



# Trail Notes

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## Club News...

- **Membership:** Thanks to all of you who have renewed and also thanks to any new members we have. The membership packets as well as the county maps have been sent out. I hope that by the time you read this they will be in your hands. Sorry about the delay this year. I hope that next year will go smoother and with the advertisement in place now, it should be an easier task.
- **Safety:** Last Snowmobile Safety Course was held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. No other safety courses are currently scheduled. Remember that NYS law says any youthful operators between the ages of 10 and 18 need to have completed a snowmobile safety course recognized by NYS in order to operate a snowmobile by themselves. Without this safety course, any youth under age 18 may only operate a snowmobile on lands owned or leased by their parents or guardian unless accompanied by someone over the age of 18. If anyone is interested in getting a class put together this spring, please show up at the next meeting Wednesday January 14, 2004 and we will get you on a list. When there is enough interest a class will be set-up.
- **Groomer News:** A lot of work was completed on the groomer this year. A BIG THANKS goes out to Chris Taylor for heading up this operation (and doing most of the work too). All fluids and filters have been changed. Much track repair and modification has been completed. The plow frame and hydraulics have been beefed up and modified. There is still some work to be completed on the drags though. The cutter bars need to be replaced. One of the steer cylinders had a small leak that was taken care of by Dan Cartier. Now all we need is snow and cold.
- **Trail News:** This fall we have logged well over 250 man hours doing trail work and groomer repairs! The trails are complete except the trail from Miner Road in Scriba to Woody's Gas station on RT 104. Due to the denial from Niagara Mohawk for use of the power lines, a new route has to be made. This will take some time, but for now, this section of trail is closed. The new section of rail bed from Larkin Road to George Road is complete. Trail cutting, signage and bridge building went well. A lot of work was involved and over the next couple of years, this will become a very nice section of trail. Our hope is that in the next year or two, we will be able to get the trail to the south side of Mexico and possibly on to Palermo from there. However, in order for this to happen we need more individuals from those areas to step up to the plate and do their part! We hired Steve Steinfeld to bring in his backhoe, install a culvert, and clear the eastern end near George Road. A big thanks goes out to Steve for fitting us into his busy schedule, especially on such short notice.
- **Raffles:** We are pleased to announce our Winter 2003/2004 Raffle. The prize is a 2004 Triton XT10-101 2 place enclosed trailer, complete with model 2KF cover. This is a \$2395.00 list value trailer! The prize will be drawn at the regular monthly meeting of the Mexico Trail Riders to be held at Arena's Eis House- Corner of Watson Avenue & Academy Street Mexico, New York on Wednesday

March 10, 2004. Ticket donations will be \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. Tickets are available from any member who has them or online on the web page, [www.mexicotrailriders.com](http://www.mexicotrailriders.com). You can also get tickets by calling 315-963-3027. **Ingles Performance** and **Triton Aluminum Trailers** sponsor this raffle. There was also some discussion on other possible raffles. If you have an idea for an upcoming raffle, please voice it at the next meeting. We are always looking for help in this area as new faces have new and different ideas.

- **Public Relations:** We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. So please bring a couple non-perishable food items to the next meeting and help bring some food to someone in need.

### ***Oswego County Snowmobile Association Items...***

- Maps have been received and distributed to the county clubs.
- Next meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Arena's Eis House – 7:30 pm

### ***NYSSA Items...***

- 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](http://www.mexicotrailriders.com) or call (315) 963-3027 to get your tickets today.
- There still is no exact cost for the insurance this year. We are still waiting on the final numbers to be released. All we know is we have insurance in place!

### ***Upcoming Meetings & Events...***

- January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – New York State Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment Show and Workshop – Salisbury Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club – Salisbury Center, NY
- January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 - Mexico Trail Riders Monthly Meeting – Arena's Eis House 7:30 PM – **Remember to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to our local food pantry!**
- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Oswego County Snowmobile Association Meeting – Arena's Eis House 7:30 PM
- February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 – Mexico Trail Riders Monthly Meeting – Arena's Eis House 7:30 PM – **Remember to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to our local food pantry!**