



Trail Notes

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General... Next Meeting is Arena's Eis House 144 Academy St. Mexico, 7:30pm, come find out what has been happening and what will be happening. We are always looking for more volunteers to help us out in many ways. We, the officers and members of the board of directors, sure hope you can find some time to come out and visit with friends, have a cold drink and have some input on club business. ***We need more help raising money to allow us to maintain our trail system and in the future our own clubhouse! Tell your friends and family to come join in on all our fun!***

President's Corner...

Several people including myself plan on attending the groomer training seminar to be held on January 7th at the Salisbury club near Herkimer. Our goal is to "Teach the Teachers" so that upon our return we can hold a more abbreviated course here in Mexico, our goal is to also have 100% attendance of our operators. This is desired to be in compliance with the SRRA Bill.

Looking ahead we need get one person to become the focal point for grooming. This person needs to work in the areas to establish schedules, make sure the groomers have all safety equipment, make sure the maintenance is getting done and assist people when major breakdowns occur. This person is not expected to do all the work only to make sure it's happening and be able to report on it. This would be a big help with trail reports, right now I do not get feedback to put on the web page. I would look to this person to compile and email me the information.

We need to have one place where the conditions of the trails are posted, I was thinking the Eis House. Here we need to show a map with the status of each trail, this is desired to be in compliance with the SRRA Bill.

Next season we need to either hold our own or attend a NYSSA seminar on marking trails, sounds simple but with the new laws things have changed and we need to follow these guidelines to be in compliance with the SRRA Bill.

Two tier registrations do not become effective until April 30th, 2006. Therefore we will not be effected until next august when renewals come due or if you but a new sled over the summer. Many details as to the actual process are not yet worked out but the facts are known. If you're a member of a club the fee will be \$35 for the registration and \$10 for DMV, if not than \$90 and \$10. With this said the club membership's volume will go up, therefore we are really going to need help over the summer setting up the system to do this so we can get it done in a timely manner. We are also going to need your help with early renewals, as if you swap us late in the fall you will have to wait. Right now we have 2 people working on this.

The speed limit provision of the SRRA bill becomes effective on February 26th, 2006. Imprudent speed has been the law for some time and is defined as follows. "At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under the surrounding circumstances", The following has been added by the SRRA bill "provided, however,

that in no case shall a snowmobile be operated at a speed in excess of fifty-five miles per hour upon public trails or lands, unless (a) participating in a special event authorized by the commissioner pursuant to section 25.11 of this article or (b) engaged in operation as an emergency vehicle as defined in subdivision twenty-one of section 21.05 of this title". As the law reads it doesn't sound like frozen bodies of water are affected as it clearly states "public lands and trails" and there are no trails on frozen bodies of water. However we have been informed that most law enforcement agencies plan on enforcing this as though it is. Therefore unless you like legal bills keep this in mind and be safe out there.

The change in operator age becomes effective February 26th, 2006 as well and reads as follows: *"1. Age of Operation. No Person Under Eighteen Years Of Age Shall Operate A Snowmobile Except As Provided For In This Subdivision. (A) No Person Under The Age Of Fourteen Years Shall Operate A Snowmobile Except Upon Land Owned Or Leased By His Or Her Parent Or Guardian. Leased Lands As Used In This Section Shall Not Include Lands Leased By An Organization Of Which Said Operator Or His Or Her Parent Or Guardian Is A Member. (B) A Person Ten Years Of Age Or Older But Less Than Fourteen Years Of Age Who Holds A Valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate Issued By The Commissioner May Operate A Snowmobile On Any Lands Upon Which Snowmobiling Is Allowed If Accompanied By A Person Over Eighteen Years Of Age. For The Purpose Of This Section, "Accompanied" Shall Mean Within Five Hundred Feet of the Person Over Eighteen Years of Age. (C) A Person Fourteen Years Of Age Or Older But Less Than Eighteen Years Of Age, Who Either Holds A Valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate Issued By The Commissioner Or Is Accompanied By A Person Over Eighteen Years Of Age, May Operate A Snowmobile In The Same Manner As A Person Over Eighteen Years Of Age. 2. Exhibition of Certificate. The Failure of a Person Specified In Subdivision One Of This Section To Hold A Snowmobile Safety Certificate Issued By The Commissioner To Exhibit Such Upon Demand To Any Magistrate, Peace Officer, Acting Pursuant To His Or Her Special Duties, Police Officer, Or Other Person Having Authority To Enforce The Provisions Of This Article, Shall Not Be An Offense, But Shall Be Presumptive Evidence That Such Person Is Not The Holder Of Such Certificate"*.

The incurred fines also go up on February 26th, 2006 from \$100 per infraction to \$200. The law reads as follows: *"Any person who violates any provision of this article or regulation adopted pursuant thereto shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of {one} TWO hundred dollars, and one-half of such fine shall be deposited in the snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund as set forth in section 21.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law."* The good thing is ½ the money goes to the trail fund.

Come to the next meeting and get more information or email me at president@mexicotrailriders.com.

Public Relations... As always we are looking for ways to increase our presence in the local community. We need ideas and help implementing them.

Irish Wigwam Annual Snowmobile Poker Run to be held on Saturday Feb. 4. Participants can register at the Irish Wigwam on Wigwam Drive in Sandy Creek from 9:00 AM to noon, or can download the registration/race form from our web site (www.irishwigwam.com) and register at the completion of the course. Registration fee \$10. 10 local businesses will be stamping your form as you check in and you will receive a card for each stamp at the conclusion of the course at The Wigwam. Winning hand gets 50% of the holdings, 2nd place gets 20%, 3rd place gets 10% and the rest goes to our hosting club and the Make a Wish Foundation.

Groomer... The Bell is at Jeff Steven's on Darrow Road, New Haven where we pan on keeping it and servicing trails west and south of New Haven (Lycoming and Palermo). The Tucker has had a few problems and is being brought up to the level needed to be reliable. Yes we have put some money into it but its still a lot cheaper then the alternative. On the positive side those that have used it really do like it. If you have the

skills and the time to lend a helping hand, please come to the next meeting and let us know. We plan on keeping the Tucker at Steve Simpelaar's and doing all trails east of New Haven with it.

Club Clothing... Paula will have lots of new and exciting club clothing to look at and order at our next meeting! We now have women shirts, couple of different styles, hats, turtleneck shirts, Henley's, and denim shirts. Be sure to stop in and see what she has and give ideas as to what you would like to see. She is open to all suggestions and comments. Do not forget we still have tees and sweatshirts available! Show your pride for the Mexico Trail Riders and wear some new clothing with our logo and name on them!

Trails... It's a new season! Trails should be ready for snow at this point, there are a couple of areas we need to work on, #1 is the crossing of St Rt 104 West of New Haven, #2 we need to look at the bridge at Mack Rd. it may need repair. We are always in need of help, please let us know what section you would like to help with and we'll get your name to that sections' trail leader.

Raffle... The Party is here!

The 2006 - 2005 /2006 Season Raffle and Party - Grand Prize - \$4,500.00 - 1st Prize - \$250.00 Cash - 2nd Prize - \$150.00 Cash - 3rd Prize - \$100.00 Cash. Tickets are \$50.00 each and are limited to 300, Each ticket also includes one dinner at the party (see details & menu below) one guest dinner can be purchased for \$10.00 payable in advance or at the door on day of the party for \$15.00. (So get yours in advance). Door prizes and 50/50 raffles will be held at the party. The party will be held at Arena's Eis House- Corner of Watson Avenue & Academy Street Mexico, New York on Friday January 13th, 2006. refreshments and appetizers will be served starting at 6:00 PM with Dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. Menu - Half Italian Baked Chicken, Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll, Coffee / Tea / Soda / Draft Beer - (Cash bar available) **I do not have a lot of tickets back yet so please get them to me ASAP, we need to process these now and not wait at the door, it gets cold standing out there**

MTR 2005 – 2006 Meeting Schedule - Start time is 7:30PM – Please be prompt!

Feb. 8th - Hazy's Tavern – SR 104 New Haven

March 8th - Driveway Inn – SR 3 Palermo

April 12th - Arena's Eis House – Academy St. Mexico

May 10th - Stick's Sports Bar & Grill – SR 104B New Haven

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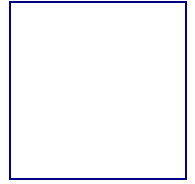
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