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JULY/AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETINGS

7/18, 8/15, 09/19, 10/17, 11/21 and 12/19

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Snowmobile registrations and club memberships expire on August 31, 2013. **State funding we receive is directly influenced by timely registration renewals.** Please don't wait until the snow flies to renew your membership and register your snowmobile(s). Also, please note we have a new secretary who will be processing memberships.

There are several ways to join or renew your membership to our club:

1. Complete the enclosed form and mail it back then your voucher will be mailed to you.
2. Visit our website, click on "Join Our Club Online", follow the instructions (helpful tips are listed on our website), pay by credit card and print out your voucher immediately.
3. Download and print out the membership form on our website and mail it in.
4. Join at a meeting and get your voucher immediately.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:

Please visit our website and/or friend us on Facebook (HillNValleyRiders) for latest news, events and updates.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all the landowners on our trail system that allow us to utilize a snowmobile trail through your property. We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to a much snowier 2013/2014 season. There are approximately 210 landowners we work with every year to obtain and secure permission for use of their property for our snowmobile trails. A club representative will be calling you for permission for the up-coming season. **If you're a landowner that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership. Just send in the enclosed membership form and make a note that you are a landowner located on the trail system.** We hope you enjoy our newsletter starting out the 2013/2014 snowmobile season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Land Owners, please consider this letter (see the attached flyer your personal invitation to this event): The HVR landowner/membership picnic will be held at the Honeoye Fish and Game Club on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Please reference the enclosed flyer for this event. RSVP is requested as it is very expensive to make arrangements for food and beverages and end up wasting much of it due to low attendance. This picnic is an opportunity for members to meet, greet and thank the landowners for their generosity. Last year 45 people attended! We hope for the same or better for 2013!

TRAIL WORK:

We have some serious trail trimming work to perform this summer into fall so that our new groomer will adequately fit down the trails. Some brushing teams will need to be assembled and start this work early in order to get the work done on a timely basis prior to the hunting season

A lot of good work occurred last year with trail widening in Harriet Hollister Park (HHSP) last fall. A new 2 foot culvert was installed on South Hill in Bristol and a lot of work was done widening the C-4 trail through HHSP South property.

Inspection of all bridges is needed this year and should be conducted in September. We need to make sure all bridges are safe for groomer access and for snowmobilers. This will be determined and assigned at our upcoming meetings in August and September.

All our trails were GPS'd to make sure our trail mileage was accurate and submitted as required in our phase 1 and 2 application for trail funding, through NYSOPHP (New York State Parks and Recreation). All trail funding dollars comes from your NYS snowmobile registration and not NYS tax dollars. That is why we ask that you register in August and prior to December so money can be properly allocated to the clubs for this riding season. Otherwise, those registration dollars roll into the following year. Our trail dollars were down by almost 2000.00 due to people registering their sleds after December or not at all.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Newsletters are getting pretty expensive to mail out these days and it takes a significant portion of our budget to send them out. We are going to rely more on emails, Facebook and the HVR website for up to date communications. One of our members Brian Boorman, is doing a great job updating and enhancing our website. We sincerely thank him for his services. We will only be sending out 2 mailings per year, one mailing in the July/August time frame and a combined September/October and November issue. All other newsletters will be posted at our hillandvalleyriders.com website or facebook. This will allow us to cut costs and still get pertinent information out to our members for pre-season. It also allows us to post more news on our website with the expectation that members check the website more frequently for up to date information. You can always find the latest information on our website and FACEBOOK.

Dave Arnold is coordinating groomer repairs so anyone that is mechanically inclined and can help out would be appreciated. You can contact Dave at his email address or phone listed on the front page of this newsletter. August is when your snowmobile registrations are due. Sign up on line for your HVR membership. Don't forget to send your membership in early this year. The longer you wait in the year the less money that is appropriated to the NYS trail fund program.

We can always use more help installing signs at the start of the season. Please come to one of our meetings and we can set you up with an area of responsibility. It isn't hard and we can definitely use the help. The more people helping, the easier it makes all of our jobs. As president I'm also looking for someone interested in taking the role as president of HVR. I've performed this job for a long time and I would like to mentor someone for a year so that they can step in and manage the club. The club actually manages itself pretty well with all the officer positions. There is overlap and experience by all on the team. I can't be expected to do this forever. 24 years is long enough, it is time for change. Mentorship is the best way to have a successful transfer of management responsibilities.

FUNDING AND GRANT COORDINATOR:

HVR is entering into the 2013-2014 season of snowmobiling and although this seems like just another season on its way, we should be excited and proud of where HVR is and some of the changes that are in store for us.

Over the past few years I know you have not seen me at meetings and such, as I have been working with my kids thru scouts and other activities. However, I can assure you I'm still here helping HVR transition to another level, working with the funding program, groomer purchases, working with county government and communicating with surrounding clubs. This year will be a major turning point for HVR. As a club, we need to be ready for snow, grooming and be there to support our land owners, making sure trails are cleared and marked properly. We need all of our HVR members to offer a hand so that we are sure to start off our season successfully. Did you know that in 1999 and 2000 HVR operated on about \$500 to \$600 a year or less? We had a pancake breakfast, 50/50 raffles as well as other events to raise money. At the time, membership was growing and the club had established some exciting goals. We have come a long way since then. One major goal was to be able to groom trails. This happened and it was a rough start but we learned and improved. At the time, I remember saying it would be great to see us grooming with actual Class "A" Groomers but at that time it was so out of reach it was mind boggling. Most people didn't think it could happen, plus the cost of a used class "A" groomer was starting around \$10,000 and on a \$500 a year budget it was a farfetched goal. Today a new Class "A" groomer starts upwards of \$100,000. But HVR is getting there little by little.

We have our range runner groomer for sale and we have sold the Skandic groomer a class "C" groomer that allot of us wrestled with over the years. The Skandic was our 1st groomer and our first experience into the grooming effort. The unit proved to be a huge success and those that operated it, now had a new appreciation for grooming and digging in the snow. This soon proved to HVR we needed something to cover more ground and handle the traffic in our area. This led us thru the years of slowly upgrading learning, struggling and utilizing new and improved equipment. Now 12 years later HVR is going to enter into the 2013-14 season operating two Class "A" groomers and one Class "B" groomer. Our newest addition is a BR60+ (Class A) with an 8x18 mogul master drag this will operate out of the gun club and cover S49 and C4. Our Bombi (Class B) is being refitted and will be operating out of Honeoye to cover S41, S41A as well as other areas. And our SV301 (Class A) will cover C4 and S44 as well as the seasonal roads in the southern half of the HVR area. These units will need good operators, people ready to learn, and help us. Our equipment is not brand new as we simply cannot afford \$100,000+ equipment. Federal Grants are on hold, trail funding is down due to low registrations so we HVR are doing the best we can.

Along with the Grooming changes, there will be changes in procedures for submittals and handling of funding information in both Livingston County and Ontario Counties. We are now entering into a new era of an electronic filing system. This means 90% of the funding will be done online. We are hopeful that with this change it helps simplify the funding process and makes it easier on the county to process the funds back to the clubs on a more punctual basis.

FINANCIAL: Current balances in bank accounts

Checking Balance:	\$ 1,100.00
Savings Balance:	\$ 7,000.00
Petty Cash:	\$ 125.00

STORAGE: Snowmobile and/or snowmobile trailer storage. Large vehicle storage building that is clean, safe and secure. Reasonable summer rates. Brian Rayburn 585-229-5563 or 585-314-1213.

Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. has a Range Runner with low hours of usage for sale. This Unit is a diesel in excellent condition. This unit is great for driveway plowing and use in a wet trail area. It will not rut up trails or fields. Asking \$ 8000.00 or best offer.