



SNOWMOBILE CLUB, LLC.

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October News Letter

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Meetings: The next club meeting will be held at **7:30 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2009** at the **Owego Moose**, 3 Goodrich Road, Owego, NY. The Owego Moose is located on the corner of Goodrich Rd and Rt. 17C on the West Side of Owego. The Moose is on the right side of Rt. 17c traveling West out of Owego, just past Royal Chrysler/Ford, and the former Tioga Speedway.

Club Membership: This will be the 4th season that becoming a member of a New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) member club will let you receive a \$55 registration discount. The registration fee is \$100 **UNLESS** you receive a NYSSA snowmobile club membership voucher to register your snowmobiles at the discounted rate of \$45. You may currently become a club member or renew your club membership to receive a voucher in one of 3 ways: 1.) online at the NYSSA site <https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org/club/show/1025> using a credit card and printing your voucher out on your own printer. 2.) Bringing a completed club membership application along with payment to a club meeting. 3.) Mail a completed club membership application along with payment (checks only please) to the address at the top of the application and we will mail you your voucher. The Club membership application can be obtained online at: http://www.tiogaridgerunners.com/TRRMA001%20Rev8%209_08a.pdf or at any club meeting.

NYS Registration: NYSSA is asking clubs to encourage members to register their snowmobiles early to keep the trail fund healthy. The next few months registration totals will set the amount and timing for snowmobile trail funding grants, so it is very important to NYSSA clubs to get as many snowmobiles registered before December 1, 2009 as possible. If you are a member who isn't able to make trail work days but still wants to do something to help- get your registrations in the mail to the DMV as soon as you can. By registering early, you can help the cash flow and keep the trail fund that allows clubs to maintain trails healthy.

Ski-Doo® Million Dollar Club Support Program: BRP and its Ski-Doo dealers will donate up to \$1 million dollars to North American snowmobile clubs for snowmobile trails through the Ski-Doo Million Dollar Club Support Program. Regardless of the brand you own, every snowmobiler will be able to participate in this fundraising program. **For each club member submitting a Club Support Donation Certificate that, when filled out, and dropped off at a Ski-Doo dealership between September 1st 2009 and November 15th 2009, will entitle our club to a \$10 cash donation, up to \$1,500, from BRP and Ski-Doo dealers.** Program certificates will be available in all snowmobile magazines, at fall snowmobile shows, and on ski-doo.com. More details of this program are posted on www.tiogaridgerunners.com and <http://www.ski-doo.com/en-US/Promotions/clubsupportprogram.htm>. This is an easy way for our club to obtain additional funding so please take the time to fill a form out and drop it off at a Ski Doo dealer before **November 15th 2009**. We have included a form on the back side of the address page so if you don't have time to get to a dealer just fill it out and get it back to the club before **November 15th 2009** and we will get it to a dealer.

By – Law Revisions: A by-law committee was formed at the June 4th meeting and revisions to the by-laws were presented and discussed at the October 1st meeting. These revisions will be discussed and voted on at the October 15th meeting. The proposed by-law revisions are posted on the website at: <http://www.tiogaridgerunners.com/2009%20bylaws.html> for member review prior to the October 15th meeting.

Website: The website www.tiogaridgerunners.com has been updated with a new background and some pictures from area trails from last year. There is also a link to a forums page for our club. We are going to try to keep this updated with planned projects and events. Please take a moment to look around and see what's new and stop back often to keep up on what is going on with your club.

Trail Work: We have completed several trail projects and should have the rest completed before bow hunting season starts on October 17th or soon after that where landowners will allow us. Please attend an upcoming meeting, contact a trail captain in your area, contact Mike Worzel or check the website forum as mentioned above for information on trail projects to be completed if you have some spare time to help.

Trail Map: The club has joined forces with 15 other local Southern Tier and Central New York clubs to produce a new regional trail map. This map covers 5 counties including Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Tioga and Tompkins counties. The map contains over 1000 miles of trails in the immediate surrounding area which are connected to our trail system. Many advertisers were obtained for this map through our club and for all the other clubs involved so please support the businesses that supported this map with advertising whenever possible. We are hoping to receive these new maps before the November meetings to be able to start handing them out with memberships. Maps will also be available through the website and at the locations of the advertisers on the maps.

Trail Signing Classes: There are going to be 3 local Trail Signing Classes this year, so hopefully we can get the remaining trail workers who weren't able to attend the course in Cortland last year and anyone else who would like to learn about trail signing to attend the course this year. The signing class emphasizes the importance of uniform signing within the club and throughout the state as a risk management tool to reduce the cost of trail insurance for the statewide trail system. The locations and dates are as follows:

Oct 19th: Chenango, Broome Co, Belden Hill Golf Course

Oct 20th: Tioga Co, Candor Fire Hall

All classes begin at 6:30 PM. Please contact an officer or send an email to tiogaridgerunners@yahoo.com if you're interested in attending one of these signing classes.

Youth Safety Course: The first NYS Certified Youth Snowmobile safety course for the season has been scheduled for Sunday December 6th, 2009 at the Newark Valley Volunteer Fire Station at the intersection of NYS Rt. 38 and NYS Rt. 38B. The course is free of charge, but is limited to 50 students ages 10 (minimum with birth certificate proof of age) to 18. New riders over the age of 18 are also welcome. If anyone would be willing to help organize or man this event please attend one of the next meetings or contact an officer. Please contact Mike Worzel, Jim Irvine, or one of the officers to register for the course.

Groomers: There are a few groomer projects that need to be done to two of the groomers before the season starts. First our BR100 Groomer is at a member's shop being prepared for painting. If you have any bodywork experience and would have time to help with the bodywork please attend the next meeting, contact Mike Worzel or Jason Theurer from NAPA in Owego.

We also have a fabrication project to complete on the 6 ft. Mogul Master drag that we purchased used this spring from the Oppenheim Trail Blazers club. This drag needs a hitch and wheel kit copied from our 7ft drag and should be converted to tripping cutting blades like we did on the 7ft Mogul Master for the BR100. Trails don't officially open until December 22nd this year so it would be nice to have all three groomers ready to go by that time. If you have any fabrication experience and would have time to help with the drag please attend the next meeting, contact Mike Worzel or Brad Waterman.

Our oldest Bombi that was originally purchased mainly for parts is to the point where it is almost ready to be re-assembled to become a functional part of our grooming fleet. There is mostly mechanical work, some electrical work and some possible body work. Again if you have any experience and some time once bow hunting season starts October 17th we would like to start re-assembling this machine. Please attend the next meeting or contact Mike Worzel for more information on this project.

Elections: Elections are held at the first December meeting each season. This season elections will be held on Thursday December 3rd, 2009. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next three meetings and at the December 3rd meeting as write-ins on the ballot. All officers' and directors positions are up for election this year. Please come to a meeting or contact a club officer for more information. A description of all of the positions can be found in the bylaws on the website at: <http://www.tiogaridgerunners.com/By%20Laws.pdf> This is your chance to make a difference in "Your" club.

NYSSA Regional Meeting: NYSSA Board of Directors meetings are being held in different regions of the state so that members who live in those regions may participate. The next NYSSA regional meeting will be held Saturday, November 7th, 2009 at the Clarion Grand Royale Hotel, 88 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. This is one of the closest NYSSA regional meetings ever held so if you have ever wondered what our state level association does for us this would be the opportunity to find out and provide input.

(Cut along line – Keep it Handy!)

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 TIOGA RIDGE RUNNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB	Dates to Remember				
	Oct. 15 th	Thursday	7:30 pm	Meeting	Owego Moose
	Oct. 17 th	Saturday	Dawn	Bow Season Opens	Woods
	Oct. 19 th	Monday	6:30 pm	Trail Signing Course	Beldon Hill G.C.
	Oct. 20 th	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Trail Signing Course	Candor Fire Hall
	Nov. 5 th	Thursday	7:30 pm	Meeting	Owego Moose
	Nov. 7 th	Saturday	10:00 am	NYSSA Regional Meeting	Clarion Grand Royale Hotel, Binghamton
	Nov 19 th	Thursday	7:30 pm	Meeting	Owego Moose
	Dec. 3 rd	Thursday	7:30 pm	Meeting (Elections)	Owego Moose
	Dec. 6 th	Sunday	8:00 am	Youth Safety Course	NV Fire Hall
	Dec. 17 th	Thursday	7:30 pm	Meeting	Owego Moose
	Dec. 22 nd	Tuesday	Dusk	Deer Season Ends	Woods
	Jan. 7 th	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Owego Moose
	Jan. 21 st	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Owego Moose

All Snowmobilers Welcome – Bring A Friend!