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SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETINGS

No July Meeting, 8/16, 09/20, 10/18, 11/15 and 12/13.

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 Late August, 2018. **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 1st, 2018** for clubs to receive funding that will apply to this snowmobile season. After December 1st 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. (****ALL 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), follow us on Twitter (@HVR_Snow) and/or like our page 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 another good year of snowmobiling for the 2018-2019 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. Please, fill out the attached form, say YES you're a landowner on the trail system and mail the form to us. By filling out the form it allows us to have the correct information. Online is NOT an option for the free membership.

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, 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 receipt, and put it somewhere safe at the restaurant so that an HVR officer can collect soon after the expiration of 09/30/18 and then pay the money owed for all vouchers used.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter starting out the 2018-2019 snowmobile season.

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

TRAIL WORK:

We have some trail work already under way with new culvert pipes being installed on the extension of S-49 Hemlock trail toward Livonia NY. Dave Ripley and Rich Kraft have been working with NYSDEC Forestry Unit on this project.

We have other work being done on Sandy Bottom Bridges by Clint VanDewark and the Boy Scout Troop #521. Clint is working with the town securing the permits from NYSDEC to perform the bridge work needed to allow for better water flow and drainage in the area.

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.

All of our trails are up to date on GPS for this season. GPS is required in our Phase 1 and 2 applications for trail funding, through NYSOPHP (New York State Parks and Recreation). There may be a few trails that will need GPS'ing for the 2019-2020 season. All trail funding dollars comes from your NYS snowmobile registration and **NOT** NYS tax dollars.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Most people have probably noticed we had a website update with a new format and look. We try hard to keep the site updated with any club information, new items and trail statuses during the snowmobile season. One of the biggest transitions to the new website format is that it will recognize the type of device that you use to access it so that the information is fully visible on a cell phone or a computer device. Feel free to email us your feedback on the website!

Dave Arnold is coordinating all groomer repairs; 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 when using so as not to cause groomer damage. You can contact Dave at his email address or phone listed on the front page of this newsletter.

You will also notice that we did a lot of grooming last year through The Park and South into Naples. We sold our old groomer, the SV 301 Bombi and bought a used Tucker Diesel Snow Cat and drag. This unit worked excellent for us. Dave Arnold did a great job grooming this area last year.

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.

I want to finish saying that last year people did a great job staying on the trail. No landowner complaints. I believe people are finally getting the message that staying on the trail is important and is a **MUST**. However, there were some noise complaints due to modified exhaust. Nationwide this has been an issue and most clubs and state organizations are totally in tune with the fact that this could be the number one cause of trails being shut down. People need to understand this and not modify their exhaust systems. It is against the law in NYS and in many other states including Canada Provinces. It is a \$300.00 fine in NYS for having a modified exhaust in excess of 65 Decibels. If you are one that modified your exhaust or purchased a used sled with such, then you are creating an issue for our trail system that we have all worked so hard to achieve.

As a result of last year's complaints, from someone riding through with loud pipes at 2:00 AM, Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. took a pro-active approach to addressing late night riding on the trail system.

There has **always** been a riding time curfew in the townships, particularly on and along any town roads. The curfew is expanded to trails as all the trails cross roads, run along roads and down some seasonal type roads. The riding times are the following:

During the Week: Sunday through Thursday 8:00 AM till 11:00 PM.

During the Weekend: Friday and Saturday, 8:00 AM till 12:00 Midnight.

It is our expectation that all abide by the ruling. It's Town Law and it can be fineable if you're breaking the law. This is our pro-active approach to do something right to avoid any further consequences or issues. It is our intent to be good stewards in our community and always be thoughtful of our landowners, neighbors and friends that live near or on the trail system, which we have established through their respective properties.

FUNDING AND GRANT COORDINATOR:

HVR members did a great job entering work hours into the state online database. 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.

We can always use more help and last year we had quite a few new young snowmobilers jumping in and helping out, which was great to see! In general, for a club to survive we need to have new and younger people stepping in and helping out. 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 or 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 overgrown 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 text or E-mail with a photo of the work and hours to an HVR officer to get them 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.

FINANCIAL:

Balances in bank accounts below are current up to July 2018.

Groomer Loan Balance BR-60: \$2586.83

Groomer Loan and Balance Tucker: \$8455.15

Checking, Savings and Petty Cash totals are announced at Meetings.