



Trail Notes

Publication of the Mexico Trail Riders, Inc.

August 2003



Upcoming meetings...

- August 13th, 2003 - Mexico Trail Riders Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM - 50/50 Drawing Night! (Bring a non-perishable food item!!)
- August 27th, 2003 - Oswego County Snowmobile Association Meeting - Mexico - Eis House 7:30 PM
- September 10th, 2003 - Mexico Trail Riders Monthly Meeting - Eis House 7:30 PM

Updates about the Mexico Trail Riders, snow related activities, trail updates and applications for membership can be obtained on our website at www.mexicotrailriders.com.

Pantry Drive...

As a club we are always looking for ways to enhance our image and at our last meeting 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 on April 10th to donate to the local food pantry. We will be collecting these items, during our monthly membership meetings, throughout the remainder of the 2003-2004 season. Help us help your community!

Oswego County Snowmobile Association Items...

- There will be now countywide trade show this year however, there will be a The Kasoag Lake Show on Sept 13-14 that is being put on by the Redfield and Kasog clubs.
- The Big East Snow Show will be held October 3-5 at the On-Center.
- Next meeting August 27th, at Arena's Eis House - 7:30 pm.
- Created a new web page for the county association it is www.mexicotrailriders.com/ocsa/. Possibly sometime in the future it may be decided to get their own domain but to see how it is received we tried this as a test measure.

NYSSA Items...

- The NYSSA proposed "Snowmobile Rights and Responsibilities Act" - had mixed results with the Senate passing the bill and the Assembly not voting on it. The lobbyist is confident this bill will pass the Assembly when they return.
- 2004 Fundraiser Raffle tickets are available; 1st prize \$5000 Cash - 2nd prize 2004 Triton Trailer Model XT-10-101 - Plus many other prizes. Drawing to be held at the January 2004 NYSSA Meeting - Donation \$3 each or 2 for \$5 See any member, visit our web page www.mexicotrailriders.com or call (315) 963-3027 to get your tickets today.
- NYSSA has received word from the NYS Insurance Department that Northfield will cancel all policies effective October 1, 2003. Refunds will be made to clubs on a pro-rata system.

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Groomer News...

The groomer still need much maintenance, we need to get serious about this as winter will be here before we know it.

Trail News...

We have many new trail opportunities and requirements that need work this year, we need to start planning this ASAP. Some of the new trails that need to be discussed and work planned for are.

- Trail from Hamilton Street to Tierra Lounge
- Trail from Miner Road to Woody's
- Trail from Larkin Road to George Road (County Owned Rail Bed)
- Trail around Butterfly creek, new driveway being installed
- Trail from Grainger's to Blind Road

Should be informed by August 15th if the state has approved our new trail requests. As soon as we here either way we will let everyone know what work needs to be done.

Our "thanks" go out to the many landowners that make up our trail system, without them we would have no trail to ride on. To show our appreciation, once again we sent each landowner a \$15 gift certificate to a store near their homes. Thank you Judy Bartlett and Doanne Hurlbut for your help in getting these out.

Club News...

As mentioned in the section on the NYSSA we have received a formal notice that our trail insurance policy will be canceled effective October 1st, 2003. There is much action being taken by various agencies of the State of New York and the NYSSA to resolve this issue. We have contacted our insurance agent to see if there is any local pressure that we can place and they have stated they will start there research effort. With all of the concerns around this issue you can be assured the rumor mill is running full tilt so as soon as we hear any concrete information on the issue we will post it on the web and if necessary we will hold emergency member and or board meetings to take the appropriate actions. We fell that we are much farther ahead on this issue when compared to last year that we do feel comfortable that a resolution will be reached in sufficient time to save the season. Last years outcry was heard from one end of the state to the other and there are many people at all levels of state government and in the private sector that now understand the importance of this sport. When it was realized the magnitude of this sports economic impact, > \$750,000,000,000 ears perked up quickly. We can only hope that a permanent solution can be found this year so we can focus on real issues and not just rehashing the same ones year after year.

This year we are starting our renewal process earlier as last year we voted to change the membership year to October 1st to September 30th therefore all renewals are due by October 1st. Please use the attached form or visit the web site, you can pay online if you like.

Our next meeting is Wednesday August 13th. **Remember this is our 50/50 drawing night so please make every effort to attend.**

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Club News continued...

As snowmobiling becomes a more mainstream activity there is an ever-pressing requirement that we coordinate these activities with government agencies. The problem with this is there is an ever-increasing workload being placed on your clubs management team. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! We need secretarial and general help with things like newsletters, mailings, web page development, membership packet delivery's and such. There is so much more we as a club could accomplish and grow if we had help, we have tons of good ideas but no manpower to accomplish them. If anyone is looking for an opportunity to help, PLEASE feel free to contact Mark Dryden.

We need to decide at the next meeting if we are going to do a party/raffle!

We held our first annual Awards Banquet at Arena's Eis House on June 27, 2003 in their summerhouse; all who attended had a great time. We can only hope this becomes a yearly event with a bigger attendance. Thank you Doanne Hurlbut for organizing this affair.



The Mexico Trail Riders Are Pleased To Announce Their Summer 2003 Raffle

We are holding a 50/50 Raffle

(Club Keeps 50% of Ticket Donations and Winner Receives 50% of Ticket Donations)

Tickets are available now for a Donation of \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

The drawing will be held at the August regular Meeting of the Mexico Trail Riders, to be held on August 13, 2003 at Arena's Eis House beginning at 7:30 PM

See any member, visit our web page www.mexicotrailriders.com or call (315) 963-3027 to get your tickets today.

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NYSSA 2004 Fund Raiser

1st Prize - \$5000 Cash

2nd Prize - 2004 Triton Trailer Model XT-10-101

Plus many other prizes

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Drawing to be held at the January 2004 NYSSA Meeting

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Regular Membership

The Mexico Trail Riders Club Membership Is \$20.00 A Year For An Individual Or Family; This Includes You, Your Spouse And Any Children 10-17. However, A Basic NYSSA Club Membership Of \$5.00 Is Also Required. If You Are Already A Member Of The NYSSA Then The Cost Is Still \$20.00 By Claiming Exempt In The Membership Options Section, An NYSSA ID Number Or Name Of The Other Club Is Required, Otherwise The Total Membership Is \$25.00.

You May Also Select A Premium Level Of NYSSA Membership By Simply Filling In The Information And Selecting Which Option You Request In The Membership Options Selection And We Will Forward It To The NYSSA For You. By Selecting A Premium Level You Are Doing This In Lieu Of The Basic NYSSA Membership

All Memberships Include: Mexico Trail Riders Membership Card, Sled Decals And A Minimum Of Four Issues Of Trail Notes, The Mexico Trail Riders Newsletter.

All NYSSA Memberships Include: NYSSA Membership Card, Two NYSSA Sled Decals and Four Issues Of The Inside Track, The NYSSA Newsletter.

Check One: New Renewal

To Be Completed by Applicant: *(please print)*

Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Number of Children (ages 10-17): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - _____ E-mail: _____

Newsletter Sent by: E-mail Snail Mail will get off Web Page

Okay to Send Requests for help Via: E-mail Snail Mail Phone

Required Number of Stickers _____

A Maximum of 2 Stickers per Application, If More Are Required They Will Be Provided Free With Photocopies Of Registrations or if Provided in Previous Years.

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Make your Membership selection here by circling the amount of the membership level you desire.

Membership Options Section - Please Select One	Please Circle
MTR Membership of \$20.00 and the NYSSA Basic Club Membership of \$5.00 per member / family.	\$25.00
MTR Membership of \$20.00 and NYSSA Trail Defender Club Membership of \$6.00 per member / family with \$1.00 of each membership dedicated to the preservation of snowmobiling.	\$26.00
MTR Membership of \$20.00 and NYSSA Regular Membership of \$17.00 per member / family. In Addition to normal benefits it includes a one-year subscription to On The Trail, The NYSSA Newspaper.	\$37.00
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MTR Membership of \$20.00 and NYSSA Exempt - Already an NYSSA Member, a NYSSA ID Number or Club Name is required: _____	\$20.00

(Member's Signature)

(Date)

The club secretary will mail membership cards after each year's renewal payment is received.
Make Checks Payable to:

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To be filled out by membership committee:

Received dues of \$ _____ Cash _____ Check ____ Check # _____ Logged By _____

Map Sent ____ No of Stickers Sent _____