



Trail Notes

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April 2007

General... Our next Membership meeting is at the Eis House, 7:30pm, April 11, 2007 we are always looking for more volunteers to help us out in many ways.

President's Corner...

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Here's one for you...

I was in my hotel room in Orlando Florida the morning of Thursday February 15th (we have an office there) watching an interview with own Mayor Grimshaw on one of the local news shows. Two thoughts ran through my mind, the first was it finally snows and I'm stuck in Florida, the second was the snow event we were experiencing was a big enough deal to draw national attention. The fact of the matter is the storm was a big deal and it did affect trail conditions. We had some complaints and we had some compliments. There's a few of us that know the effort it took to reopen the trails and to you folks who were part of that effort we thank-you.

On another note the trail system is growing. We have 49 miles approved by the state with the latest additions in Scriba and from Palermo to the county trail. This is huge for the club as we are now connected to Fulton and the trail to Grace O'Mally's is a great improvement. Thanks to everyone engaged in these efforts as well.

As the system and membership grows it will require more hands, heads and hearts. We are seeing a number of people stepping up and offering to help out. We haven't been able to engage everyone but we want to. Please keep coming to the meetings and participate. Any organization experiencing significant growth has some growing pains along the way and I'm sure we are having some too.

The next meeting is April 11th at 7:30 at the Eis house. Annual elections will be held for officers and board appointments. Please plan on attending and give some consideration to participating as an officer or director.

Thanks,

Barry

Public Relations... As always we are looking for ways to increase our presence in the local community. If you have any suggestions please come to the next meeting or Email any of us through our web site

Club clothing... Show your pride for the Mexico Trail Riders and wear some new clothing with our logo and name on them!

Trails... "A Big Thank You" goes out the groomer operators and the people who assisted with the maintenance on the groomers, with out these dedicated volunteers we would not have nice groomed trails. "THANK YOU"!

Spring has sprung and it's time to put away trail supplies for the summer. The sport of snowmobiling doesn't STOP, there are all kinds of events for the snowmobiling community, hope to see all of you at a meeting, fund raiser or even at our summer/fall get ready for the 07-08 season BBQ. If you have any questions as to what goes on during the summer please come to our next meeting 4/11 or 5/9 @ 7:30pm Eis House in Mexico... See you there!

. If you want to take an active role in improving your local trail these are the people to contact.

Dan Cartier - Kipp Rd to Railbed (27 landowners, 10 miles)

Jim Barbur, Eugene Breezee, John Washer - rail bed

Dean Harper - Rt 6 to 104B at Teifke to Hazy's and Sticks

A workday is scheduled to take down stakes and signs, help out if you can.

2007 Schedule of events

Saturday April 8, 2007

Work Weekend

Wednesday April 11, 2007

Membership Meeting 7:30 Eis House

Wednesday May 2, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 Hazy's

From the editor...

The week after our 100 inch snowfall I got a call from Tracey Carvell, "John, do you want to Do a ride-along in one of the groomers tonight?" I've been a club member for about ten years but had never set foot in the groomer. Dave Mannise and Jim Meyers planned a two groomer run to open the

Palermo end of the trail. Deep snow, heavy tracked equipment, a good working heater, sounds like a good time to me. How could I refuse? Dave and I met Jim at the County Route 6 crossing and followed the Tucker packing and then double packing the trail down. The hills presented a little challenge in the deep snow. We got the chains out a few times to keep both machines moving. The heavy drifts on the hills at Seeley Brook farm were the biggest challenge of the night. We spent an hour either stuck or near stuck, unhooking drags and chaining together to pull out of the drifts. With the hills out of the way the rest of the drive was easy and I got a chance to drive the groomer a bit. The short version is I had a blast. If you get the phone call asking if you want to ride-along my advice is do it. You won't be disappointed. Dave Mannise will show you a good time! Thanks Dave and Jim for one of the better rides of the year.

Happy Trails,

John