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First Meeting Scheduled September 12th

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th beginning at 7pm. We will be back at **Footprints On The Lake Restaurant** again this year. For planning purposes, we normally meet the second Wednesday of the month from September through April. Footprints is located at 2437 Route 174 Marietta, New York 13110. Their telephone number is (315) 636-8255. Pizza and munchies are provided.

Please try to come out to the meetings every month. This is YOUR club! You will get current news about the club, financial information, discussions about the trails and ongoing work, and information about snowmobiling events in the area that other clubs may be sponsoring.

But most importantly, take the opportunity to meet other members, make new friends, learn something new, and enjoy some food and drink.

Don't miss the "Kickoff" Party!

Our annual **Kickoff Party** is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd, from 1pm-4pm. It will take place at Marcellus Park, in the Grove pavilion.

Footprints will be catering the event, but we ask that everyone bring a dish to pass as well, if possible. Please let Sarah know if you can bring a dish. We will provide the soda; you need to bring your own adult beverages.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Sarah DeCapio at 673-3425 to RSVP, so we know how much food to order. Please leave a message if she is not home.

This is always a fun event to get together with other club members in an outdoor setting, and discuss everything snowmobiling before the season starts. Bring the kids, bring the husband or wife, and come on out for some fresh air before Fall gets into full swing.

Hope to see you there.



Message from the President



*"Continued growth
takes a lot of time, hard
work, and
VOLUNTEERS!!"*

Greetings fellow club members! Yes it's that time of year again; Time to start thinking about the upcoming season of snow. I'd like to start this year off by thanking everyone who worked hard last year to make the season a success.

The Marcellus Snowmobile Club is about having fun, meeting old friends, and welcoming new people to our club and our sport. Additionally, we take pride in giving back to the community and helping out our neighbors. Last year we started a new tradition for the holiday season. We picked a family in need from our community and made a donation to them, hopefully making things a little easier for the family during a difficult time in their life. As a club, we donate every year to Easter Seals. Last year we were able to assist a club member's daughter in her effort to raise money for a trip. We also helped out a fellow snowmobiler and his family from a neighboring club after a tragic accident. And the list could go on. Being a member of the club is more than just about having fun, it is also about being a responsible and visible member of our community.

Over the past few years our club has grown substantially. We have more than doubled our funded trail system to nearly 40 miles, purchased three additional groomers, built or rebuilt numerous bridges, as well as completed many other projects too numerous to mention. I personally take great pride in what we have accomplished. Everything we do as a club is done voluntarily. Without volunteers there is no Marcellus Snowmobile Club. Without the club, the trails throughout the Marcellus area would quickly disappear! Our membership now totals over 200 people, and grows substantially every year. If we are going to continue to be successful and sustain what we have accomplished then we need to have much greater participation from our members. Growing as we have as a club takes a lot of time and hard work, so please volunteer whenever you can. I am confident that almost every member could spare a few hours of their time to help out in some way.

Since April we have not just been sitting on the beach, dreaming about snow. We bought two Artic Cat Bearcats with Mogul Master type drags from Weedsport's club for grooming. After buying the groomers we still have well over \$ 10,000 in the bank and we still have our 30% check coming from the county.

We've been working hard trying to make as many of our trails wide enough for the big groomer as possible. Trail work will be starting soon if it hasn't already by the time you get this newsletter. We have several big projects in the works and need all the help we can get. Please contact Mike Lanning or myself to help out.

This is my third year as the president of our club. I had three goals when I took over for Dan Horst. The first was to get the trail between the lakes funded, the second was to purchase a big groomer, and the third was to get more members involved with the club and increase our club's membership. Although these were my goals, many others shared them with me. I had a lot of help from the Executive Board, as well as many other club members. The first two goals are accomplished. The third goal is an ongoing task that we need to constantly be working on together.

I encourage other members to step up and be part of the Executive Board. Several of us on the board would like to see new members with new goals and new ideas take this club to the next level. Granted, it involves time and effort, but it's worth it. The beginning of this season would be a perfect time for members to let me know if they are interested in stepping up. That would give us a whole season to show you the ropes and help you get your feet wet.

Thanks to everyone who has made running this club with me so much fun. I look forward to having another great year, and working together to make this season the best one yet!

I hope to see everyone at Footprints on September 12th for our first 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".

Next Meeting:	September 12th
Kickoff Party:	September 22 nd
Big East Snowmobile Show:	November 6 th and 7th



News and Notes



This year, NYSSA has finally gotten their online registration system working, and they are encouraging as many people as possible to register or renew online. If you choose to do so, you will automatically be on the mailing list for the NYSSA magazine, as well as being able to immediately download your voucher to take with you to the DMV.

For anyone with internet access, the process is easy. Go to NYSSA's website (www.nyssnowassoc.org), click on the box on the right side of the homepage that says "Join a Club Online Here", then click on Onondaga County on the map of New York. A list of clubs will pop up. Scroll down to MARCELLUS SNOWMOBILE CLUB, and click on "Click Here To Join This Club". Follow the directions from there.

You can still join the "old fashioned" way as well. You can fill out the registration form on the next page of this newsletter and mail it back to us, and we will mail you a voucher. You can also bring it with you to our monthly meeting and receive your voucher that night. We have registration forms at all meetings, so if you need to fill one out that night, or have a friend who wants one, they are available then. You can also get a form from our website, which is located at www.marcellussnowmobileclub.com.

I highly encourage EVERYONE to join the club early, but more importantly, REGISTER YOUR SLED EARLY. The reason is that our funding for next year is based on the number of registrations New York receives by a certain cutoff point, usually early December.

Last year, with the lack of snow at the beginning of the season, and the unavailability of vouchers until later in the year, many people did not make this cutoff. Since registrations "were down" for the year as of mid December, the amount of money snowmobile clubs received this season was cut drastically. Therefore, I encourage everyone to register their sleds as early as possible, and push your friends to do so as well.

Starting this year, we would like to EMAIL this newsletter and communicate with members via email, for those who have internet access. The cost of postage and supplies to mail over 200 newsletters each month is significant, and the labor to do so is substantial. Luckily, the printing costs have graciously been covered in the past by my company, Visual Technologies, but those costs are steep as well. We will still mail out newsletters to anyone without email, but the fewer we have to mail the better off financially the club will be, not to mention the trees that can be saved in doing so.

Along those lines, I encourage everyone to submit photos, articles, news bites, comments, or anything else that they can think of or find interesting for inclusion in either the newsletter or on the website. I would love to see OTHER people's pictures, and hear what YOU have to say. It would make for much more interesting content. So, if you have any digital pictures you want to post, have an article you found interesting, or wish to comment on a subject, email them to me at webmaster@marcellussnowmobileclub.com. Or, you can mail them to the club, or give them to me or Tom or one of the officers at our meetings.

Regarding newsletter content, the "Rants and Raves" section of the newsletter most likely won't be returning. I must admit that after speaking with numerous people, some found portions to be insulting or in poor taste or both. I can certainly see where that could be the case, and I must state that it wasn't my intention to insult anyone in any way. My intention was to poke a little fun at our sport with a dose of offbeat humor. In my efforts to write, print, fold, address, stamp and mail this newsletter every month, maintain the website, do trailwork, attend meetings, spend time with my family, and RIDE MY SNOWMOBILE, I probably carried it too far in order to "fill the page". So, with that in mind, "News and Notes" will replace "Rants and Raves" and I will make every effort to keep it more positive and informational. I can't guarantee anything, but I will do my best.

I hope everyone comes out on September 12th for our first meeting. See you there!

"I highly encourage everyone to register their snowmobile early so that the club can receive maximum funding next year."

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2007/2008 Membership Application

First Name:	MI:	Last Name:	
Address:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone Number:		Cell Phone Number:	
Email:	Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? (please circle)		
	Yes No		

Membership: All memberships are family memberships and include spouse and all children up to 17 years of age residing at the above address. Please indicate number of family members.	# Family Members: _____	Annual Dues: \$25.00
		Optional: Groomer Fund Donation: \$10.00- Yes/ No
Spouse Name:		
Child Name:	Child Name:	Child Name:
Child Name:	Child Name:	Child Name:

I may be able to help the club with the following (please check all that apply):

- 1. Trail development, maintenance, and bridge work
- 2. Trail grooming
- 3. Social or other events work & support
- 4. Equipment repairs or parts
- 5. Sponsorship (call me for details)
- 6. Donations – money, materials, fundraising products etc.
- 7. Call me when the club needs a hand for a few hours
- 8. Other (please specify): _____

I, the undersigned, and those members of my household covered by this membership agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and by laws of the Marcellus Snowmobile Club, Inc. and New York State. I also agree to hold harmless the Marcellus Snowmobile Club, Inc. and all of its landowners.

Signed:	Date:	Club Use Only:
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