

Lost Trail Snowmobile Club Inc. Newsletter

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CLUB NEWS: Memberships keep trickling in – behind last year totals, but could be the lack of December snow. The lack of snow has been a blessing in disguise as it has given us more time to work on the trails. Some very advantageous re-routes were made – some small bridges re-built – reset several culverts, took out 3 blind spots, eliminated some road riding on the Port Leyden Trail (C8C) and we plan to eliminate more as time allows. We weren't aware of some of these needed repairs until we could get out in the pastures and woods. When riding on C8C, C7B and C4E trails watch the signs – routes have been altered in several places either by landowner request or for a safer route. The Towpath still needs brushing on some blind turns, but we need help. Our local guys are now spending time in the Barn putting the groomers in shape. We had to keep the Pisten Bully #2 and not sell it just yet since we didn't hear from the Grant people and needed it for grooming. New ice picks and holders have replaced the worn ones, bearings and seals checked and replaced and new skags (side hill plates) have been put on the drags. All easy work, but tedious and time-consuming. Trail work is ongoing. Call Dan (794-5154) or John (723-3033) or Bob Ely (397-2068) if you find yourself in the area with a few hours to spare.

Thanks to all who have renewed memberships early. To those that haven't renewed yet, do it on our web site www.lostrailclub.com or on the NYSSA site www.nyssnowassoc.org. If you are not online, you can still mail your info and \$25 check to the club (address above). We check the P.O. every day. A suggestion now is to keep your NYSSA # on hand – it's easier when renewing. You'll note we add this # to your membership card, and it is on your voucher as well.

FUNDRAISING: Gas Raffle tickets are still coming in slowly – the drawing is at the Snow Festival January 27-29 – so if you procrastinated, better get them mailed. NYSSA Super Raffle tickets are now available – one is included in this Newsletter which we hope you will purchase. They are \$5 and the Club is able to retain half (\$2.50). This drawing is in April at the Forum in Lake Placid. Poker Runs: Jan. 13-14 is the first and the host once again is the Elks Club. Always a good run and a fun time. February 25 is our second Run with the Boonville Hotel as host. Owner Benn Baxter treats us as celebs on this Run. Bernie Howard is in charge of both runs.

Maps: Our map (\$1) is now available as well as the Lewis Co. map (\$5) in many local businesses. We ask that you support these people when in the area. We can mail requests, but please include \$1 extra for postage. Gotta thank Sally Devins for this tremendous undertaking.

Lost Trail Clothing: Our line of Tees, Sweats, Hoodies, Hats, etc. has been updated and upgraded and can be seen on our web site. This also is thanks to Sally. All these will be available in our booth at the Snow Festival.

*Regarding our fundraising, we have just been made aware that the State is now charging ALL not-for-profit organizations to collect sales tax on anything physical they sell – that affects our fundraising sales on clothing, maps and even our chicken barbecue. We don't have all the details yet, but it looks like there will be an increase on these items in the future to cover the 8.75% sales tax. And we are told it is retroactive to last year – due February 29, 2012...Happy Leap Year!

RTP Grant: Well, we finally heard a positive note on that – on Christmas Eve Day we were notified of the release of the federal funds governing the RTP Groomer Grant. We will be meeting with our Sponsor early in January to be advised of the next steps we must take. Our Grant is for a new Pisten Bully – however, the

company stops production in the Fall and therefore, none are available at this time. We hope to place our order and be first in line for next season. We are assured the Grant money will be available for when we place the order. By the end of February we will put our current 2003 Pisten Bully on the market for sale. Anyone interested can call Dan Stysh at 315.794.5154.

THANK YOU: We have had such a ton of heavy duty chores on rebuilding parts of the trails and we have gotten a lot of in-kind help that we would like to publicly show our appreciation: Thanks to:

Utica Freightliner – truck bed

Ray Trainer – truck beds

Eli Schindler – backhoe & time

Adirondack Sports Center – backhoe

Dick Lee – truck bed

Mike Hurilla – Dozer, backhoe and truck bed

Mike Platt – Mill Creek Paving – excavator

Our thanks also to all the labor from members, friends, Jersey Jim’s Crew, Pennsylvania Ted, and our locals who have put many hours into trail reroutes, trail maintenance, groomer tune-ups, drag tune-ups, as well as all the associated paperwork, schools, meetings, landowner contact, etc. that have been necessary.

BOONVILLE SNOW FESTIVAL II, JANUARY 28, 29, 30, 2011: The 5th Annual Snow Festival is fast approaching. Plans are well underway according to President Linda Bourgeois. There will be the usual Torchlight Parade, Fireworks, Vintage and Pro Racing, Ice Sculpting, Sled Displays, Vendors, Concessionaires, etc. More info on www.boonvillesnowfestival.com.

ZIPPY’S 5TH ANNUAL CRUSADE FOR KIDS, JANUARY 28 & 29, 2011: After a couple years absence, Greg Zippadelli has once again made plans for this event to be held in Inlet at the Ole Barn. It is held to raise funds for kids and families in need. Plans are to gather at the ‘Barn’ Friday evening when schedules, maps, music, refreshments, etc. are available. Early Saturday, breakfast at 8 a.m. then a ride through the beautiful Adirondacks. More info can be had at www.zippyscrusadeforkids.

PINK RIBBON RIDERS 7TH ANNUAL NY SNOW RUN, FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2011: This event is being held in Old Forge this year at the Hildebrant Recreation Center on North Street. It is a fundraiser to promote breast cancer awareness in both men and women. This includes a Welcome Party on Friday evening and a 60 to 100 mile ride through the Adirondacks on Saturday. More info on www.pinkribbonriders.com.

We would also like to let you know the dates of the Constableville Vol. Fire Co. breakfasts – always great food. Sunday’s, January 15; February 12; March 11. These guys have done many rescues on the trails over the years – so support them, you won’t be sorry.

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LOST TRAIL SNOWMOBILE CLUB – Member Application

PLEASE PRINT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____
() Individual - \$25. () Family - \$25. () Trail Landowner-Complimentary

Have you already paid NYSSA Dues this season via another club? _____ If so, which Club? _____
Please enter the number of snowmobiles you intend to register. _____ [] Twenty five cents of your \$5 NYSSA dues will be used for the NYS Snowmobile PAC (Political Action Committee) who is our voice in Albany. If you do not wish to contribute to the NYS Snowmobile PAC, please check this box. Please note, your NYSSA dues remains at \$5.

Meetings: Jan. 4, 2012 – Feb. 1 – Mar. 7 – Apr. 4 – May 2...Pine Room, American Legion, Schuyler St., Boonville, 7 p.m.