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November/December 2010 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY Thanksgiving

NEXT MEETINGS -11/18/10 12/16/10, 1/20/10, 2/17/10, 3/17/10

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m.

TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (MUZZLE LOADING) SEASON ENDS ON 12/21/10

TRAILS OPEN ON 12/22/10 - CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING

CHECK THE HVR WEBSITE FOR TRAIL UPDATES BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL

Memberships are due by December 16, 2010. This is your last newsletter if you have not paid this year's 2011 membership

Harriet Hollister Spencer Park Trail

This past year HVR a major trail change for the better at and around Harriet Hollister Spencer Park. This trail change is not at its full completion as HVR and HHSP will have some dozer work to do. We were using the Nichols trust trail but one of the landowners had a hard time plowing their driveway due to the packed down snow so we are in the midst of finding a better route so this neighbor will be much happier. It appears that the State did not doze a new trail as they promised earlier this year. We may be running down Canadice Hill Rd. again and entering the trail just south of TownLine Rd. Stay tuned for more information and directions on where the trail will be located off Canadice Hill Rd..

Trail Grant Money!

Clint VanDewark is going through the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Application that came out at the beginning of the month and a club application for funding needs to be submitted by November 5th to NYS Parks for Review. This application is for Non for profit organizations and Towns to get federal dollars to improve trails in NYS, which also includes trail maintenance equipment. This is how a lot of clubs afford brand new equipment. There is one catch this program. It used to fund 100% money from the federal funds, now it funds up to 80% federal and the club comes up with the remaining 20%. We are filing to see if we can get a new groomer. We could sell some of the older ones to help pay our share.

The question is this? Do we apply for one brand new Groomer and Drag. The quote for this is running at just under \$130,000 total. This would mean HVR would need to pay \$26,000 via a loan or by selling a piece of equipment and \$104,000 would come from the federal government, or apply for one or two used units that are 2005 and newer ranging in price from \$60,000 to \$80,000 and money would be split 80% and 20% again. The next time this application process will be available would be 2013. If HVR applied for this in November of 2010 we would not know if we are awarded the grant money until the first part of 2011 and the purchase could be made some time at the end of the 2011 winter season. Come to the next meeting for further details and offer your feedback and suggestions.

We are also in the process of starting to get the new HVR trail map together. There has been some conversation with the other clubs in Ontario County around developing a county map for all three clubs. Not sure about doing this. Our HVR maps will be sent out with the December/January issue.

Be aware when you leave HVR's marked trail system. You ARE trespassing unless you have express permission from the landowner whose property borders HVR's trail system.

HONEOYE FISH & GAME CLUB:

As you will see the HFGC has a new look this year. Our Club voted and donated \$500.00 to the building fund to help pay for the upgrades. Our Club utilizes the facility on a regular basis for club meetings. In the past, we have financed a set of overhead doors for the pavilion area.

TRAILS/TRAIL WORK/EQUIPMENT

Trail clearing and signing day is on 11/6/10 at the gun club on Saturday. We are meeting at 8:00 am at the HFGC on Howcroft Rd. Three trail clearing leaders will be there to assign the work to be done. Some of the District coordinators will do their work at this time also. All signs should be up and posted before the end of the deer gun season.

Calling all groomers, there will be groomer training led by Craig Knobel sometime in November. Contact Craig if you are interested in grooming at 746-7045. We will also schedule a training class in December. Everyone that is grooming needs the training/refresher training.

This year a lot of new work has been done to trails within the HVR trail system and to our grooming equipment. Here are some of the accomplishments this year and the people who helped make it happen. Without membership help, many of these things would not have happened. As you read this, please consider yourself volunteering to help make a section of trail better for the upcoming season(s).

1. New trail and dozer work on trail to LOCK's off Co. Rd. 33. New signs installed. Scott and Bruce Wohlschlegel. Thank you Craig Knobel for Hydro-seeding through this trail.
2. New trail and dozer work on trail off Coats Rd. in Naples and new signs installed. Re-routed due to Maple Syrup operation. Garry and Rusty Wohlschlegel
3. Harriet Hollister Spencer Park Trail. Widening of the trail and extension south to connect into HHSP south likely delayed. This work may be delayed this year due to lack of State funding. Clint VanDewark and NYS Parks
4. Negotiations with new landowners on the trail system. Six properties changed hands. HVR president contacted and negotiated permission with new landowner's. All set for 2010-2011.
5. Bridge repair work on various bridges on the trail system.
6. New NYSDEC Adopt a Natural Resource permit was secured by HVR President for trail to Hemlock. Rich Kraft and company to sign and maintain the trail. Clint VanDewark secured are NYSDEC permits for NYSDEC Wildlife Management areas in the Town of Richmond.
7. Range Runner maintenance. Thanks Tim Baker.
8. Bombi upgrade and Skandic repair. Thanks Clint VanDewark.
9. Naples snow cat (Bombardier) and groomer. Thanks Garry Wohlschlegel..

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As you can see in this newsletter there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, which is true for almost every type of club. As we approach this season we need trail workers, groomers and new people to consider taking an active role in club's management/board members. This includes all the positions listed at the top of the page. We need new people to come to meetings and bring new ideas. As president, I have led this club (except for 4 years) since 1994. It is time for a change. The hard work is done. There is standard work that needs to be done every year such as contacting all the landowners, finances, Liaison between other user groups and government agencies (as outlined in our HVR By Laws). On a personal note it has been very pleasing for me to have worked with many capable individuals in our organization that have worked right along beside me to make this club great and what it is today. I have met almost every landowner (185) and it's been a great experience. I would make a good realtor!

Our club functions very efficiently and effectively with the elected board that we have. It almost runs itself, so learning and being part of it, is not all that difficult. The group has a lot of fun and it's a great way to make new friends. To keep our club viable, improving and not become complacent or stagnate, it's important to get new blood in the leadership roles. It is time for change this coming year. With over 300 members, there is sure to be someone that could take charge for a while. I don't think anyone would want to see the club fail or go backward. We have a great winter resource here. It can never come to pass. We have been moving forward and improving for years. Time for some new thinking and ideas. Thanks and have a safe riding season.

EVENTS: Note: Wine Tour that was scheduled for October 2nd, was cancelled for lack of participation.

Think Safety: Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. and O'Neill Sales will be sponsoring a Youth Snowmobile Safety Course this year. The course will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at O'Neill Sales located at 6226 State Route 96, Farmington. **We can only seat 40 students, so please call and sign up today with Victoria O'Neill at 585-924-2554.** The course is for ages 10-17. Lunch will be provided.

O'Neill's will also be having a swap meet on November 6, 2010 at their store location.

Our last meeting for 2010 will be held on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM, during our meeting we will celebrate the holiday season with drinks, pizza, and wings.. We will not have an official weekend Christmas Party this year.

The annual summer "Landowner Picnic" was held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at Sandy Bottom Park at Honeoye Lake. This picnic was held to show our appreciation to our landowners. We had a successful turnout. Thank you again for those of you who attended. The annual "Steak Roast Dinner" date and location is to be determined, with a prospective date in February. More information will be in the Dec./Jan. newsletter.