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November/December 2014 NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas!!

NEXT MEETINGS - 11/20/14, 12/11/14, 01/15/15, 02/19/20/15, 3/19/15, 4/16/15

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 12/16/14
TRAILS OPEN ON 12/17/14 - CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING
CHECK THE WEBSITE AND/OR FACEBOOK FOR TRAIL UPDATES BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL**

Memberships are due by December 12, 2014. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed this year's 2014-2015 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:

HVR members have been busy behind the scenes this summer improving trails and making some serious repairs where flooding raised havoc with our trail system this summer. I have been communicating with new landowners (4 new landowners) for permission for land use and I have been successful getting their permission for use. There is a lot of hard work going on by a lot of dedicated members who want to improve the sport of snowmobiling in our area. Think about this question: **How do we encourage more youths to get involved to sustain the sport?**

We are heading down the home stretch preparation wise and there is still a lot that has to be done. Groomers are still being worked on, trail signs need to go up and some last minute bridge repairs need to be done. As a club, we had a good year overall financially, however with this year's bad weather it has put a strain on labor and used a lot of reserve money. Our club is financially solid but we have spent a lot of money on trail repair, which includes bridges, culverts and washouts. Not the way we wanted to spend dollars but necessary.

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 this year's trail dollars awarded to us and other clubs in NYS for 2014-2015 snow season. It is extremely important that any work performed on the bridges, culverts, trails and groomers is recorded on work sheets and signed off and dated by all members present performing the work. Work hours are then entered into the online NYS parks data system which tallies up the number of work hours and enables us to justify reimbursement from NYS Parks. A huge part of our funding dollars will be based on groomer hours. If groomers aren't running and logging hours, our financial aid from NYS Parks will be significantly lower. **Extremely important to have groomers running and people out running groomers. Grooming personnel are needed. If you're interested in grooming, contact Dave Arnold our equipment and grooming coordinator. You must have one-on-one training to run the club equipment.**

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 all of our funded trails (C-4, S-41, S-41a, S-49 and S-44) GPS'ed. This year all HVR club trails need to be GPS'ed for insurance reasons.

The goal for this year is to have our complete fleet of groomers upgraded and ready to role for the up-coming winter. There is still a lot of work on them that needs to be completed. If you can help let, Dave Arnold know. Last year we did fairly well with grooming and the BR-60+ was a real asset for us in that it groomed a lot of trail for us and very quickly. The Bombi did its fair share too. The SV301 is still giving us some steering issues but we hope to resolve that this year.

This sport requires a lot of work and many hands, to accomplish goals set forth and to meet trail marking requirements. 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. We really need to encourage younger riders to get involved and be part of the club, understand how the club functions, what it takes to keep trails open in our community. A lot of the people out doing trail work are 50+ years of age. Not sustainable for the long term. Please encourage your children and family to help.

One fact is for certain; don't take our riding privileges lightly in our community. 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. **I already have received complaints about excessive noise from last year's snowmobile season. Landowners on S-41A who have homes very close to the trail would appreciate an end to late night riding and not**

loitering in the field next to homes. Please make an effort to keep your machines quiet in residential areas. I do think we'll establish some curfew hours to be determined and voted on at the November meeting. Please pay attention to future curfew signs.

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.

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. One of the first events at the Park is the Frozen Assets Snowshoe race that will be held on Jan. 3rd from 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM. **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 12/16/14. Trails open on 12/17/14 system providing there is adequate snow, 3" or more.. 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. **S-41 trail to Lock Stock and Barrel will have logging in progress and this trail will be closed from South Hill down to Lock Stock and Barrel at the start of the season. Please stay out of the area until we inspect the trail and consider it safe to pass. Due to our bridge washing out at Lock's, the trail has changed and now runs along Rt. 64. You will have to use Rt.64 roadside and bridge to get to Locks. Be careful of traffic and the guard rails along the road.**

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. Work completed this summer.

1. S-41 trail widened from Pierpont to 20a. Can now use large groomer
2. Bridges repaired on Sandy Bottom Trail from flooding. S-41a Gillen Bridge repair also.
3. 2 Culvert repairs on S-41
4. Washout repaired on S-41a
5. Cratsley Bridge (C-4) and Kester Bridge (S-41) put back in place and repaired
6. New culvert installation planned at Hemlock Sportsman Club
7. Groomers getting tires, sprockets, and track rubber repairs and some frame welding completed

We are still looking for additional people to take a section of trail and help out with marking and cleaning the trail. We are looking for someone to take over S-41 from Lower Egypt Rd., to Lock Stock and Barrel.

EVENTS:

We have changed the **December meeting to Thursday, December 11th** since the 18th 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.**

Steak Roast Dinner: This event will be held on Saturday, January 24th, 2015 at American Legion 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.