



Trail Notes

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President's Corner:

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.
- Discussions around the organization and function of the association and its apparent redundancy to the advisory committee, can we organize to reduce the overlap of functions?
- Next meeting February 26th, 7:30 PM at the Lacona VFW.

NYSSA

- The NYSSA is also focusing most of its attention to a permanent solution 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!
- 2002-2003 Fund Raiser Winners
 - Choice-One Of Four 2003 Mid-Size Sleds Or \$4500.00 Cash - Harley Secker, Caledonia, NY - Compliments Of NYSSA
 - 2003 Triton Trailer XT-10-101 - Herb Little, Port Jervis, NY - Compliments Of Snow Cat Country & NYS Triton Trailers
 - Stillwater Hotel Weekend - John Keough, Warsaw, NY - Compliments Of Stillwater Hotel
 - Adirondack Hotel (2 Nights Lodging) - Brian Phillips, Syracuse, NY - Compliments Of Adirondack Hotel
 - Shaheen's Motel (1 Night Lodging) - Ronald Parser, Rochester, NY - Compliments Of Shaheen's Motel
 - \$100.00 Gift Certificate - Len Mallory, Hensonville, NY - Compliments Of Herkimer Co. Trade & Trail Assoc
 - \$200.00 Cash - Ken Perrine, Mt. Morris, NY - Compliments Of The NYS Snowmobile Assoc
 - \$100.00 Cash - Matt Darrow, Ilion, NY - Compliments Of The NYS Snowmobile Assoc
 - \$50.00 Cash - Gary Gardner, Warsaw, NY - Compliments Of The NYS Snowmobile Assoc

Oswego County Legislature – Snowmobile Advisory Committee

- As you may be aware the EDP sub committee of the legislature to whom we report is dissolved at end of each year and then reestablished in January. So the first actual meeting was held January 28th, at this meeting we were informed that we would be presented with the SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) plan for the Oswego County Trail Plan at the next EDP meeting scheduled for February 25th.
- The SEQR will be presented with what is referred to, as a Negative Declaration meaning that it has no environmental impact. There will be a public comment period and it will be important that we get the word out to show a positive support for the plan, we will let you know time and places for those meetings when they become available. When this SEQR is complete and the trail plan is fully approved we can move forward with trail development.

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.
- Looking into a trail from Hamilton Street to the Tierra Lounge, working with the Hospital to obtain approval. Require a valid insurance policy in place. Will keep everyone posted.
- Insurance was once again an issue! We had to temporarily close the trails on January 3rd, 2003. Luckily the issues were resolved and we re-opened on January 10th, 2003. We thought we almost lost our Trail Liability Insurance, but disaster was avoided for this year. Continue to contact your government representatives and tell them you want a permanent solution to this problem!

Groomer:

- There has been a lot going on...A lot of grooming that is! The groomer has been working excellent. We had a couple issues early on in the season. We replaced these items: alternator, battery, tachometer sensor, and have a new starter solenoid to install as the old one has moisture in it and sometimes freezes up.
- Regular maintenance was performed, fluids changed, new fuel, air, oil filters installed as well as replacement of broken cleats and track guides as needed.
- A great big THANKS goes out to those who have done the maintenance as well as the groomer operators!
- Please remember that the groomer has the right of way. If you encounter a groomer while on the trail, get as far to the right as you can. It is best if you can pull completely OFF the trail to allow these groomers (and the VOLUNTEERS operating them) to pass by safely. Show your respect and appreciation to them by giving the “thumbs up” when they pass by.

Club News:

Upcoming meetings:

- February 12th, 2003 MTR General Membership Meeting – Eis House 7:30 PM
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- 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 next meeting and let us know in person! Remember elections are in April this year so if anyone has any interest in becoming an officer please step forward; we need a lot of help.

Raffles:

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

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:

February:

- Batavia, NY 15 & 16 - Big East Snocross Tour, Inc. Genesee County Fairgrounds
- 23 & 24 Rock Maple Racing - Snow Cross - Skowhegan Fairgrounds Skowhegan ME

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