

# Lost Trail Snowmobile Club Inc. Newsletter

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**LOST TRAIL CLUB:** This season we are celebrating 40 years ... we became an incorporated club in November 1969. We celebrated (slightly) at our December meeting with a brunch (catered by Alexandra's Catering) & a short happy hour.

**MEMBERSHIP INFO :** Membership dues will remain at \$25 for either individual or family. With these dues you get one sticker with an individual membership, or two with a family. Extra stickers are available for \$1.00 (our cost). You also receive the NYSSA voucher. Club maps which are new each year (and a good fundraiser for us) are available for \$1, or if you prefer the complete Lewis County map, \$5. Each member also receives three Newsletters a season. You remain a member of the club until September 1, however, your NYSSA voucher expires the end of March 2010. If you haven't renewed your membership by December 31, you are dropped from the mailing list. This will be the last Newsletter for approximately 200 that have not renewed as yet. Memberships can be mailed to us at the above address with your check for \$25.00. Please include name, address, phone, email address and whether it's for individual or family. A membership form is included in this newsletter. Or you can renew online at our website [www.losttrailclub.com](http://www.losttrailclub.com), paying PayPal...this is quick and easy for both you and me ...or directly on the NYSSA site, [www.nyssnowassoc.org](http://www.nyssnowassoc.org). Just make sure you use proper names (no nicknames) and correct addresses, as DMV matches voucher info to sled registration info. By renewing through our hotmail address and paying by PayPal, we get your e-mail address and a voucher can then be e-mailed back to you as soon as we process it. The voucher must be run on a colored printer...for this reason we also mail a hard copy to you with your membership. Vouchers are important to retain, so keep in a safe place. They cover all sled registrations throughout the season – in case you buy a new one in mid-season, you will need it. **EARLY RENEWALS** are encouraged as the State Funding Rate is based on sled registrations in early December.

**FUNDRAISERS:** The drawing for the Money Raffle took place at the December 11 Shootout during Snodeo Weekend. The winners are: 1. \$1500. John O'Brien, Westernville, NY 2. \$300. Stephen Dodd, Middletown, NY 3. \$200. Earl Miller, Port Jervis, NY. Due to the extremely heavy Lake Effect that took place over Tug Hill & northern Oneida Co., attendance was down quite a bit at the Shootout...Lowville had upwards of 4 feet according to L.C.Sheriff's office. Many roads closed and only emergency travel allowed. Winter came in in one big lump. Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle.

We had hoped to do another raffle to be drawn at the Boonville Snow Festival, however, it was decided to do 50/50 raffles each day instead. If you get to the Festival come see us at our booth .. participate in the raffle & visit a while.

**NYSSA Super Raffle.** We participate in this raffle every year. Many great prizes are listed. Tickets are only \$5.00 and there are 3 sleds included among the 50 prizes offered. For every ticket we sell we may keep \$2.50. A good income for the club. And not a bad investment anyway..after last year I have to say it's great – I won the first prize – my pick of the 3 sleds offered. Due to New York gambling regulations, the Onondaga County Snowmobile Assoc. is handling the raffle in support of New York State Snowmobile Trails. We have enclosed one ticket...just send it back to Lost Trail with your \$5 check. This helps with trail maintenance and you get a chance to win a good prize.

**MAPS:** The Lost Trail map is all printed and available for \$1.00...\$2.00 if it's to be mailed. We have to extend a big thank you to members Sally Devins and Bob Ely for the tremendous effort they put forth getting 45 advertisers and handling the paperwork involved with the printing house. We would like to ask our members to support our many advertisers when they come to town. Maps are available at many businesses or by mail with the price as noted. This is an excellent fundraiser for the club.

**WEB SITE:** You can keep abreast of trail info by checking our web site [www.losttrailclub.com](http://www.losttrailclub.com).

**SAFETY COURSE:** We had a successful Snowmobile Safety Course on December 5 with 42 young people getting their certificates. Certified Instructors Ron Davies and Lee Anne Greene conducted the course with help from Andy Seelman, Don & Linda Chaput, Bernie & Mike Howard, Arleen Walston and Betty Haig. We thank the local Elks Lodge for the use of their meeting room and kitchen and for donating soda to go with the pizza for lunch. Must also thank

some of the Mom's who donated desserts.

**TRAIL WORK:** Much has been done on all trails even though time was short. Can't do brushing until all dairy cows are in for the winter and of course they like to stay out as long as possible. A good portion of our mileage is through dairy farm country. These farmers on the whole, are more than willing to let us use their land, but we have to abide by their wishes. The PORT LEYDEN TRAIL – C8C – has had some minor changes throughout, but nothing major that will confuse anyone. There has been dozer work on hills behind Cold Brook Campground property and on the power line property at Burnt Shanty Rd – 2 hills dozed – gate posts set for property owners. We just ask that sledders be respectful of the landowners, especially along the upper Moose River Road, and in the Town of Lyonsdale. There are many “anti snowmobile people” in that Town looking for a chance to shut down the trails – so be kind, courteous and abide by the good snowmobiling rules especially staying on the trail. Some hills have been bulldozed on this trail making life easier for grooming. On the CONSTABLEVILLE TRAIL – C4E– a 55 foot bridge (a fairly new one) was washed out in early summer and had to be replaced. This was costly (\$2,000+) and difficult to rescue and rebuild, requiring many hands. All new hemlock decking had to be purchased and handled (hemlock is very heavy) but we managed to get it done just in time. We have to thank one of the downstate clubs .. *The Long Island Sno-Seekers* .. for their large donation to help fund the repairs on this bridge. On the WEST LEYDEN TRAIL – C7B – The steep, icy hill behind Charlie Brown's which gave the groomer drivers many headaches last year was circumvented and a way around it was finally found, so enjoy this. No major changes on the Towpath or White Lake trails. If ever anyone is available to HELP on the trails give a call to President Dan Stysh at 942-4749, Trail Coordinator Bernie Howard 942-3027, or Director John Pfeiffer 942-2431. We expect to be doing more bridge decking next season as well as other miscellaneous small ways to improve the trails. On State Rt. 12 at the Subway – the crossing is still a problem; we are searching for ways around it to make a better and safer crossover. Our side trails to the Boonville Bowling Alley on Rt. 12D (excellent food) and to the Elks Lodge on Rt. 12 have both been brushed and maintained for club use.

**NOTE:** We had a call from the Boonville Alliance Church on Potato Hill Road that they were closing off the trail that ran through their property due to “too many travelers not staying on the trail and being too noisy while church service was being held”. This trail is not an NYSSA sanctioned trail, not a part of the Lost Trail system – it is an old, old outlaw trail that has been in use for many years and is not maintained by any club. The Trustees of this church were told this and advised to put up signs signifying the closure. They also stated they would be calling law enforcement on anyone who attempted to continue to ride on the church property. This outlaw trail goes from Boonville south to Alder Creek – so keep this in mind when riding.

GROOMERS have been worked on all summer, but still needed some miscellaneous bearings, seals, etc., but should be in great shape by Shootout weekend.

BOONVILLE SNOW FESTIVAL, JANUARY 29, 30, 31. Come & join in the Torchlight Parade on Friday evening. We help Chairman Cindy Lee with this and like a lot of sledders... so meet us on State Rt. 12 at the Town Barn and end up at the Fairgrounds. Once again this year, all Club Members are invited to the Groomer Barn for a snack and to watch the Fireworks while sitting by a huge bonfire following the parade. BYOB. Check our web site for additional info..also for our Poker Runs scheduled: a double one Jan. 15/16 Elks Club & Feb. 20 Boonville Hotel.

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**LOST TRAIL SNOWMOBILE CLUB – Member Application**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Individual -\$25. ( ) Family - \$25. ( ) Trail Landowner-Complimentary

( ) NYSSA Trail Defender membership upgrade additional \$20.00

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 \$5.