

August 2012 Newsletter



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HSF Meeting September 5th

The next club meeting of the 2012-2013 season is coming up Wednesday September 5th at 7:30. Join us for dinner!! The Legion will be serving up a fine dinner as always. Donations are welcome to support the Legion. The cash bar will also be open.

Letter from the President

Summer's half over, which means it's half way to our next snowmobile season. While most of us have been enjoying our summer, a few of our members have been very busy. Equipment Maintenance, Trail Reroutes, Bridge Repairs, Trail Funding, and Parades... doesn't sound like much but it has added up to a couple of hundred hours. Thank you to all that have pitched in! There's plenty more to be done before we can ride this season, so check the web site, watch for e-mails, or give me a call to find out how you can make this upcoming season a success.

A new map, a major trail reroute, and a bigger Sno-Show are just a few of the things we have planned for the upcoming season. Let's kick it all off this weekend by showing a strong presence at the Hamlin Fireman's Parade.

Rich Manley, Club President

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Trail Maps

The Hilton Sno-Flyers will be publishing a new Trail Map for the 2012-2013 season. We're looking for businesses and organizations to be map sponsors.

New this season will be the opportunity to advertise your business as a trail junction or bridge sponsor. We have seven bridges and twenty junctions in our 115-mile trail system that will carry sponsorship. Please contact Rhonda Ferrari if you're interested in being a sponsor.

RhondaFerrari@allstate.com or home phone 247-9525.



Letter from the Vice President

Where did the summer go?? It's time to start thinking about winter and snow. The operation of the snowmobile club is a 12-month job. All of the board members and directors have been working on various projects all summer. All of Phase One for trial grant money has been completed. We are now working on Phase Two which needs to be complete in about three weeks. If you were not in attendance for the election of new board members, here is a run down on your 2012-2013 board:

Executive Board

President - Rich Manley

Treasurer - John Miller

Secretary - Julie Wrench

Vice President - Tom Francis

Membership - Wally Korzenieski

Trail Coordinator - Fred Bradshaw

Board of Directors

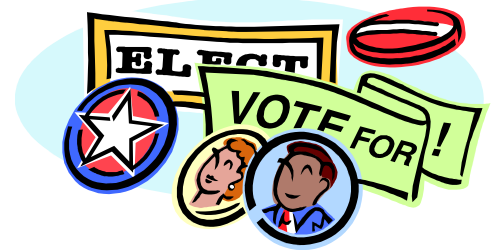
Dan Gurbacki

Marty Sauer

Rhonda Ferrari

Scott Proctor

Peter D'Orazio (special appointment)



We welcome two new members, Wally Korzenieski and Scott Proctor, and hope you will help them in any way possible. We want to thank Jim & Janet Howard and Robert Colby for their many years of devoted service to the club.

There are many activities coming up and hope everyone can find time to help. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the parade floats and attended the parades to represent the Hilton Sno-Flyers. The snowmobile registrations are out, and hope everyone will register their sleds early. Because of low snow fall last winter, registration money will be very important for the club to operate. Thank you.

Tom Francis, VP

Power Lines Trail

Gates, Ogden and Sweden Residents...
If you regularly ride the "Powerlines Trail", I'm
looking for your input to
improve your riding season.
Please contact me to find out
how we can accomplish this.



Rich Manley

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Hilton Sno-Flyers 2012-2013 Calendar of Events

Meeting Schedule and Location 7:30 PM
FERRIS GOODRIDGE AMERICAN LEGION POST 330
691 TRIMMER ROAD

SPENCERPORT NEW YORK 14559

September 5th September 19th

October 3rd October 17th

November 7th POSSIBLE Extra Meeting before Sno-Show

November 21st December 19th

January 16th February 20th

March 20th April 3



August 10 Friday Hamlin Fireman's Parade
August 18 Saturday Churchville Parade
August 23 Thursday Board Meeting
September 29-30 Saturday & Sunday Apple Fest
November 17-18 Saturday & Sunday Sno-Show @ The Garden Factory
December 10 Monday Northern NY Trails (could) Open
December 19 Wednesday Christmas Party @ Club Meeting
December 19 Wednesday South (local) Trails (could) Open
January ?? Gates Winter Fun Festival

"Join the Family Fun!"

This is the theme for this season's parade float that we used at the Hilton Fireman's Parade earlier in July. We have another Fireman's parade coming up this Friday, August 10th starting at 7:00pm. Lineup will begin at about 5:30 for us. We are trying to really have a strong showing for this event. There will be 2 groomers, 1 drag, and both of our trail work vehicles included, along with the float. All members are invited and welcome to come and participate. We always have a good time and your presence helps to show the communities where we ride that we deserve and appreciate their support. If you attend, you do not have to do any work, just walk along with us. Please wear your club shirts or a black shirt.

On August 18th, Nick Sauer and I have committed to take our float to the Churchville Lions Country Fair Parade. This will start at 11am. It will be our first time at this event. We thought that since we have a major trailhead in Churchville that we should be represented in that parade as well. Lineup is on Park road at the Elementary School. You are welcome to join us. We will not ask you to work, just to walk with us and to have a good time. As always, we would like you to wear your club shirt or a black shirt.

These parades, featuring our equipment, as many members as possible, and some positive messages that we are trying to convey, will earn us an acceptance within the communities where we ride. To know us is to Love us!

Marty Sauer - Director



Snow-Sho 2012

Save the dates for this years **Sno-Show**, November 17 & 18. I ask you to save them for two reasons. 1st reason is that you will not want to miss it! 2nd reason is that we will need as much help as we can get to make this the best **Sno-Show ever**.



This will be a 2-day show at the Garden Factory (2126 Buffalo Road in Gates). This new location and expansion to 2 days will allow us to add many new features and be available to a broader audience. We have plans to make this show a valuable experience for newcomers as well as current snowmobilers. Some of the newly added features are:

- Expanded Vendor area featuring more equipment and accessories than ever!
- “How to” and “What About” seminars, featuring manufacturers reps., local experts, and vendor representatives to cover many topics of interest.
- Expanded Vintage Show – with verbal commitments from vintage owners from as far away as Michigan.
- Food offerings by Hilton Sno-Flyers chefs, also featuring our famous French Fries.
- Wine Tasting, featuring Lake Ontario Winery
- Entertainment.
- NYSSA required courses: **Groomer Operators** - yes, the official course.
Trail Signing Course - strongly recommended for anyone marking trails.
- Parking for 500 cars
- Plans to include trailside Restaurants and services to Snowmobilers Businesses.
- Destination Travel – Neighboring and distant destinations.

We will also have the normal benefits to attending the show:

- Membership and renewals
- Club clothing and merchandise
- DMV on site registrations
- Youth and Adult Safety Course
- Neighboring clubs
- NYSSA Booth

As you can see, We're planning a "Really Big Sho"!!

Marty Sauer, Director



Trail Update & Groomer Status

Summer trail work

In order for us to be prepared for the snowmobiling season in the fall, there is always plenty of preparation work to be completed on the trails whether it be repairs to a bridge, completing a re-route or improving an existing trail. It's interesting, the more time we spend in the off season improving and making the trails flat, the nicer they will be for riding in the fall. One of the reasons the Old forge trail system is so nice to ride on is because they have two full time paid staff that spend the entire summer smoothing out and improving the trail. Although we don't have that luxury, we can make an impact. Here are a couple of the current areas we are working on:



Scottsville Re-route

The trail that crosses North Road has been a concern of ours for some time. Some of the property we cross has been for sale as well as the number of times we have to cross the road. We have been working on a re-route which will be a lot nicer all the way around. We have been fortunate to get permission from the necessary land owners for the re-route. This re-route will entail installing a small bridge as well as a section of woods that has to be cleared and widened.

Yellow Goose Re-route (Route 31 & Washington Street)

We have made considerable progress on a re-route around the yellow goose gas station. The area that the trail currently passes has been under construction for some time, and in the future, won't be passable. Our intent is to have the re-route locked in by the Fall and in time to be included on our new maps. There will be multiple work details with this re-route. The final details are being worked out to determine the best route. Once final approvals are in place, and we have met all the requests that are being placed on us, a posting will go out for the work details to prepare the new trail.

Lawton Road Bridge

We were asked by a land owner where the trail traveled some time ago to remove an old bridge that we had installed. Mr. Nelson pulled the steel I beams out from across the creek with his back hoe. We still have to remove the bridge from the site. This will be about a 4 hour work detail.

McEntosh Road Bridge

We were asked by a landowner to remove a bridge on our current trail system. We completed this two weeks ago. Thanks to Mario for hauling the bridge away, Marty, Dan Dee for helping out and Bob Hill for the use of his tractor. If the trail still crosses in the same area, a culvert will have to be installed in place of the bridge.

Groomers and Drags

With the minimal amount of snow we had last year, we did have some PM to complete but not as much as a full season. Some greasing on the North drag, checking fluid levels on all machines. Greasing the PB-100, Greasing the Tucker. All three groomers were power washed off and cleaned inside and out. Both Piston Bully machines have been staged on blocks and the tracks de-tensioned. The Piston Bullies have been covered with plastic to prevent our friendly birds from doing their handy work on them. The Tucker has been in use this summer during the parades. After its parade duty, we have some manufacturer recommended PM to complete, rotating tracks, general cleaning, etc. Two of our drags will need to have a set up completed on them. This is a manufacturer recommended set up to optimize the drags' performance. We will have some work details to complete some repairs on the machines.

If you're interested in helping out with any of the above items, please call me on my cell (469-6789).

Dan Gurbacki, Director

Club Contact Info

Hilton Sno-Flyers Text Alert System

The HSF text alert system that debuted earlier this year will be active again this season. It is being used to get important club information out to people quickly that may not have access to the internet at all times. Text alerts will be sent out mainly by Steve Frosini (Webmaster) with the approval of The Board of Directors. Other board members will also have the ability to send out alerts. Text alerts will consist of Trail information (opening – closing), hazardous conditions, in-season re-routes, emergency work details, club meetings, club events and major work details. The system is secure and your phone number will never be sold or shared. You will also never be spammed. We will do our best to keep the alerts to a minimum and you can always cancel the service by replying STOP. Hopefully this system will spread to members that don't come to meetings or visit the website much so they can keep informed about important club news.

To sign up, just Text **SNOFLYERS** to **84483** to receive alerts from **The Hilton Sno-Flyers**.
Msg. & data rates may apply.

Steve Frosini, Webmaster



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Trail Coordinator: Fred Bradshaw

Director: Dan Gurbacki

Director: Marty Sauer

Director: Rhonda Ferrari

Director: Scott Proctor

Special Appointee: Peter D'Orazio

Club Rides for the 2012-2013 Season

We are currently planning Club Rides for the upcoming season, and we'd like your input. In past years, the Board of Directors has set dates and volunteered themselves to Lead the Club Rides. This Season the Club members choose! If you have a favorite destination or event, please let us know, we'll partner with you to set it up. For those times that the conditions aren't favorable for a club ride, we'll have a back up plan - we can still meet for lunch or dinner at your favorite spot. Leading or just going along on a club ride is a great way to meet new people. Contact me or any Board Member for more information.

Rich Manley

HILTON SNO-FLYERS INC.

2012-2013 Membership Application

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell (Optional): _____

Family Membership Info: Spouse _____

Children under 18 that will register a sled: _____

Do you have access to the web for club correspondence? yes no

Would you like to receive club updates via e-mail yes no

Are you a member of another club? yes no

Name of the other club: _____

How many sleds do you plan to register? _____

E-Mail Address: _____

HSF/NYSSA membership with registration voucher: Single \$25 Family \$30

() NYSSA Trail Defender membership upgrade additional \$20.00

\$.25 of your \$5 NYSSA dues may be used for the NYS Snowmobile Political Action Committee who is our voice in Albany. If you do not want to contribute to PAC please check the appropriate box. NYSSA dues will still be

\$5.00 yes no

Check ALL activities you would volunteer to help out with:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Fest | <input type="checkbox"/> Parades | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislature Ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Local town Winter festivals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Highway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax deductible donation to Groomer Fund \$ _____ | | |

What events or activities would you like to see your Club have?

As a Member of the Hilton Sno-Flyers, I will abide by the obligations of the Club Constitution

Signed: X _____

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