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SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETINGS

8/18, 9/15, 10/20 11/17 and 12/8*.

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m.,
except for the Christmas Celebration which is on *12/8/22

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Snowmobile registration renewal and club membership renewal starts in Late August, 2022. **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, 2022** for clubs to receive funding that will apply to this snowmobile season. After December 1st the funding will go into next season.

There are three 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 2022/2023 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. In Livingston County, you have received a letter and official permission document to sign off on and mail back to us. This is required by Livingston County. In Ontario County, a phone call is acceptable for permission as long as the call is documented.

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 most up to date correct information for addresses and phone numbers. We ask that you do this every year. Every member needs to do this to get a voucher mailed (or emailed) so that you can register your sled for 45.00 through NYS DMV.

TRAIL WORK/Equipment:

Our snowmobile club completed a lot of trail work last year that really enhanced our trails and ability to accommodate our larger groomers. There is still much more trail work to be done. Here are some completed projects and some that are in the works.

1. The Town of Richmond finalized the installation of the Sandy Bottom Culvert.
2. New HVR Trail was blazed to replace the old HVR 1 (804) trail that goes out by the BirdHouse .
3. Work is being done to widen the S49A trail to Livonia to accommodate the groomer. Help is needed, contact Kevin Barrett.
4. Some folks from the Sparta area are working on permissions for an extension of our trail system from Wayland into Mt. Morris and Letchworth State Park. Kevin Barrett is working with this group.
5. Groomer Maintenance is in progress
6. Looking into a purchase of a New/Used Tucker for trail grooming.
7. Misty Glen Trail still needs widening and work that could get up to the Church on Canadice Hill. Looking for someone to head up this project.

Inspection of all bridges is needed this year and should be completed by August. We need to make sure all bridges are safe for groomer access and for snowmobilers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Last year was short year for snowmobiling as it allowed for approximately 4 weeks of riding. Rides to Arkport and Birdsall were fairly common among members. Riding areas to the North of us and up in the Adirondack region had a fairly good year for snow overall. Most areas mid-state had a relatively short snowmobile season and some areas had very little riding due to low snow. Snowmobile sales hit and all time high and new sleds on the floor were hard to find. Used sleds were and still are, bringing a premium price.

Our Operators Dave Arnold, Dave Phillips, Rich VanAmberg, Scott Wohlschlegel, Clint VanDewak and Corey Weston, did a great job this year. We had lots of great comments on how good our trails were groomed in our riding area. We put a lot of time in keeping the trails groomed the best we could, which was the best job ever for grooming trails in our club. We continue to look for qualified groomers, people that can run equipment, treat it properly and minimize operating costs by not breaking equipment and paying attention to detail when running it. Dave Arnold, our Equipment Coordinator is coordinating all groomer repairs so anyone that is mechanically inclined and can help it would be appreciated. You can contact Dave at his email address or phone listed on the front page of this newsletter.

I want to thank Kevin Barrett for coordinating the final permissions for the new trail to Livonia and working with West's Surfine on some final land permissions there. Kevin Barrett is also working with some Sparta folks on landowner permissions for a proposed trail from Wayland to Letchworth State Park. Kevin Schuster and some of his friends completed some necessary trail signing from the golf course North to Livonia. This was a major accomplishment that opened the area up for a lot of riders from the Livonia. We appreciate all the help we can get from Livonia riders to mark trails.

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 work to do and we can definitely use the help. The more people helping, the easier it makes all of our jobs. Overall, most snowmobile clubs in NYS are hurting for volunteers. Help is needed.

Last year, there were a few landowner concerns in Honeoye where snowmobilers didn't follow the signs and stay on the trail. As president, when I get those types of calls I promptly call the trail coordinator for that area to investigate quickly and ask questions to fully understand the situation and/or investigate myself. Last year some of the issues were caused by our own error of not signing trails properly. I investigated a couple of landowner concerns where we as a club, including myself, didn't mark the trail well enough and it caused people to guess and wander off trail. Thankfully, landowner contacted me, we addressed the issue and everyone was happy with the result. There were some cases where stakes/signs were placed in fields or in people's lawns and snowmobilers didn't stay between the stakes. A general rule of thumb should be that where there are houses, especially going through someone's lawn, staying on the trail between the stakes is required, keeping the noise to a minimum (loud exhaust or modified exhaust) and demonstrating respect for the landowner that give us permission to be there is an absolute must. There are many trails that lead into towns where snowmobilers need to be attentive and understand that they have a privilege to be there and NOT A RIGHT. Please follow all signs, stay between the stakes in the fields, and don't cut corners in field and keep noise to a minimum. **If you are riding across private property to get to the marked trails, make sure you have the express permission from that landowner to do so. DO NOT pin it on the snowmobile club or expect us to do it for you, nor should you have the landowner contacting us for your mistake. You owe it to the landowner to ask before you ride. Don't assume it's OK.**

Last year we put up new signs that said DEER SEASON, TRIALS CLOSED UNTIL and then the date. We had zero complaints last year of trespassing during deer season. This past year deer season was extended to January 1st. It appears they are doing this extended season again this year. This is a law the NYSDEC passed for the Southern Hunting Zone. Counties may opt out of the program if they wish. Please coordinate with the landowner for putting up signs if you want to get them in the ground before the ground freezes. Most landowners are willing to let you in during deer season as long as you contact them and let them know.

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.

Remember to make sure when riding through town on the trail to extra careful of traffic in and around driveways, entrances to the various businesses, specifically Dolco, The Town Hall, Library and the Birdhouse. Main Street is a busy area. Stop at all stop signs and look for cars and trucks. A snowmobile doesn't stand a chance if hit by a car or truck. We want to keep our safety record clean. You can help keep it that way.

It is our full intent as a club, 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. We have a great area to ride in and great landowners that work with us.

Lastly, we offer Scholarship Awards to students in the Honeoye, Naples and Wayland areas and sadly to say, NOBODY applied last year for the award. I find totally amazing someone wouldn't jump through a few hoops for free money. Please communicate the award availability to friends and family.

FUNDING AND GRANT COORDINATOR:

Logging your work hours is critical for HVR to receive funding We have done great every year and we need to continue this effort. By tracking our hours, it gets our registration dollars back to HVR to improve our trail system and in turn helps everyone in our area. HVR has put trail fund dollars into Culverts, Bridges, Trimming, Grading, Local parks, Towns, Signage and more. These dollars also help us pay for grooming equipment, maintenance on equipment as well as fuel to run the grooming equipment. So we need every volunteer to help log your hours even that 1 hour you did moving a fallen tree benefits the trail system here in our area so please, let us know, and please help us out in trail preparation and tracking everything we do to make our trail system possible.

HVR is a snowmobile club that has a unique situation, as we have a large amount of youth in our area that ride Snowmobiles. During the 2021-2022 season 4 to 6 sleds on average would be at school a day. We also have a School that supports it, and our trail system runs right thru town and across School grounds. When our school class size averages around 50 students and at the High school level out of that 50 about 8 have snowmobiles and will ride, if possible, it is a great thing to see. 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 Northeast 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 their helmet and or gear as they do not always fit in a locker. Students talk to your teachers as some do ride as well and it is great to see our students and staff out on the trails.

FINANCIAL:

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