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November/December 2013 NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas!!

NEXT MEETINGS - 12/12/13, 1/16/14, 2/20/14, 3/20/14, 4/17/14

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m. **EXCEPT** for this December, the meeting will be held on the second Thursday. See details under "Events."

**TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (MUZZLE LOADING) SEASON ENDS ON 12/17/13
TRAILS OPEN ON 12/18/13 - CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING
CHECK THE WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK FOR TRAIL UPDATES BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL**

Memberships are due by December 12, 2013. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed this year's 2013-2014 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As you all know, last season was a little better than the previous year. As a club, we survived, but that could all change in the future for a lot of clubs. The fact is simple and that most all most all of our club trail funding is received through sled registrations based on registration numbers from December to December and club membership fees. It appears that membership is down state wide (including HVR), which is definitely going to have an impact on next year's trail dollars awarded to us and other clubs in NYS for 2013-2014 snow season.

A future requirement from NYS Parks and Recreation is that groomers will have GPS units that will be activated when they are in motion. NYS Parks is really trying to knuckle down on false reporting of grooming hours. We have most of our trails GPS'ed with a few more miles worth to do here and there.

Since we had another low snow last year, there was a limited amount of hours grooming or expenses associated with grooming. However, we did have a lot of equipment repairs which helped out a whole lot. Last year equipment breakdowns plagued us and we didn't do well at all on the grooming front. The goal is this year to have our complete fleet of groomers upgraded and ready to role for the coming winter.

If this winter is light and registrations are down, you may find that some clubs across NYS may fold. I hope not but it could start to effect clubs that are not conservative with their spending.

This sport takes a lot of work and many hands, more now than ever, to accomplish goals and to meet the constant new rules set by NYS for trail posting. Please come to meetings, help with trail work, and get involved. Take on a section of trail and maintain the signs for the season, erecting them and removing them at the end of the season.

HVR members have been busy behind the scenes this summer improving trails, communicating with new landowners for permission and repairing groomers. 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. Many of our neighbors in the surrounding townships work with us and allow us to have this privilege. Kids in Honeoye have the privilege to ride their sleds to 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 from North of Spencer Park, all the way through the park and south to Dutch Hollow Rd. with NO road riding.

During events at the park you should avoid going into the park. Please go to the Website for information on when those events will be held: http://www.sectionv.org/index.php/nordic_skiing/pages/racing There will be a re-route as follows: 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.

TRAILS:

Trails remain closed on the entire system until deer season ends on 12/17/13. Trails open on 12/18/13 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 people's 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, as always, 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. are 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 going on by a number of groups of people and ready for another winter. We are still looking for additional people to take a section of trail and help out with marking and cleaning the trail. Looking for someone to take over S-41 to Lock Stock and Barrel.

Groomers will be located as follows: Bombi will be located in town and groom S-41a and S-41 and HVR1. The BR60+ will be located at the HFGC for trails in Hemlock S-49 and C-4, Honeoye and Ashley Road areas. Large Bombardier SV301 unit will be located on Coates Road for the Naples, Liddiard Road and Peglow Road areas. If you're interested in grooming, contact Dave Arnold our equipment and grooming coordinator. You must have 1 on 1 training to run the club equipment.

EVENTS:

We have changed the **December meeting to Thursday, December 12th** since the 19th is so close to Christmas. This meeting will be the HVR Christmas meeting, held at the Honeoye Fish and Game Club; we will be having a pot-luck gathering, so please bring a dish to share. This is in lieu of any official Christmas Party. Please come and celebrate the holidays with us. We would love to see you there.

The New York State Youth Snowmobile Safety Course was held on 11/2/13 at O'Neill's Sales in Farmington. Thanks to our instructors, Victoria O'Neill from O'Neill Sales, Scott Wohlschlegel & Jim Fyfe from Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. our snowmobilers are now well educated and ready for the snowmobile season. Thank you to Victoria at O'Neill's Sales for having the event at your facility.

Steak Roast Dinner: This event will be held on Saturday, January 25th, 2014 at Eddy's Lakeside Restaurant on East Lake Road in Honeoye, NY. A detailed flyer with a reservation slip is included with this mailing. Please hang on to it because we will not be mailing another one. You may always get the information on our website and on Facebook. Please, contact Jennifer Wohlschlegel @ 585-474-2677 or j.wohlschlegel@hotmail.com with any questions.