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## SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### NEXT MEETINGS

No July Meeting, 8/17, 09/21, 10/19, 11/16 and 12/14.

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 registration renewal and club membership renewal starts in August, 2017. **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). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Deadline for Membership renewal is **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017** for clubs to receive funding that will apply to this snowmobile season. After December 1<sup>st</sup> the funding will go into next season.

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

1. Complete the enclosed form and mail it back. Your voucher by choice will be E-Mailed or mailed to you. (\*\*Business memberships need to be printed and mailed in. Online registration is not possible).
2. Visit our website, click on "Join Our Club Online." This will take you to the NYSSA website. Follow the instructions (helpful tips are listed on both our website and NYSSA), 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 (similar to #1).
4. Join at a meeting and your voucher will be E-mailed or mailed out the next day! No more blank vouchers allowed.

### EVENTS & CONNECTIONS:

Please visit our website ([hillandvalleyriders.com](http://hillandvalleyriders.com)), follow us on Twitter (@HVR\_Snow) and/or like our page on Facebook (HillNValleyRiders) for latest news, events and updates.

We also have a mass texting service so that you can get immediate information on trail statuses and club happenings. We create a new text code every year, so if you signed up last year please sign-up with the new code to continue receiving texts.

#### **Directions:**

Go to the following web link: <https://www.remind.com/join/hvr2> and follow the prompts.

OR

Text @hvr2 to the number 81010. You'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If you have trouble with 81010, then try texting @hvr2 to (832) 726-1683.

**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 2017-2018 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 are a landowner** that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership for allowing us to utilize a trail through your respective property. Fill out the attached form, say YES you're a landowner on the trail system and mail the form to us.

Also, please consider this letter and the included \$20.00 ticket voucher as a thank you for your cooperation and generosity in using your land for trails. You may utilize this ticket for \$20.00 at Cornerstone Market, Valley Inn, Lock Stock and Barrel, The Boathouse and Mill Creek.

*No cash value. No cash, credit or balance back. Coupon not valid on prior purchases, gift cards, or event fees. Offer good for one time use only. You must present coupon at time of purchase to redeem. It cannot be combined with any other offer, coupon of employee or friends and family discount. Coupon may not be reproduced. Some businesses may not allow the sale of alcohol using this voucher.*

**Directions:**

1. Go to one of the participating restaurants.
2. Inform them that you would like to use an HVR voucher.
3. They will take maximum \$20.00 off of your bill. This is a onetime use voucher. If you do not use the full \$20.00 at that time you will NOT get the voucher back with a new balance, cash or credit.
4. The server will keep the voucher, attach a copy of the bill, put it somewhere safe so that an HVR officer can collect soon after the expiration of 10/1/17 and then pay the money owed for all vouchers used.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter starting out the 2017-2018 snowmobile season.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please stay updated on our website, Twitter, Remind text and/or Facebook.

**TRAIL WORK:**

We have some trail work already under way with a new culvert pipe being installed on S-49 Hemlock trail on 20a. HVR President Scott Wohlschlegel and HVR Trail Coordinator Rich VanAmberg worked with the landowner and NYSDOT for obtaining permission and a permit to install the culvert pipe. This will allow for a more visible and safer road crossing for both snowmobiles and the groomer

We have other culverts to be installed on White Rd. across from the water tank road and another culvert out behind Faith Bible Church.

There is some culvert work needed on S-41 off Co. Rd. 33 where heavy rains washed out the culvert on the lower section of the trail near the road.

Permits have been secured for use of NYSDEC wet lands area in Honeoye and for NYSDEC forest land in Hemlock. Clint VanDewark worked through the permits with the state.

Inspection of all bridges is needed this year and should be done by September. We need to make sure all bridges are safe for groomer access and for snowmobilers. Some bridge work is needed on the two smaller bridges heading toward Honeoye Lake. Clint VanDewark and the **Boy Scout Troop 521** will be assessing and fixing up these bridges. HVR Vice President Jim Fyfe will assist. The Kip Gillan Bridge needs to be re-decked and we have the lumber for that project already at the site.

All our trails are up to date on GPS for this season. GPS is 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.

**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. We will have 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 face book. 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, Facebook, Remind Text and Twitter.

Dave Arnold is coordinating all groomer repairs so anyone that is mechanically inclined and can help out would be appreciated. We can also use some additionally trained groomers that are good at handling equipment and taking great care on use so not to cause groomer damage. You can contact Dave at his email address or phone listed on the front page of this newsletter.

We can always use more trail coordinators or participants to 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.

**FUNDING AND GRANT COORDINATOR:**

HVR is entering into the 2017-2018 snowmobile season with funding challenges. Recording and submitting hours, location and specific work completed is key to receiving member registration money back to HVR. This process can be very simple but it has to be done in a timely fashion. You have 60 days from the time you did the work to get it into the system. This seems like a long time but it is easy to forget to log that 1 hour or that 2 hour time frame. But these 1 and 2-hour volunteer hours are huge for HVR on a low snow year. Without these logged hours we would not be able to get our trail funds back

to us. In summary, PLEASE document and log your volunteer hours for all trail work! If you are still unsure of the process feel free to contact any HVR officer or attend a meeting.

Currently when you register your sled, some of this money (\$10.00) is lost in fees to the DMV, the rest of the fee goes to the snowmobile trail fund. Each year snowmobile clubs apply for funding through NYS Parks and it is based on trail miles, trail destinations, trail quality / location, trail size (width), and its grooming status. These factors determine whether or not the trail gets funded and at what rate that trail is classified. The classification determines how much per mile a club will be allotted for funding. The allotted funding is also based on number of snowmobile registrations in NYS for the year (that is where you can help by registering your sled). If there are more registered, the factor goes up and if there is less the factor goes down.

**How can you help? What can be done?** We need you to volunteer your time and energy! For example, we need that section of trail that runs through your neighbor's property trimmed up, the brush trimmed back, the down tree limbs picked up. It could be an hour stroll through the woods picking up and doing general maintenance. Fixing the sign on the corner that is leaning over. These tasks, as small as they may seem, all add up and in turn make for a great trail system when the snow hits. Talk to that neighbor and help trim up those low hanging limbs or that scrub brush that has grown like mad due to all this rain we have had. Once you have done some trail work if you do not know how to enter the data send a txt or E-mail with a photo of the work to an HVR officer to get the hours logged into the system. If every Member of HVR did this we would not only have enough hours to submit for funding reimbursement we would also have an amazing trail system.

#### **TO OUR YOUNGER RIDERS:**

Yes, I am calling out to the youth that ride the trails, the ones that ride to school, basketball games, and other school functions. HVR needs your help, we need your ideas, time and energy just as much as we need your parents' ideas, time energy and knowledge. HVR wants to see our younger riders taking pride in the HVR Trail System. So, come to a meeting or come to help on bridge work. There is much effort that goes into the trail system and it takes a ton to keep it going. If you want it to become better or a trail improved or a route to a new destination we need your input and help. We have an amazing community from landowners to businesses and your help is just as important and is needed to keep HVR Trail system the best we can make it. Step-up, we'll be waiting!

**FINANCIAL:** Balances in bank accounts below are current up to July 2017.

*Checking Balance: \$442.08*

*Savings Balance: \$23,388.31*

*Petty Cash: \$5.96*

*Groomer Loan Balance: \$5486.19*