



**February 2011  
Newsletter**  
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**Events and Happenings:**

When	Where	What	Info
2/26/11	Various	Poker Run	See Attached Flyer
3/02/11	Orchard Vali	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
3/08/11	Western Ranch Motel	Onondaga County Meeting	7:30 p.m.
3/15/11	NYS Fairgrounds	Snowmobile Manufacturers Sneak Peek	
4/06/11	Orchard Vali	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
4/15-4/17/11	Holiday Inn	NYSSA Forum	See Below

**News and Information:**

February 26– A Poker Run flyer is attached. **The President says attendance is MANDATORY!!!!**

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. Drawing is at the forum in April.

Again this year NYSSA is having their Forum and Annual meeting in Syracuse at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway. If you are interested in attending, let Tim Taylor know. We are allowed 11 delegates. The club will pay the \$70.00 registration fee. There are informative seminars all day Saturday, a vintage show on and an awards luncheon and dinner on Saturday. The annual meeting is on Sunday. It is very interesting. We will have more information at our next meeting.

Please read the attached letter from NYSSA president Gary Broderick about the trail fund. Quite a shocker. There will be a seminar on this at the forum. Let us know what you think at the next meeting .

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!!!!

**Trails:**  
The trails this year have been **FANTASTIC!!** We keep getting comments that our trails are the **BEST!!!!** Thanks to Mother Nature for the abundant snowfall and a HUGE thanks to our groomers!!! You guys sure are doing a swell job under adverse conditions (groomer having no brakes down Tanner Hill) **THANKS!**

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.

**TOADHOLLOW TRAILRIDERS  
AND  
MARCELLUS SNOWMOBILE  
CLUBS**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Annual 2011 POKER RUN**  
**\$20.00 PER PARTICIPANT**  
**(INCLUDES FOOD)**

To Help with Trail & Groomer Maintenance

**FEBRUARY 26, 2011**  
**REGISTRATION STARTS AT**  
**10:30 AM** at any of these locations

**PARTICIPATING ESTABLISHMENTS:**

**Amber Inn**(Drop & Ride)      **Preble Hotel**  
**Moon Dance**(Drop & Ride)      **Orchard Vali**(Drop&Ride)  
**The 1820 House**      **Hill-n-Dale** (Drop&Ride)  
**Denny's Mountainview** (Drop& Ride)      **Overlook Restaurant**  
**Tanner Valley Golf Course** (Drop & Ride)      **Kart Longe**

**SNOW OR NO SNOW!!!!!!!**  
**COME BY CAR, TRUCK, SLED OR HORSEBACK**

**GET CARD STAMPED AT ALL STOPS**

**Xtra Hands \$10.00**  
**Dinners for non riders \$10.00**  
**Entertainment at 8:00pm**  
**Marcellus Raffle Drawing**

**BE BACK TO**  
**ORCHARD VALI BY 6 PM SHARP**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Prize \$100.00    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$75.00    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$50.00    4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$25.00**

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**Toad Hollow Officer's & Board Members Contact Information:**

President	Tim Taylor	492-3515 / 446-4881	Trail Master	Steve Frank
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
Treasurer	Joy Dorfer	247-0813	Web Master	Jeff Flaherty      487-5273
Board Member	Artie Eipp	492-4718	Membership Corr.	Jennifer Simmons      720-2099
Board Member	Tom Andrews	468-6064	Safety Course Instructor	Daryl Martin      492-0964
Board Member	Scott Berberian	696-8570	Correspondence Sec.	Wendy Russell      447-9370

# Toad Hollow Trail Riders

## Treasurer Report

January 31, 2011

Starting Balance (Checking & Savings Total)	\$ 2801.20
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### Income:

50-50	106.50
Memberships	2942.40
Clothing sales & merchandise	29.00
30% Trail Fund check	2277.00
Sponsorship for Vintage Show	250.00
Reimbursement from Marcellus Club	373.00
Toadironack Payments	1100.00
Dividends	1.31

Total	7089.21	9890.41
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### Expenses:

Ck. #672 Friends of Steve Quinlan	\$50.00
Ck. #689 Voss Signs-Trail Signage	\$316.44
Ck. #690 A 1 Trophy-Vintage show trophies	\$367.20
Ck. #691 Dan Bilow-Groomer Payment	\$792.80
Ck. #692 Steve Frank-Groomer Oil	\$57.00
Ck. #693 Artie Eipp-Paint, etc. for new trailer	\$51.26
Ck. #694 Kevin Fellows- Groomer Fuel	\$37.31
Ck. #695 Jim Donath- Groomer Fuel Card	\$500.00
Ck. #696 Laura Fesko-Plaques & Supplies for Vintage Show	\$110.02
Ck. #697 Jim Donath - Groomer Wiper Motor	\$107.38
Ck. #698 D & R Convenience -Supplies	\$566.13
Ck. #699 Glenmore Hotel-Toadironack	\$1250.00
Ck. #700 Jim Donath- Groomer Fuel Card	\$500.00
Ck. #702 Tully Building Supply-Trail Work Supplies	\$596.14

Total	\$5301.68	
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Ending Balance (Checking & Savings Total)		4588.73
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Note: Check from Marcellus Snowmobile Club \$373. \$250.00 was for Amber Bridge and \$123.00 Safety Course Food

## **ACTION ALERT from NYSSA**

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- To: NYSSA Club Presidents and Members  
From: Gary Broderick, NYSSA President  
Dominic Jacangelo, NYSSA Executive Director  
Re: **NYS Snowmobile Trail Funding**  
Date: February 9, 2011

Dear Club Presidents and Members:

At the NYSSA Board of Directors meeting held on February 5, 2011, the Board passed a motion to authorize our lobbyists to explore changes to New York State law that would privatize the snowmobile trail fund. This resolution authorizes the Governmental Affairs Committee to work with Capitol Group on Legislation that would:

Modify the registration rate and establish a *Trail Maintenance Voucher* (TMV) as a requirement for all NYS snowmobile registrations.

- Modify current law related to local governmental sponsors and the OPRHP trail funding process.
- Revisit assistance to NYS law enforcement to include Environmental Conservation Police, State Park Police and State Police.

As you know, NYSSA has expended a considerable amount of time, effort and expense over the past several years to prevent state sweeps of monies from the snowmobile trail fund, despite the fact that the fund is considered by state law to be a "dedicated" account that is intended to collect registration monies and allocate them to the benefit of snowmobile trails in New York State. This week we are sending a letter to Governor Cuomo to express our opposition to any such sweep during the current fiscal year. In addition NYSSA is going on record in order to help ensure that a sweep doesn't get back on the table during this year's budget negotiations.

**As we have studied the options of how best to protect the fund-which contains monies given by snow-mobilers to support the New York trail system-it has become increasingly apparent that the only way to truly protect snowmobile money from being swept is to *not give it to the state to begin with.***

Last March, the NYSSA Board of Directors authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on State Trail Funding. The Ad Hoc Committee researched the recent history of the trail fund, analyzed the current law, and studied possible ways to protect the fund. The Committee study showed that despite our best efforts, the fund remains an attractive target when the State seeks to rob Peter to pay Paul. This month, the Ad Hoc Committee reported to the NYSSA Board and presented the motion to pursue legislation to privatize the trail fund. While the Committee acknowledged that there is considerable work to be done in order to develop procedures for NYSSA to manage the trail fund, the board of Directors realized that the first step in privatizing the fund is to make the necessary changes in state law.

- The Ad Hoc Committee presentation included the following legislative goals:  
Keep current costs the same by substantially replacing registration fees with a "Trail Maintenance Voucher" (TMV) that would be sold by the clubs. The registration fees, club dues and TMV costs would add up to the same as today. The difference is where the monies are delivered. Instead of most of the money going to the state, the trail fund portion would be collected by the clubs.
  - Revise state law so that OPRHP funding is managed from the registration fees. The NYSSA draft proposal will not include any reductions in State Parks' staffing.
  - Amend that portion of the law that provides assistance to local law enforcement agencies to avoid funding redundant enforcement activities but to also allow for the State Police, State Park Police and Environmental Conservation Police to be supported through the same program.
  - In addition to the legislative goals, the NYSSA Ad Hoc Committee recommended that we move towards improving the funding program as follows:  
Get money to the clubs faster. Registration fees collected by the state today won't get to clubs until well after the season. A NYSSA administered program will result in more funds getting to the clubs before the season begins.
  - Continue current levels of funding for staff in the OPRHP snowmobile unit so that current safety and risk management programs can continue; the Statewide Trails Landowner Liability Insurance program funded; and provide funding for trail projects on state lands.
  - Establish a lower TMV for vintage snowmobiles and for sportsman with limited use.
- We know that you will have a lot of questions regarding the details of how NYSSA would manage the program. The NYSSA Governmental Affairs Committee will work with Capitol Group on the legislature, and the Ad Hoc Committee will shift its activity to focus on the distribution of the funds and the appropriate levels of oversight for the process.

**NYSSA will conduct an informational session on this legislative proposal at the 2011 NYSSA Forum and a progress report at the Annual Meeting.** We hope you, or representative delegates from your club, will be able to attend and participate in the discussion on this important issue.

Thank you for your continued support of snowmobiling in New York State.

Support the sport, join a club wherever you ride!

Sincerely,

Gary Broderick  
President

Dominic Jacangelo  
Executive Director