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December/January 2011/2012 NEWSLETTER Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

NEXT MEETINGS - 12/15/11, 1/19/12, 2/16/12, 3/15/12

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

**TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (MUZZLE LOADING) SEASON ENDS ON 12/20/11
TRAILS OPEN ON 12/21/11 - CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING
CHECK THE WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK FOR TRAIL UPDATES BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL**

Memberships are due by December 16, 2011. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed this year's 2011-2012 membership. Important Note: If you have not renewed your membership the only way to get a map is to come to a meeting or go to our website to download a map. We will not do a special mailing to send out maps. Registering your sled before Dec.1 of the year, helps allocate trail fund dollars to NYS snowmobile clubs.

ANNUAL STEAK ROAST:

This event will be held on Saturday, February, 4th, 2012 at the Honeoye America Legion on County Rd. 36 in Honeoye. A flyer is included with this mailing. Please hang on to it because we won't be mailing another one. You can always get the information on our website and on Facebook.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This year has brought a lot of new challenges to our club and snowmobile clubs across NYS. Bad summer weather with heavy rains raised havoc with our trails, bridges & culverts. We also had some untimely equipment problems with a motor failure in one of our main groomers, the BOMBI. All these incidents, including last year's repairs of the large groomer in Naples, put a severe strain on our financial abilities. In addition to our equipment and trail woes, NYS has been auditing clubs & their respective paperwork, looking for fraudulent claims. This has slowed down the reimbursement process and made the remaining 30% funding for the 2010/2011 season late to a lot of NYS snowmobile clubs. As of this writing, we still don't have the 30% funding (approx.. \$4000.00) but expect it soon. We depend heavily on the NYS trail funding that is administered through NYS Parks. The trail funding money is solely generated by NYS snowmobile registrations. No tax dollars are ever used in the trail funding program. We receive approximately \$14,000 total per year from the trail fund program. However, with the state delaying payments, the funding does not match our months of operation so we always have to spend wisely & keep our eye on the budget at all times so that we never go into the red. Last year our 70% funding check came in March (end of season) and the rest (30%) is supposed to come in May or June. In 2010 it came in October. This year for 2011, we have not received it yet. It is in the mail! We have \$700.00/month in groomer payments, so you can see money doesn't go far when you're paying for gas, bridges, insurance, & trail repairs etc. Our club's operating budget is approximately \$21,000.00 to \$23,000.00 per year. It's a good chunk of money spent & put back into the community. You can help by getting your snowmobile registered before December 1st. Trail funding \$\$\$\$ for NYS & the associated clubs, is based on the number of registered snowmobiles. If you didn't register your sled yet, those funding dollars will not be there for this season. Not a good deal for NYS snowmobile clubs. So, please don't wait to register your sled this year or in future years. Your early registration/club joining fee helps our snowmobile club survive and make our payments, so that you can have better trails. How about that!

HVR members have been busy behind the scenes this summer improving trails, communicating with new landowners for permission and repairing groomers (on a limited basis). It's a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people who want to improve the sport of snowmobiling. That's what makes our club a success, the passion of the sport by many of our members. Hard to believe back in 1994 there were approximately 30 members in HVR. The only trail was the trail from the Valley Inn to the Honeoye Fish & Game Club & South to Co. Rd. 37 and up to Spencer Park. Many good changes have occurred and we are very fortunate as a community to be able to go out our back door, jump on our sleds and ride, and be able to ride to many other destinations. Finger Lakes Snowmobile Club is officially connected along with Lehigh Valley Snowmobile Club. Riding into Canandaigua, who would ever believe that would happen? Our neighbors, the Town of Richmond & Honeoye Central School all work with us and allow us to have this privilege. Kids in Honeoye have the privilege to ride their sleds to school. We even set up a special parking area for the snowmobiles at the school. Who else has that in their community?

One fact is for certain, don't take these privileges lightly. It can all vaporize in a minute when our neighbors, the town or the school officials receive complaints about excessive speed, horsing around, loud pipes, not staying on the trail & late night riding. HVR has had a good name for itself for many years. We are known as a club that is considerate, who follows rules and is well disciplined. They call Honeoye the Little Old Forge of the Finger Lakes, mainly for the freedom of being able to snowmobile through the town & use the lake accordingly and ride into other towns and communities. What a deal we have. Please make sure you share with your children and friends the discipline & respect that is needed when riding around our trail system. You are HVR & you are the CLUB. How can you help us? Be a volunteer & help maintain a section of trail. What a help that would be!

HARRIET HOLLISTER SPENCER PARK TRAIL:

Snowmobilers please notice cones with signs marking the main road into the park. Snowmobilers and skiers will share this trail but have separate sides. Pay attention to the signs that point to snowmobiles on the SOUTH side of the cones and skiers on the NORTH side of the cones. The cones will be spaced out down the roadway. The reason for separating the ski trail and snowmobile trail is very simple. The ski trail groomer lays down a set of track for skier's skis to run in. Snowmobiles tend to mess up the laid down tracks and ruin the trail for the skiers. Please pay attention to the signs and cones. The park is a multiuse facility and we are doing our best to make it safe and fun for everyone.

As for this year's snowmobile season, snowmobilers will be able to follow the C-4 corridor trail all the way through the park and south to Dutch Hollow Rd. with NO road riding. This was finished up late last year and what an improvement to our trail system.

You should avoid going into the park during the following events as the North entrance will be closed off. Follow the road to the trail head of C-4 at the South Entrance/Exit to park. Stay out of the Park interior.

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| Snow shoe race event: | Saturday, January 7, 2012, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| High school and JOQ ski race: | Saturday, January 28, 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. |
| High School race dates: | 1/14/12, 1/16/12, 2/11/12 afternoon mid-week races |
| Sectional Ski Meet | Saturday, February 11, 2012 |

TRAILS:

Trails remain closed on the entire system until deer season ends on 12/20/11. Trails open on 12/21/11 system providing there is adequate snow, 3" >. You ARE trespassing unless you have express permission from the landowner whose property borders HVR's trail system. Please do not use the club's name or point any landowner in the direction of the club to solve a situation that you might have caused crossing someone's property without permission to get to the HVR trail system. It is your duty to seek permission before you ride when trying to get to the marked trail system. HVR communicates with 200+ landowners per year to secure permission for our trail network. It is a lot of work and we don't need extra work solving other peoples trespassing problems.

Please check trail status this year at our website hillandvalleyriders.com for up to date trail status reports. This is a brand new format that will allow us easy access for quick updates and make it very easy for you to reference & determine trail conditions.

HONEOYE FISH & GAME CLUB:

Thank you to Buck and Marsha Mason, members of our club, for contributing the Christmas tree to the HFGC for the Children's Christmas party.

Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. is very fortunate to be able to store our equipment on the club's premises during the winter and summer seasons. We thank the Honeoye Fish and Game Club for allowing us to use their facility for our equipment and utilizing the building for our meeting headquarters.

TRAILS/TRAIL WORK/EQUIPMENT

Trail clearing and signing has been successful again this year. We had lots of good participation with work being completed in the Honeoye/Naples area. We experienced a lot of damage to bridges and culvert pipes this year, an added expense that a lot of clubs did not anticipate this year. The bridge on S-41 on Lower Egypt Rd. needed new poles and new bridge decking due to the wash out and collapse of the bridge due to a tree falling on it and the bank washing out. Casey Moore headed up the project and rounded up volunteers to help rebuild it. The bridge between The Filigree Inn and Lock's Stock & Barrel also needed rebuilding with longer supports due to the gully washing it out wider. Casey Moore, David O from Lock's & Scott Wohlschlegel made the repair. Thanks David O for utilizing your backhoe. You will notice more new signs on S-41 this year on the trail to Lock's.

Groomers will be located as follows: Range Runner used to groom trails within Honeoye area. Bombi will be located at the HFGC for trails in Hemlock, Honeoye and Ashley Road areas. Large Bombardier SV301 unit will be located on Coates Road for the Naples, Liddiard Road and Peglow Road areas. Ski Doo Skandic with the 4 foot drag will be located either on Duell Road area or the Misty Glenn HVR 8 area.

As previously mentioned, the Bombi needs the motor rebuilt. The cost is approximately \$1500.00 total for all the parts, including a new starter, hoses and clutch pressure plates. The Bombi has done a ton of work for us over the past 8 years and it's been very dependable. Well worth the investment to fix the unit up. It is the cost of doing business. All the other groomers are good to go. A lot of work was performed last year on the SV301 Bombardier stationed on Coats Rd. in Naples. If you're interested in grooming, contact Dave Arnold our equipment and grooming coordinator.

EVENTS:

Don't forget on Thursday, December 15th at the HVR meeting held at the Honeoye Fish and Game Club, we will be having a pot luck type gathering. This is in lieu of any official type Christmas Party. Please come and join in. We would love to see you there.

O'Neill Sales and Hill and Valley Riders, Inc., sponsored a Youth Snowmobile Safety Course on 11/5/11 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at O'Neill Sales located at 6226 State Route 96, Farmington. Approximately 42 children attended. Our future snowmobilers are now well educated. Thank you to O'Neill Sales for holding this event at their facility.

In the future, we will pursue Emailing newsletters and maps due to the cost of mailing this information, and our delayed funding from the State.