that those machines have got to be the UGLIEST things that I have ever seen, besides the fat hogs and Hogesses standing in the concession line to buy themselves nasty hot dogs and warm beer. I don't know why they go to those shows; they can't even fit on the sleds, let alone walk up the stairs. But I guess that's why god created elevators and escalators. But I digress.

Anyhow, the only part of the Rev's that were cheap was the construction, and fit and finish. Certainly not the price Tag.

Then I sort of stumbled over to the other manufacturer's areas, stumbling because one of the larger people mentioned above stepped on my foot, and also because I was drowning my sorrow after looking at the \$10,000 price tags on these sleds.

Now, I know I'm cheap. And I also know I'm old. I know that I'm old because the first house that I bought cost less than the price of one of these monstrosities. And the house had a foundation under it, and a 30 year mortgage to boot!

But I really know I'm old when I wander aimlessly around, and I can't tell which sleds are cool anymore, and which ones are your average, run of the mill variety.

I guess they are all cool, because they all look like that land cruiser that Luke Skywalker drove in 1977 in the Original Star Wars. Now that was cool! So if that counts, then I guess that I am hip and actually know what's going on.

But the bottom line was that I couldn't find anything in my \$2500.00 budget (which hasn't increased since 1969), so I guess I will have to keep my '06 Ski-Doo 500SS trail until the prices drop on these current models, like what happens to computers.

In the mean time, I probably will have better luck hanging around the beer stand, with my big wad of \$1.00 bills in my pocket, and hopefully I can get lucky and get some sugar momma to buy me the sled of my dreams.

But realistically, I probably will end up with nothing more than an empty pocket, a pounding Labatt Blue Headache, and 475 pounds of corporate paraphernalia I picked up that I can read while I sit in my executive porcelain office and ponder how I am going to get that next butt-ugly sled for myself.

I thought about secretly slipping one under my coat and out the back door, but that wouldn't work. Besides, it's unethical. If you have any ideas, let me know!

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