



Trail Notes

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We're Still Meeting Once A Months...

All though the 2000- 2001 snowmobile season has come to an end we still meet once a month. If you are interested in seeing what we have planned to keep the trails up to date, what we are planning for our next season, or just want to keep up with the progress of your club join us at these meetings. The meetings are still the second Wednesday of every month and are at 7:30 pm at the Eis House restaurant in Mexico. Hope to see you there at least once this summer.



Trail News...

The trails have been cleaned up from the winter activities. Signs and posts have been removed and an assessment of what may need to be fixed has been completed. However, in doing this, we have noticed that some signs and some of our newer posts have gone a stray. If you happen to use the trails this spring and see some of the signs or posts that belong to the *Mexico Trail Riders* please inform us of where so we can pick them up or hold on to them for us so that we may get them from you. It would also help if you could also make us aware of any spring damage, due to water or otherwise, which may have occurred on the trails. We are already aware of a bridge that is down by Grangers. What we can take care of during the spring and summer will make the fall trail work a lot easier.

Planning For The 2001 County Snowmobile Trade Show and Raffle....

The Oswego County Trade show will be on Saturday and Sunday September 23rd – 24th, 2001 at the Oswego County Fair Grounds at Sandy Creek. We have agreed with the county snowmobile association to conduct at least one youth safety course on Saturday and possibly Sunday as well. Last year was the first year the *Mexico Trail Riders* participated at the Trade show as a club. With such short notice before the show started we put together a little table and sold sweatshirts for our club as well as memberships. This year we will be holding our summer raffle drawing there as well, we will hold the drawing Sunday September 24th at noon. We will be sending (5) raffle tickets out to each of our members to sell. Tickets are one for \$5 or five (5) for \$20. The trailer will make a great display at the county fair show. If you need more tickets please come to our meetings or contact one of the officers. This year we wanted an even better display and with the trailer there we should be able to accomplish this. Already we are planning on the designs of banners needed to represent our club. Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions or help. For more information on our summer raffle see the bottom of the last page.

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The Year In Review...

Groomer... The groomer runs but is still not in good condition. Through the summer we will try and replace the motor to make it more reliable so it can be used as a backup unit or on some of the smaller trails throughout our system. With exception to engine reliability we seem to have worked out most of the problems and the new drags have performed exceptionally well. If, in the process of negotiations we find we can sell or trade this unit in towards a newer unit we shall give all offers there due consideration. As much as possible is being done to procure a new groomer for the 2000-2001 season.

Trail Expansion... This is an area where we always seem to have a lot of discussions but there are never any definite actions. If you or someone you know would like to head up an expansion to our system, the club would "love" to hear from you. Just remember landowners are the "key" to success for any trail system. If you know an area well, and the people who live there, and you know there is interest for a new trail please come to our meetings or contact us. We are desperately seeking people from the Palermo area to come forward and help in this effort.

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We Are Still Looking For A Permanent Treasurer...

If you can balance a checkbook and write a check you could be our next treasurer. If you're slightly interesting but want to see what it involves, talk to one of your Board members. We really need someone to step up and help with this position.

We Still Need People To Be Active In Our Committees...

Trail expansion, increasing membership, grooming, increasing sponsorship, and just giving a positive public image. We need people who would like to see our trails expand and be able to donate a "little" of their time to see that goal come through. It is a committee so its shared time among many.

A special "Thank you" goes out to all who helped us with a great season!!!

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Presidents Corner...

Groomer... As most of you know our old Bombardier BR-100 has seen better days, with the addition of many miles of trail (nearly 35 now) we have exceeded its ability to serve as the lone workhorse. We well understand that we must procure a new or at least *new to us* machine. Toward this goal we put some hope in procuring a grant through the "Recreational Trails Program 2001 Grant Process" this was found to be unavailable when we learned we lacked the 501C corporation paperwork necessary to make our club tax exempt. We are now working on the process to obtain our tax-exempt status so we can apply for future grants. We are also looking into what financing options are available so we can obtain a new groomer for the 2001- 2002 season. At the March meeting we voted on and agreed to "investigate" the procurement of a new groomer at a price not exceeding \$20,000. Remember this approval was for negotiation purposes only and **"no money will actually be spent without approval of the entire membership at a future meeting"**.

Trail Expansion... The County of Oswego has started the procedure necessary to make the trail from Mexico to Lycoming an official trail. Our request was to go to committee on May 1st. If they approve we go to public SEQR hearings and there will be public notices in local papers.

From NYSSA...

Dear Snowmobile Club Members:

Unless you act now, there will be a severe reduction in trail funding for next year. At the request of snowmobile clubs statewide, the Governor has requested an increase of \$10 in snowmobile registration fees.

The additional money will go into the trail fund.

Unless this budget item is passed now, the trail fund will not meet the needs of next season. Currently maximum reimbursement for corridor trails \$160.00 per mile.

IF this budget item is passed, the reimbursement will be up to \$300.00 per mile.

If it is NOT, it could be as low as \$96.00 per mile. Secondary trails will be affected in the same manner.

Please make sure you do your part by signing and mailing a letter to your state legislators as soon as possible. A list of names and addresses are available here and can also be obtained by calling 1-800-356-6566

If possible, a hand written letter in your own words will carry more weight. You can use the sample letter provided here for ideas or simply fill in the name of your representative after "Honorable" in the greeting. Sign at the bottom and include your mailing address.

Each letter must be mailed separately in order to be counted.

Your action NOW will assure that there is a trail fund available for the future.

Sincerely,
Hal Fleischman
NYSSA Legislative Committee

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Presidents Corner (Continued)...

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The Mexico Trail Riders and [Arena's Eis House](#) are pleased to announce their 2001 Summer Raffle.

This summer we are raffling a:

A Model Year 2001 Aluminum Karavan Double (101" x 10') Enclosed Trailer

Donated by our friends at: [Arenas Eis House](#)

Supplied By:

Sharp's Marine Repair - 849 Middle Road - Oswego, New York 13126

Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00 each and 5 for \$20.00, the drawing will be held at the Oswego County Snowmobile Association Trade Show to held at the Oswego County Fair Grounds September 22nd and 23rd. Drawing will be at noon on September 23rd.

Stay tuned for information on our Winter 2001 Raffle to be announced soon.