



Hill and Valley Riders
Honeoye, New York

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SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETINGS

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

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, 2019. **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, 2019** 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.

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 another good year of snowmobiling for the 2019-2020 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 during the months of September-November.

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 for addresses and phone numbers.

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 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 10/31/19 and then pay the money owed for all vouchers used.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter starting out the 2019-2020 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 where the trail on S-41a has been redirected in the field off Co. Rd. 37 and a new trail blazed through the woods to reconnect into the S-41a main trail. The owner is putting up a new fence for livestock and offered to have us come straight off the field and into the woods. It removes a sharp corner.

Much of the Sandy Bottom trail work is done to allow for better water flow and drainage in the area. Many culverts were put in and the area was logged and cleaned up. We built one new bridge last fall and will likely be replacing or rebuilding on of the other bridges in the near future. We can now run the BR-60 through S-41a and complete the grooming loop for S-41a and HVR-1.

Permits are in the process of being secured for use of NYSDEC wet lands area in Honeoye and for NYSDEC forest land in Hemlock and HHSP. Clint VanDewark is performing these tasks as they need to be completed in July.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Last year was a relatively low snow year again for our area. Riding areas to the North of us and up in the Adirondack areas had a great year for snow. It has always been challenging around our area to keep snow do the fluctuation in temperatures and snow amounts. Many times we get cold weather but NO snow. With that said, we still need to put forth good effort to make sure our trails are safe, with good trail marking and good trail riding etiquette as outlined in the NYSSA guidelines and NYS Park trail marking guide.

Dave Arnold, our Equipment Coordinator is coordinating all groomer repairs so anyone that is mechanically inclined and can help out would be appreciated. We can also use some additional 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.

For the limited snow that we had, Dave Arnold did a great job grooming last year primarily with the Tucker on C-4 to the country line. We also purchased the OLD SKI VALLEY Piston Bully. The unit started and runs well motor wise but needs some work on one of the hydraulic pumps for steering. There are also 5 guide tires that need to be replaced as well. Work on this unit is commencing during the summer months.

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. We had NO 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 this could be 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. 300.00 fine in NYS for modified exhaust in excess of 65 Decibels. If you are one that modified your exhaust, then you are creating an issue for our trail system that we have all worked so hard to achieve.

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. 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.

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.

This was 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 that 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.

If you are a member of a Snowmobile club, your NYS Snowmobile registration is \$45. If you're not a club member, it is \$100.00 No matter what way you choose, when you register your snowmobile and/or spend \$45 or \$100, \$10 is paid NYSDMV the other \$35 or \$90 goes directly into the trail fund managed thru NYS Parks and Recreation. These funds are then allocated to our NYS snowmobile trails maintained by Clubs like the Hill and Valley Riders Inc. Funding allocations are based on trail mileage, trail width, and trail groomer size. You may ask; "Why does the Groomer play into the trail funding?" The groomer style and size can impact the trail size and quality of a trail. A heavier groomer can pack the snow better and provide a better base that can last longer and help protect the under growth. As a narrower groomer tends to be much lighter and therefore this machine may need to operate more to help maintain a solid trail base. All of this helps to determine trail classification and trail quality and safety for the rider and land owners. All of these items go together and it sounds like a ton to think about but we can take away from all of this is that over years and years of snowmobiling we are continuing to improve safety, help land owners, protect the land and area we all love, and provide a safe network of trails our friends and families can enjoy when mother nature gives us snow.

HVR is one snowmobile club that has a unique situation, as we have a large amount of youth in our area that rides Snowmobiles. We also have a School that supports it, and our trail system runs right thru town and across School grounds. HVR works with the School district to mark the trail accordingly and also provide trail access to the desired snowmobile parking area located by the Auditorium entrance on the North East corner. Students that ride typically coordinate rides and come in together, so please be sure to talk with your kids and watch for HVR trail conditions this winter for days they can ride to school, or ride to a game or concert. Please ask your child to also talk to their teachers as they can help students with a place to keep your helmet as they do not fit in a locker.

FINANCIAL: Balances in bank accounts below are current up to July 2019.

Groomer Tucker Loan Balance: \$6,251.67

Groomer Piston Bully Balance: \$5,055.52

HVR savings and checking balances are reviewed at each club meeting.