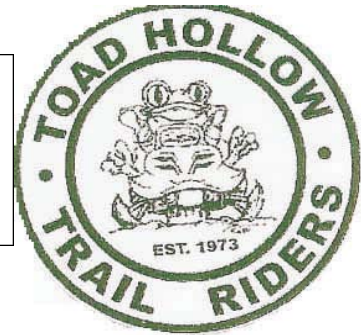




December 2010 Newsletter

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Events and Happenings:

| When | Where | What | Info |
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| 12/22/10 | TRAILS OPEN!!! | | |
| 1/05/11 | Orchard Vali | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/08/11 | Tanner Valley | Winterfest & Antique Sled Show | 10am-5pm |
| 1/11/11 | Western Ranch Motel | Onondaga County Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/21--1/23 | Glenmore Hotel | Toadironack-See Tom Andrews for Info. | |
| 2/02/11 | Orchard Vali | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/08/11 | Western Ranch Motel | Onondaga County Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/19/11 | Eipp Estate | Hot Dog Roast | TBA |
| 2/26/11 | Various | Poker Run | TBA |
| 3/02/11 | Orchard Vali | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 3/08/11 | Western Ranch Motel | Onondaga County Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 4/06/11 | Orchard Vali | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |

News and Information:

Trails: The bridge behind the Amber Inn was widened on December 18. It is a foot wider on each side and came out Beautiful. The Marcellus Snowmobile Club and Apple Valley Wheelers contributed to the materials fund with us. A special thanks Corey Dwyer and Corey Robinson and the rest of the guys that helped. Scott, John, Bruce and Jim. Check it out!

Kevin Fellows and his company, Bat Con and Mark Kinney and his company, Monroe Mechanical and the Donath's have done a lot of work to the hill behind Tanner Valley Golf Course. The trail will be completely different this year. There will be signage and snow fencing put up where needed. Thanks for your time and hard work!!!

We have a new trailer for to carry our signs (in addition to the other one). It was a boat trailer that Fields Towing on Geddes Street donated to us. Artie Eipp and Jim Olney modified it with sides. Steve Frank donated the wood and tires. Artie donated the lights and wiring. Nancy Calley from Calley's Hardware in Marcellus donated the paint. It is painted Toad Green and looks really neat. Stop at Artie's and have a look. Thanks Everyone.

We have FINALLY have received our final 30% payment for the trail fund. It is for \$2,277.00. We need it.

Thanks to Darryl Martin for running the safety course. We had around 40 people and as usual, he did a great job.

We had about 65 people come to our last meeting. It was a great showing, but let's try and crush that at our next meeting. If you have never been, COME ON DOWN. It's a great time.

VINTAGE SHOW

DATE: January 8, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

HOSTED BY: Toad Hollow Trail Riders

LOCATION: Tanner Valley Golf Course, 4040 Tanner Rd, Syracuse, NY 13215

The Toad Hollow Snowmobile Club will be hosting a vintage show Saturday January 8, 2011. There will be no charge to show your sleds and no charge to attend. Classes will be judged, trophies will be awarded, dash plaques awarded to all entrants. Awards for the oldest sled and a gas card for the longest distance entrant. Food and beverages will be available, as well as door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Our own Todd Gardner will be D'jing from 11-4. There will be live music from "Wild Ride" starting at 7 p.m. There will be a chicken BBQ starting at 11 a.m. They will only be doing 100 halves, so get there early. We encourage every one to ride to the show, please don't trailer there and unload. We expect around 100 vintage sleds, so trailer parking will be at a premium. We will need members to help with the show so please come to the next meeting and volunteer.

Contact Ron Fesko for more information. 315-440-0370 or spendlessonenergy@yahoo.com

Stay tuned for a wheeler/car poker run in May. We will keep you posted on our 1st annual "Summer's REALLY Gonna Suck" poker run.

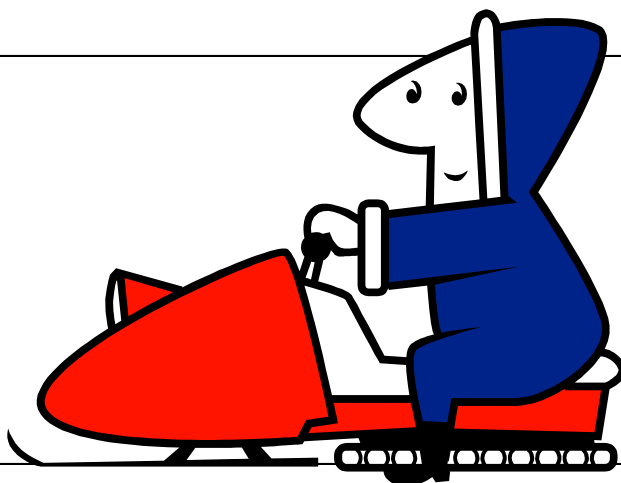
We will have NYSSA Raffle tickets for our members to sell at our next meeting. The tickets sell for \$5.00 and our club gets half the money. The grand prize is a choice of one of three sleds. And there are a lot of other great prizes. Pick up your tickets to sell at our next meeting. The club makes pretty good money.

Remember to save your snowmobiling gas receipts for Gary Rood. He is getting an 8 cent per gallon refund from the state. There will be forms at the next meeting. THANKS GARY!!!!

If there is an accident on our trails that the police respond to, WE NEED TO KNOW. Call any officer of the club so that we can report it to NYSSA's insurance company. This is very important. All of the officers phone numbers are included in the newsletter.

Salisbury Ridge Runners snowmobile club is having a groomer course on January 15, 2011. The course is free. If you are interested in attending, please call Tim Taylor at 446-4881 or 447-2070.

Congratulations to Randy Brown for winning the 50/50 at our last meeting. His share was \$109.00.



Tis the season for snowmobile club volunteers to be out getting trails ready

Each year, a small number of dedicated volunteers do the majority of the work so that thousands of recreational snowmobilers across the state can enjoy their sport. These volunteers, all members of snowmobile clubs, spruce up the local snowmobile trails by clearing brush, removing downed trees, building and repairing bridges and culverts. They also put in countless stakes to mark trails across fields and post thousands of signs along the trails. And that's in addition to contacting, and in some cases negotiating with thousands of property owners to make sure they're still fine with snowmobilers crossing their property this winter.

"They've been out there in recent weeks and some are out there right now, preparing for the coming snowmobile season," said Stephen Lewis, director of snowmobiling for the New York State Parks Department. Lewis said the state's 10,497 miles of snowmobile trails are mostly maintained by these volunteers, with the exception of several trails in state parks. The beauty of it all, he said, is that the majority of the trail system isn't propped up with tax dollars. It's supported entirely with money collected from snowmobile registration fees. The clubs are reimbursed for their time, effort and expenses through the snowmobile registration fund on a formula based on the miles of trail they're maintaining, and on whether the trails they maintain are primary or smaller, secondary trails.

The snowmobile registration system is geared to support the trail and the club system. Those snowmobilers who are in clubs that maintain trails pay \$45 a year for registrations. Those who don't belong to a club must pay \$100.

Earlier this month, volunteers from the Tully Trailblazers were out on a Sunday changing the direction of two trails, using a donated Bobcat with a "forest cutter attachment" to take out brush, briars and trees.

"We start doing these things in September and sometimes in summer. When you talk about things such as bridgework, you're starting to get into a year-round production," said Bob Leiber, trailmaster for the 175-member, Tully Trailblazers, which is responsible for maintaining 30 miles of trails.

Ken Burd, who's on the board of directors for the 650-member, Redfield Snowmobile Club, said his club handles 50 miles of trails. In recent weeks, he said, volunteers from the club have been out clearing brush, posting signs, putting up stakes with reflectors. In addition, the club two trail groomers, which will be put into service once the snowmobile season starts, "are all serviced and ready and ripping to go."

Tim Taylor, president of the 333-member, Toad Hollow Trail Riders, said this year club volunteers have done "a ton of work" behind the Tanner Valley Golf Course. His club, which is centered in the Southern Onondaga, Otisco/Amber area, maintains 15 miles of trail. "We changed the whole trail up the hill," he said of the work done behind the golf course. "Last weekend we had two excavators there, along with two bulldozers. In addition to that, we've been out, clearing brush, signing. We literally have 4,000 stakes out. We started in September and have pretty much been out every other weekend since. And it's still not done."

For those who aren't into snowmobiling, the numbers of people who are is eye-opening.

In Onondaga County alone, there's 11 snowmobile clubs, with more than 2,000 members. These clubs are responsible for more than 270 miles of trails.

Ernie Roosevelt, of Camillus, who is the Onondaga County director of the New York State Snowmobile Association, said the story in most clubs is that a few people do the lion's share of the work.

"You may have a club with 100 to 200 members and you'd be lucky to get 6 to 8 people showing up steadily to do volunteer work," he said.

Roosevelt said most of the clubs concentrate most of their trail work in the period before the local big game hunting season (deer/bear) begins. "Clubs use their heads and try to work in areas beforehand where they know hunting is heavy," he said. And now they're working in areas where hunters don't tend to frequent, such as trails running along roads, he said.

Roosevelt and others stressed that snowmobile trails are for just that -- snowmobiles.

"If it's a funded snowmobile trail, it's illegal to ride an ATV on it," he said. "We don't want anyone cutting donuts (on the trail) or ruining the grooming work that's being done."

More on snowmobiling:

Snowmobilers in most of Central New York are allowed on trails beginning Dec. 22, which is the day after the big game hunting (deer and bear) seasons end in the Southern Zone on the state. In the Northern Zone (including the Adirondacks), the season starts earlier on Dec. 11. The speed limit on trails within the state snowmobile trail system is 55 mph, though certain areas may post different speed limits based on prevailing conditions.

New law:

Beginning this winter, snowmobilers are required to put their registration stickers on both sides of the forward portion (the hood over the engine) of the snowmobile, which is called the "cowling," so that the stickers are visible to a person standing alongside a trail. Failure to do so will result in a mandatory \$200 fine with a \$85 surcharge.

Questions on snowmobiling? Send them to Outdoors Editor David Figura, who will forward them to Ernie Roosevelt, "The Snowmobile Guy." Roosevelt, who is the Onondaga County director of the New York State Snowmobile Association, will answer questions in his occasional column that will be posted on the Outdoors page on syracuse.com at www.syracuse.com/outdoors.

Toad Hollow Trail Riders

Treasurer Report

Date:

November 30, 2010

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| Starting Balance (Checking & Savings Total) | \$ 3237.63 |
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Income:

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| 50-50 | 98.00 | - |
| Memberships | 925.00 | |
| Clothing sales & merchandise | 155.00 | |
| 70% Trail Fund check | | |
| Donation | 1.00 | |
| Kick off Dinner | 464.00 | |
| Dividends | 1.10 | |
| Total | 1644.10 | 4881.73 |

Expenses:

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| Ck. #677 Jim Donath- Groomer Stuff | 175.79 | |
| Ck. #678 Steve Frank-Trail Work Supplies | 374.76 | |
| Ck. #680 D & R Convenience- Supplies | 469.22 | |
| Ck. #681 OSCA-Kick off Dinner | 464.00 | |
| Ck. #682 Steve Frank-Stakes & Paint | 224.49 | |
| Ck. #683 Finger Lakes Casualty- Groomer Ins. | 461.00 | |
| Ck. #684 Voss Signs-Signs | 237.60 | |
| Total | \$ 2406.86 | 2474.87 |

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| Toad Hollow Officer's & Board Members Contact Information: | | | | | |
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| Vice President | Dan Bilow | 492-9183 | Contact Artie Eipp or Tim Taylor for Trail Information | | |
| Secretary | Sue Taylor | 492-3515 | PR Man | Brian Gale | 673-4585 |
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