

Hilton Sno-Flyers News

January 2011

Trails are open January 12th at 5pm

Please use caution during early season riding especially in the fields, pay attention for rocks and ruts. Have fun and remember to respect our landowners by staying on the marked trails!

Groomers and Barn: Dan 469-6789

Groomers are ready for snow . Just waiting for the skies to open up .

Piston Bully 100 machine is at the North barn , Piston Bully 240 is located at Robert Colby's Farm on Colby rd , and the Tucker is at the South Barn.

A couple club members have expressed interest in grooming throughout the season. I am always encouraged by members who offer assistance. It is not quite a simple as just getting in the machines and grooming. There are state guidelines and a state safety course that must be attended. We have as our own " Hilton Snow Flyer Groomer operator safety guidelines policy " that must be followed. Each year the policy is updated regarding changes that may be required. In addition to the paper and state training required , Each potential new operator must attend the summer preventative maintenance sessions. This is a great opportunity to learn and be come more familiar with the machines. After the state training , the Club safety guidelines training and attending the summer preventative maintenance activities , A new potential operator will begin getting actual " Seat time " in the machine . This time will be spent under the guidance of an experienced operator . Each person learns at a different rate and the amount of seat time is really individual specific . All machines travel with two persons in them . If you have an interest in becoming one of the groomer operators , contact me and we can begin the process that is required .

Barn activities :

Morrie installed a new motion detector light over the entrance door to the barn. Dan and Dave Markle sealed all the new deck lumber for the Big equipment trailer . We will be getting together in the near future at the barn to tidy up the wiring harnesses and begin installing the new deck on the trailer . If you are interested in helping install the deck on the trailer , please contact Dan Gurbacki 469-6789

Upcoming Events

- *Work detail 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at the south groomer Barn 6pm-9pm Dan Gurbacki 469-6789*
- *Club Meeting Jan. 19th*
- *Scottsville Ice Arena Fund-raiser, Saturday Feb. 12th*



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10th Annual Winterfest at Scottsville Ice Arena Saturday February 12th, 2011

This is the rink's major fundraiser and a great event...don't miss it!

Open skate
Coaches vs. Amerks alumni game
Beer and Wine tasting
Live Bands
Basket Raffles
Chicken Wings, Salt Potatoes, Pulled Pork and much, much more!!

From the Treasurer.

I would like to print out the acceptable use policy for the website. It appears that some people think they have first amendment rights to freedom of speech on our site, this is not the case. If the BOD feels some posters or posts could harm the club for any reason the BOD can remove posts, warn posters, ban posters. Some people do not like snowmobilers and take irresponsible posts as the views of snowmobilers in general. Please be responsible with your posts, many people do way too much work to promote safe and responsible snowmobiling and do not appreciate posts that could be used against us.

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Content

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Hilton Sno-Flyers will be the sole arbiter in determining violations of these guidelines.

This web site is a reflection of our mission statement . Its is intended as a communication tool to share positive information and to communicate club activities amongst its users .

The Board of Directors have the unquestionable right to remove from the site without notice any posts or information that are non supportive or fall into the following categories:

Posts or responses deemed harmful in any way to the club, its members or other clubs.

Posts or responses that are non- supportive of club activities.

Posts or responses that are directed as degrading , undermining , or vindictive to any persons.

Posts or responses that do not support club activities in a positive manor.

Local Events from Neighboring Clubs as Reported by the Webster Ridgerunners

Friday January 14 evening: Blue Heron Hills Golf Course is offering a 10% discount on their fish fry for all WRR members. Just mention you are a member of the Webster Ridge Runners and you will get the 10% discount.

Saturday January 15: Williamson Driftriders is having a Hot Dog Roast at their groomer barn site on C4W near the corner of Lake Rd and Centenary Rd. It will be from 11 am - 3 pm.

Saturday January 15: Canaltown is also having a Hot Dog Roast. The location is at the Hosbach's home 5352 East Williamson Rd on the trails from 1 pm until it's over.

Sunday January 16: Our winter picnic at the Weidman's 1111 County Line Rd on the trails, sign up for the races at 11:00; races start at noon. The picnic ends around 4:00 with plenty of food, fun and games.

Membership Report 1/14/2011 by Jim Howard

Needless to say that with snow on the ground the membership department has been busy. Since the storm on Wednesday 1/12 we have had 100 memberships come in online up to Friday night 1/14 when I wrote this article. With another 2-3 inches this weekend I expect it to be busy for the next week. Total to date is 910 memberships, our club continues to stay strong with our number off last years mark some but I still expect us to make the 1k mark again this year.

Signing up online has been accepted by 2/3rds of our membership. Club meetings and the Snow Show account for a huge percentage of the manual entries for us but if people join face to face I think it is better for the club.

Anyone interested in taking over the newsletter or the membership position, contact Rich Manley

Christmas and New Years have been here and gone and the sleds still sit in the garage or trailer waiting for snow. This sure has been a bummer for any local riding. Trails are all in and marked but the main component (SNOW) has yet to arrive. REMEMBER, it will take' 6" of snow or more to open the trails. Please, RESPECT our generous land owners. Thanks to all the volunteers who spent time developing and installing new trails.

I hope everyone who attended the club Christmas party had a good time. Sean and the crew at the VFW put on a great steak dinner. There were lots of great door prizes donated by the businesses that support the club.

There is still plenty of work to be done at the south groomer barn. Your help would be much appreciated. The main project to be done is the redecking of the big blue trailer.

On a more serious note the nomination and election of officers of the club is coming up in March and April. I believe there will be 2 or 3 positions open. We are always looking for new people and new ideas. Step up and help create the future of your club. If interested contact any board member.

Tom Francis, VP

Will there still be local riding in 5 years?

We are facing a crisis. I am referring to our trail system and the permissions we receive to ride on private property. The danger is that it is difficult to keep current permissions and very difficult to gain new ones. The image that snowmobilers portray is a key element. As development takes place in the previously rural or agricultural towns, our trail has to be rerouted around these areas. As older residents pass on and their property is sold or subdivided, our trail is severed or re-routed. This season, with early snowfall, snowmobiles were out riding, even before the trails were marked. This angered some landowners who still had work to do or were hunters. If a landowner has a complaint about snowmobiles, he usually calls the club that maintains the trail on his property. It is generally accepted that the club has some control over the local riders.

In Monroe county (2009-10 season), there were 5095 registered snowmobiles. All but 684 were club member sleds. The Hilton SnoFlyers had 1143 members. There are 3 other clubs in Monroe County. Their combined membership was 1037. The total club membership in Monroe County was 2180, with 4411 registered sleds through the club voucher system. These numbers establish the fact that most, but not all, local snowmobile owners are in a snowmobile club.

As stated earlier, we local riders are facing a crisis. A major factor in obtaining and keeping permission from a landowner to cross their property is the perception they have of the local riders. The club tries to control riding on closed trails by use of gates, trail closed signs and website/snow phone postings that state "trail closed". This needs to be taken further. We need to police ourselves. All members of any snowmobile club need to be examples to all other snowmobilers of the proper behavior and etiquette of riding. We all need to project a positive image of the sport. We need to help all snowmobilers to understand that the future of local riding depends on the actions of each one of us. The Hilton SnoFlyers tries to maintain a good public image through participation in community events. We need every member to do their part.

This is not "preaching to the choir", this is a call to action to all snowmobilers to set good examples, promote responsible behavior and safety, network with your friends and fellow snowmobilers, to assure the future of our local trail system. We need to establish the fact that having a local snowmobile trail is an asset to our community and that we are welcome guests wherever we ride.

By Marty Sauer



Some material taken from the Sleds of Stafford News Letter with their permission:

Jim Meyer, South Trail Coordinator

Hand Signals

Slowing:

Left arm extended out and down from the side of the body with a downward flapping motion of hand to signal warning or caution.

Sleds Following:

Arm raised, elbow bent with thumb pointing backward; in hitchhiking motion move arm forward to backward over your shoulder.

Last Sled in Line:

Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical with hand clenched in a fist. This also good to use when you are passing the groomer head on so the groomer operator will know that you are the last sled. Hand signals should be used all the time.

TRAIL SIGNS

As you travel on your snowmobile through trails and on roads, there will be traffic signs along the way that apply to snowmobiles. When on roads, remember that all traffic signs for automobiles also apply to snowmobiles, including highway speed limits if you are operating in a highway road ditch. Knowing what these signs mean can help keep you out of danger, make your trip more enjoyable, and protect the rights of property owners. Respecting these signs and following the rules they communicate will help assure an enjoyable ride for you and protect the future of snowmobiling. The Stop and Stop ahead will be on your RIGHT as you pass them and you should ride to the right of the field stakes if they are single staked and inbetween the double stakes.

E85 FUEL - CAUTION!

The EPA has approved the distribution of E15 fuel (fuel containing 15% ethanol). Pumps with this fuel must be clearly marked. E15 fuel is not for use for 2000 and older light duty vehicles. The EPA also has not approved E15 for use in any off-road engines, including snowmobiles. The Department of Energy has contracted with Michigan Tec Kee-wanaw Research Center to test snowmobiles using E15 fuel. Testing may also include E20 fuel as well. The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) is stating that until testing is completed, E15 fuel should not be used in snowmobiles. Information on E15 fuel can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/fuels/additive/e15/420f10054.htm>.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO DURING THE WINTER?!

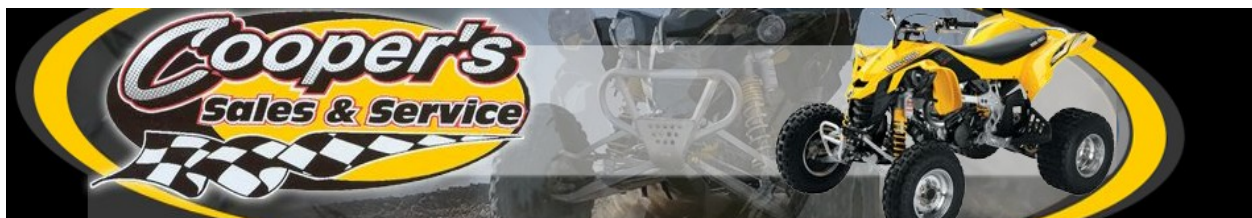
We are in need of some GROOMER OPERATORS! If you would be interested in being a groomer operator, are at least 18 years of age and are a voting member, please call Rich Manley at 329-1140 or Tom Francis at 352-4758.

SOUTHERN SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

The Hilton Sno-Flyer trail south of the thruway has gone through an extensive reroute change. It will not resemble what you are use to from the past. There will be some road riding. Please ride with traffic.

WHITTIER ROAD TRAIL

We have had a trail change at Whittier Road. If you are heading south from the powerline trail, in past seasons you would get to Whittier Road and make a left hand turn and ride the side of the road for about 1/8 of a mile, and then make a right hand turn back onto the trail. Going that direction is no longer needed. The trail is directly across the street from the trail on the north side of Whittier Road.



How to Renew Your Club Membership Online

If you've received your snowmobile registration renewal from DMV and want to get your sled registered before Holiday expenses crop up, here is a reminder about how to obtain your 2010-11 NYSSA Membership Voucher.

1) Go to www.nysnowmobiler.com and click on the big green button. ---> This will take you to our secure Online Membership System.

2) Login with your six-digit NYSSA Member ID# and password. Your Member ID# is on your membership card, and also on your previous season's voucher. Hint: your password is made up of letters, and must contain at least one number. If you don't remember your NYSSA ID number, contact your Club's Membership Administrator at snoflyers@gmail.com. You may also email membership@nysnowmobiler.com or call the NYSSA Office, 888-624-3849 x103. **Reset password** can be used to obtain a new password, however users on AOL or Netscape may never receive the message, as these systems seem to think these messages are spam. If your email address recently changed, you may also never receive the message. Please call or email us for assistance.

3) Simply click on renew to renew your membership for the 2010-11 season. Follow the prompts on each screen, and when you are done you will see "Return Home to View Memberships and Print a Voucher" -- click on that, and that's right, you can print your voucher right on your own computer printer - no waiting! Print an extra copy for your records.

Member Login



My 6 Digit NYSSA ID is:

My Password is:

Need a password? for NYSSA ID above

4) Sign your voucher before you mail it in with your DMV Registration Renewal or they will send it back unprocessed!

General Meeting of the Hilton Sno-Flyers

December 15, 2010

Meeting begins at 7:35 pm

Board Members Present: Rich, Pete, Janet, Jim H., Tom, Jim M., John, Teresa, Mike, Marty, Dan, Bob

50/50: Lauren selling them. Many prizes to distribute along with cash prizes. 2-\$100.00, 1-\$24.00. Cash to club, \$224.00

Attendance: 92, Eric Seith sent sheets around. After tonight the membership will be scaled down to account for only active members. The sign in sheets account for all of the work details that are going on that an individual can sign for. Any changes can be marked on these sheets.

Treasurer Report: Budget was read by John and report is available from the treasurer. \$77,200.00 is in our account. We are right on target. Report was accepted by the membership. We also purchased a pole saw for the trail details.

Membership: over 700 members so far. Club newsletter is looking for a volunteer to take it over, talk to Jim Howard.

Trail install this weekend, Bob Allen will be decking a bridge on the 18th, Marty will be having a groomer and groomer barn detail at the groomer barn this Sunday. Dan Dee will be working on the route 31 to the 531 trail Saturday Morning the 18th, Yellow Goose is the place to meet on Saturday morning to start marking the trail and possibly do some quick trimming.

Food Drive: Great turnout for donations for The Food Cupboard of Hilton with Kevin Alport doing the collections.

Safety: Worked with Dave Thomas in the town of Riga, Saturdays this year the 8th and 15th of January. There will be 2-4 hours sessions. It's on the web and the course is free. 30 people possibly 35. Every individual that signs up has to attend both days. Youth and Adult safety course. Call the town of Riga 293-3980 to make reservations. Any questions, contact Mark Kesselling.

Clothing: Marybeth and Nick and Big City distributing clothing and donated jackets to the club for the raffle.

NYSSA: Super raffle- up to 340 tickets sold so far. Anyone needs them, talk to Pete. Get your tickets in asap. Rewards for selling the most tickets will be provided with a Hilton Sno Flyer jacket. Anyone selling 30 or more tickets gets a free tee shirt.

Groomer Report: Groomer barn on Johnson Road is our major concern and it works out great with its location. A individual gave us a brand new passage door which is beautiful and has been installed. We try to keep the temperature of the barn around 45 degrees, so that we are able to work comfortably. A new compressor is in the shop from Bob Hewitt. Morey Annis helped with the electrical along with Nick Sauer. Groomers are in great shape and this Sunday the 19th @9:00 am we will have a couple things to take care of. The plow on the groomer needs to be installed. The PB100 needs to be taken down off the blocks just to name a few things. Thanks to everyone that has helped in getting the barn and groomers up to par.

Trail Report: The trails are still closed but will be opened after the 21st. Some of the trails still need to be marked because there are a few of changes in our routes. Please sign up for the work details that are going to be going on this weekend. The groomers are being used for marking the trails because the 4 wheelers are not able to get through the snow. We will be getting the trails groomed soon. Keep an eye on the web. We lost a ton of signs and stakes last year so we need to see if we can find these signs. Trail bosses need to let Mike know if they need signs. There are missing signs along some of the marked trails already. THIEVES on Gallop Road, Canal to Scottsville is going in this weekend. Please sign up. Geoff installed from the power lines to Vroom. Jim Vink is done from the thruway to Mumford. Steve says the park is in. Westside drive to 490 east still needs to be installed. Dan Dee has all of his trail in except for 200-300 feet. Dan will be installing on Saturday. Morey from Wheatland Center road to Mumford. Need someone to install it. Unless Jim gets a call from DEC by the weekend, we will need to cut a new trail 1000 feet long at Whittier. Thank you to all of the trail bosses for getting their trails in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

HILTON SNO-FLYERS INC.

2010-2011 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"/> Hilton Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislature Ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Parma/Riga Winterfest |
| <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 _____

** Mail to: Hilton Sno-Flyers Club, c/o Jim and Janet Howard, 2657 Smith Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424

** Info: Club Sno-Phone 234-0629 or Hilton Snoflyers.net

2010/11 Meeting Schedule and Location**7:30 PM**

FERRIS GOODRIDGE AMERICAN LEGION POST 330
691 TRIMMER ROAD
SPENCERPORT NEW YORK 14559

September 1st & 15th	October 6th & 20th
November 17th	December 15th
January 19th	February 16th
March 16th	April 6th

Needed: Your club is looking for transportation of a donated refrigerator for the south groomer barn.

Wanted: Newsletter Editor-contact Jim Howard for details



We're on the Web!

www.hiltonsnoflyers.com

NYSSA Ticket Sales:

This is a major fundraiser for the club, please return the tickets that you have or if you need more please contact Peter D'Orazio

Hilton Sno-Flyers Mission Statement

The Hilton Sno-Flyers are a 501c3 not for profit organization who's goal is to promote safe and legal snowmobiling in the western New York region through communication and education with its membership.

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Trail Coordinator: Mike Waeghe

Director: Dan Gurbacki

Director: Marty Sauer

Director: Robert Allen

Director: Robert Colby

Special Appointee: Peter D'Orazio

Past President: Jim Meyer

New Clothing Coordinator Appointed

At the last Board Meeting, a new clothing coordinator was selected from a very short list of volunteers. The new coordinator is Mary Beth Mannix, Marty Sauer's better half. Sam Pizzo had been the clothing czar for the past year or more. Family and physical factors led Sam to turn it over to someone else.

Mary Beth is committed to having material available and on hand at all club meetings and functions. The Board has recognized the popularity of club clothing and has stepped up the inventory budget accordingly. The standard list of offerings will be maintained as well as some possible new items. She also hopes to offer personalization of clothing articles through embroidery.

The club is interested in making clothing readily available to all who are interested. "It's good PR and makes us more of a club". As to prices, the intention is to cover the cost of the clothing and imprinting only. We're not looking for a profit, but not a loss either.

To ask questions or to check availability, you can contact Mary Beth at:

HSFGEAR@gmail.com.