



# Trail Notes

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**April 2003**

***Remember we changed our by-laws last year and the annual meeting with elections is now in April – The NEXT MEETING!!!!***

***We need help and people to become offices and help operate and manage YOUR CLUB!!***

## ***Oswego County Snowmobile Association***

- We are still discussing insurance problems, while we may have found a solution for this year we need to start thinking about next year, and really what we need is permanent solution.
- Are developing an Oswego County Snowmobile Association tee shirt.
- Held elections at the last meeting results were:
  - President – Ed Montieth
  - Vice President – Mark Dryden
  - Treasurer/Secretary Linda Middleton
  - NYSSA Representative – Dan Middleton
- Looking into creating our own map this year.
- Remember logs are due by April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting, April 30, 2003 7:30 PM at the Williamstown American Legion.

## ***Oswego County Legislature – Snowmobile Advisory Committee***

- The Oswego County Trail Plan was presented with a SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) recommendation with what is referred to, as a Negative Declaration meaning that it has no environmental impact to the entire County Legislature. There were some concerns as to its content and was tabled for that session, it will hopefully be resubmitted in May. When this is approved and SEQR requirements meet we can proceed with trail development.

## ***NYSSA***

- The NYSSA is also focusing most of its attention to a permanent solution to the insurance problem. They will most likely be very pivotal in a long-term resolution and spent considerable effort on this to date. Their efforts have gone a long way to getting the attention this issue deserved. They did this by using their lobbyist and a statewide letter/email campaign to get the word out to all the necessary governmental officials and agencies. Without their efforts we would not have found the solution as fast as we did. This is what your dues go towards, a voice in Albany!

- We have some new NYSSA raffle tickets for sale. They are a 50/25/25 ticket with %50 going to the winner, %25 going to the selling club and %25 to the NYSSA. Tickets are \$5 each. Tickets must be returned by April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Forum 2003 is Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> in Batavia anyone interested in going contact Mark Dryden ASAP.
- Working on legislation to make joining a club mandatory when you register your sled.
- Working with NYS DOT on standardization of rail crossing signage.
- Working with Niagara Mohawk/National Grid on standardized permission procedure for trails on their right of ways
- Working with NYS Parks and Recreation to complete a new statewide economic impact study

### ***Trails:***

- We are continuing to suffer vandalism in the area where the rail bed and Spath road intersect. The frustration level is very high. A motion was made and passed to place an article or advertisement in the Mexico Independent that offers a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the continued destruction to trail signage along the Mexico Trail Riders Snowmobile Trail in the area of the abandoned rail bed and Spath Road in the Town of Mexico. Please contact the Oswego County Sheriffs at 349-3411 or Email the Club at reward@mexicotrailriders.com with information. Reward will be paid upon the conviction of the individual responsible for the damage.
- The proposed trail from Hamilton Street to the Tierra Lounge has been approved by O.H. Properties. Trail has been marked and we will cut the trail this spring. We will talk to the owners of Tierra Lounge about this and adding them as a Park & Ride on the map. It will be ready for next year.
- A Stihl pole saw was purchased from House Trucking. This will aid in getting the higher branches that can't be reached from the ground.

### ***Groomer:***

- We had been grooming on a pretty regular basis with only minor problems. We do however need to plan some maintenance this spring to be ready for next season.
- We would like to say “**Thanks**” to those who put forth the effort and time to do such a great job with grooming this past season! Without all their effort we would have had really rough trails. This year was one heck of a ride - Thank You All!!

### ***Club News:***

#### ***Upcoming meetings:***

- **April 9th, 2003 MTR Annual Meeting – Eis House 7:30 PM**
- **May 14th, 2003 MTR General Membership Meeting – Eis House 7:30 PM**
- We are currently looking for anyone with some secretarial skills to assist the Secretary. If you feel you would like to help out, please let us know. You can E-mail either: Secretary@mexicotrailriders.com, Editor@mexicotrailriders.com, or President@mexicotrailriders.com. Better yet show up at the April meeting and let us know in person! . **NEXT MEETING IS THE ANNUAL MEETING WITH ELECTIONS!!!!!!**

- We received a donation of \$125 from Paul and Sarah, a big thank you.
- As we have had an outstanding year it was recommend that we recognize key people and sponsors to help keep the motivation alive. A motion was made to establish an awards committee to recognize outstanding achievement from our sponsors and members. A budget not to exceed \$500 was voted on by the membership present.

***Raffles:***

- There are currently no raffles going on. We need to start thinking about a couple raffles for this summer as well as next fall. Please step up with any ideas and be prepared to help out! A couple ideas tossed around were another Grill and a cash raffle.

***Public Relations:***

- As a club we are always looking for ways to enhance our image and it was suggested that we help the community by having a food drive for our local food pantry. So please bring one or more non-perishable food items to our next meeting to donate to the local food pantry. We will be collecting these items, during our monthly membership meetings, throughout the remainder of the 2003 season. Help us help our community!

***Upcoming Events/Things To Do:***

***April:***

- 5<sup>th</sup> [Rock Maple Racing](#) - Hill Cross - Burke Mountain, East Burke VT
- 12<sup>th</sup> [Rock Maple Racing](#) - Hill Cross – Mount Snow, Mount Snow VT
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> [Big East Snocross Tour, Inc.](#) Hill cross X-Games Qualifier Swain Mountain Ski Area - Swain, NY

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