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December 2023 Newsletter and Attached HVR MAP

NEXT MEETINGS

12/15/22, 1/19/23, 2/16/23, 3/16/23 and 4/20/23. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m.

TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (Extended MUZZLE LOADING/BOW Holiday Hunt) ENDS ON THE EVENING OF 1/1/2023

LIMITED TRAILS COULD OPEN ON 1/2/23 – CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING

+Check the website trail report and Facebook for trail updates before you hit the trails+.

MEMBERSHIP:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Deadline for Membership Renewal is December 1st, 2022 for clubs to receive funding that will apply to THIS snowmobile season for trail maintenance and grooming. After December 1st, the funding will go into next season. **If you join a snowmobile club before December 1st, your name will automatically be added to the NYSSA 1000.00 raffle contest where you could win 1000.00 just for registering early.** If you have friends and family that still need to join a club, share this information with them!

Down Load the NYSSA Trail Map on your cell phone for accurate trail locations.

There are several ways to join or renew your Membership to our club:

1. Visit our website, click on "Join Our Club Online", follow the instructions (helpful tips are listed on our website), pay by credit card and print out your voucher immediately.
2. Download "membership application" and mail it back to us, then your voucher will be E-Mailed or mailed to you.
3. Join us at a meeting and your voucher will be E-mailed or mailed out the next day!
4. **If you are a landowner that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership.** Please fill out the membership form and make a note that you are a landowner located on the trail system. Mail it to HVR's mailing address at the top of this newsletter.

Sara Graham is our HVR/NYSSA Administrator. She produces snowmobile registration vouchers and insurance certificates for landowners on behalf of the club. Please contact her with any membership questions with an email or phone listed above.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA:

For latest news, events and trail updates:

- Visit our website www.hillandvalleyriders.com
- "LIKE" our page to receive newsfeed on Facebook (@HillandValleyRiders)

FINANCIAL:

Currently HVR has one loan for a PB Trail Bully 150, three groomer tractors and three groomer drags in total. HVR is in great financial shape going forward into the 2022-2023 snowmobiling season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting Honeoye Fish and Game Club-is on 12/15/22**
- **Snowmobile Safety Course was completed on 11/6/2022**

Trail work and other projects completed or underway:

- S49A Livonia trail; a new wider bridge was installed and the trail widened in the woods to accommodate groomer.
- C4 Trail of Cole Rd. was widened out to accommodate new groomer.
- New 804 (HVR 1) Honeoye Birdhouse trail has been re-routed and will be reopened this year.
- A new trail re-route on S41 off Lower Egypt Rd. was completed which will require running along Lower Egypt Rd for approximately ½ mile.
- Piston Bully (PB) 200 had total fluid change, some hydraulic hose leaks repaired.
- Piston Bully (PB) Trail Bully 150 had a total fluid change.
- New tongue being made up for Mogul Master for PB 150.
- Tucker 1000 oil and differential transaxle fluid change.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Just a reminder to stay off the snowmobile trails until deer season is done on evening of 1/1/23, which is a week longer due to NYSDEC's extended holiday deer hunt. Snowmobilers need to be aware and be respectful of the landowner's requests to stay off during the hunting deer season. In some cases the extended holiday hunt may impede when trails can be marked, as some landowners prefer trails aren't marked till after the deer season. Be sure to check with landowners before you go in and freely mark trails if during the hunting season. Some landowners will let you in to accomplish signing but ask first.

Last season in both Livingston and Ontario Counties, we had enough volunteer work and grooming hours in the system to get reimbursed our full amount awarded to our snowmobile club. It's very important to log all work hours done on state funded trails and make sure all grooming hours are entered. This year equipment rates have went up and so has groomer tractors and drag equipment hours. Please make sure we log every hour of work. We have up to 10 people with the ability to enter work or equipment hours on Google Sheets. This year all Clubs in NYS are being awarded and additional 10% funds to help address added costs of fuel and other expenditures. This will help, but it won't cover all the cost associated with running the club.

This sport takes a lot of work, we need many hands, now more than ever, in order to accomplish goals and meet the constant rule changes set by NYS for trail posting. Some excessive trail marking is needed in some places because snowmobilers can't seem to stay on the trails. This takes a lot of extra time, money and manpower to mark these sensitive areas. Please continue to come to meetings, help with trail work, and get involved. Thank you to all the trail coordinators and helpers that participate to make this happen year after year.

Please don't take our riding privileges lightly. Trails can be lost or shutdown when our neighbors, the town or the school officials complain about excessive speed, horsing around, loud pipes, not staying on the trail & late-night riding. We have 4 new landowners on the trail system for the upcoming season. We had several last year. They are all concerned with noise, so we need to be very considerate of any late-night riding, especially in and around town. Some common sense needs to prevail, especially when snowmobiling in town and near houses. It's prudent that we minimize noise and the time of night that we are riding. That is why we have implemented the following **riding ordinance** which was adopted by the Towns of Canadice, Richmond and Naples due to trails crossing and utilizing town roads, such as Canadice Hill Rd. etc. **Sunday through Thursday 8:00 AM-11:00 PM. Friday and Saturdays 8:00 AM-12:00 Midnight.** You will see some signs stating QUIET PLEASE. That means idle through quietly as you can. One person with loud pipes and/or riding late could force a trail shutdown. If we lose a section of trail within our immediate riding area (C-4, S-41a and S-41), a re-route is nearly impossible, so preserving the right for use, is an absolute must. **AGAIN. QUIET AS POSSIBLE IN AND AROUND TOWN AND WATCH YOUR SPEEDS IN TOWN AND SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

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 and the ability to ride into other towns and communities. The Town Government and Highway Department support our sport 100%. Please make sure you share with your children and friends the discipline & respect that is needed when riding around our trail system.

Lastly, we continue to need more trail coordinators and helpers to take responsibility for some areas in the trail system. Trail coordinators will be responsible for a designated section of trail, maintenance of signs for the season, erecting them and removing them at the end of the season. Think about how you can help on trails close to your riding area. It isn't hard to do and we'll teach you how to do it. Groomer Operators are also important. If you run equipment and you are interested, please contact the HVR Manager.

Responsibility! As a club member, Rider, and Community member it is up to us to help each other. Protect our trails and our Neighbors Properties where the trails go through. If you see something that isn't right, or if you see someone causing property damage/theft or any other suspicious conduct, bring it to someone's attention. We are stewards of the community and that is why HVR has such a good name for itself, for implementing and requiring all members practice snowmobiling responsible care.

FUNDING AND GRANT INFORMATION:

HVR GEAR:

The holidays are approaching and order your HVR Gear now. Most gear is embroidered, or screen printed and can be customized by adding your own name to the item so it takes a few weeks to get your gear once you order it. So order now and be ready for the season.... Go To Squad Locker on line and do a search for HVR and our store will come up or follow this link: <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#!/lockers/hvr-snowmobile-club-honeoye-ny>

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Trail funding is a key piece of what allows HVR to provide you the members and our community quality safe trails in our area. The Trail Fund is set to reimburse an award of up to \$27,558 for HVR in the 2022-2023 season for Livingston and Ontario Counties combined. This allows HVR to run groomers, install culverts, bridges, proper signage, posts, etc. **This reimbursement money is totally supported by snowmobile registration dollars and NOT tax payer dollars.** Grooming fuel for the season alone is estimated to cost HVR upwards of \$2,000. Equipment general service maintenance like full fluid changes runs about \$1,500+ a machine. Then look at Bridges, Culverts, Signage on 75miles of funded trails in the two counties. Then an additional 75 miles of non-funded trails. HVR has a lot to try to maintain and is why we need volunteers to help us to log the hours and assist. To put our trail system in perspective, HVR maintains enough trail distance that if strung together it would be equal to driving from Honeoye, NY to Herkimer, NY. Keep this in mind when you see all those orange wooden stakes we put in and remove every spring and fall. So please lend a hand, come to a meeting, and help us help you, the riders and landowners, enjoy this great sport we all love. You helping pound a stake in the ground, moving a down tree gets us closer to getting the full amount of our funding back to us.

YOUTH AND ADULTS RIDING TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS:

Be sure to park in the prescribed area at the school by the high school auditorium entrance. Follow the signage and stay on the trail! Coordinate with your teachers and staff as they will help you for keeping your helmet and gear in a safe spot as most do not fit in lockers. Your teachers and staff are also landowners and riders as well, so coordinate with them in advance.