



**SNOWMOBILE CLUB, LLC.**

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## November News Letter

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**Welcome:** We would like to welcome all of our new and returning members and encourage all of our past members to rejoin our club. It is the intent of the Snowmobilers Rights and Responsibilities Act (SRRA) Two-Tier registration system to "strengthen club volunteerism through increased membership and provide an avenue for communication with nearly all the riders using our trails" through newsletters, the club website, club meetings and safety courses.

**Meetings:** The beginning of the new 08/09 Club membership year began on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Meetings for the new season have begun and the next club meeting will be held at **7:30 pm on Thursday, November 6, 2008** at

**Metro's Restaurant**, 98 Ithaca Road (Rt. 96), Owego, NY. Metro's is the restaurant on the right between the driving range and miniature golf course on Rt. 96, just West of Turner's bridge after turning off from Rt. 38 onto Rt. 96 North.

**Membership/NYS Registration:** The registration fee is again \$100 this year **unless** you are a member of a New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) member club. Once you have joined a club or renewed your club membership you will receive a NYSSA snowmobile club membership voucher needed to register your snowmobiles at the discounted rate of \$45. **DO NOT REGISTER YOUR SLED WITHOUT A VOUCHER OR YOU WILL PAY THE \$100 FEE AND DMV WILL NOT REFUND IT!!!!!!** This voucher will be the only form of proof that DMV will accept to receive the \$55 discount!!!! The voucher must be filled out with the name and address as it appears on the snowmobile registration renewal. If you become a club member before you renew your registration you will receive the \$55 discount.

Again this year we ask that if at all possible that you register your snowmobiles before December 1<sup>st</sup>. NYSSA is working hard to increase trail funding for the upcoming season. In fact, Governor Paterson set the trail budget at \$5.3 million but the catch is of course that we need registrations to provide the funding. Riders are being urged to register their machines before December 1, 2008 to help increase the amount of funding available to local clubs. This will not only help funding for the trails in our area, but also the trails throughout the state wherever you may venture to go riding. Please join the club and receive your voucher at a meeting, at the NYSSA site

<https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org/club/show/1025> where you can print your voucher out on your own printer immediately after completing the form or at our website online club membership application at:

[http://www.tiogaridgerunners.com/TRRMA001%20Rev6%209\\_07.pdf](http://www.tiogaridgerunners.com/TRRMA001%20Rev6%209_07.pdf) and bring it, along with payment, to a meeting or mail it to the address at the top of the application to receive your voucher.

**Club Events/Fundraisers:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Test and Tune Snowmobile Drags will be held Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 at the Sikorski farm 3587 Newark Valley-Maine Rd. in Newark Valley, NY. Gates open at 11:00 am, Tuners drivers meeting starts at 1:00 pm, test and tune starting immediately after meeting. We apologize for the late notice, but acquiring insurance to protect the club and the Sikorski's has caused a delay in announcing the date. Admission will be \$5 donation per person (10 yrs and under free) to help cover the cost of food and insurance with a \$10 donation per sled to access the test and tune track. A waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement will need to be signed to participate. Anyone under 18 will need to have their parent or guardian also sign the waiver. **Directions:**

**From Newark Valley:** Take Rt 38 to Newark Valley and turn right at the traffic light if coming from the South or left if coming from the North onto Rock St. As you leave the village Rock St. turns into Newark Valley-Maine Rd. The Sikorski farm is about 3 mi. from the traffic light on the left. **From Maine:** From Rt 26 turn right on to Lewis St. if coming from the North or left if coming from the South. The Sikorski farm is about 4 mi. from the intersection on the right. Look for signs. Please contact Erik Vergason, Events Coordinator (607)-642-8085 Email: [rippinyota3@aol.com](mailto:rippinyota3@aol.com) or Mike Worzel, (607) 687-8998 Email: [mworzel@stny.rr.com](mailto:mworzel@stny.rr.com) for further information.

**Youth Safety Course:** We are holding a NYS Certified Youth Snowmobile Safety course at the Kwiatkowski Grange Hall in Flemmingville, NY on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. 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. If you have children you would like to have attend this course or if you know someone who would like to have children attend this course please contact Jim Irvine, Bill Carrigg or one of the officers to register for the course.

**Trails:** Trails officially open December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, so please respect the landowners by not riding until deer season is over regardless of snow cover. Riding before the trails open during deer season seriously jeopardizes the trails for everyone. Please also remember to show respect to the private and public landowners that so generously open up their property to us by waiting for the trails to officially open, staying on the marked trails, being as quiet as possible near residences and businesses and carrying out what you carry in. Also if the opportunity arises please support the businesses that support our map and our club.

Many improvements have been made or are in the process of being made to our trail system this fall. These include grading to improve drainage, grading to level and improve the path of the trail to keep riders on the intended trail, as well as brushing and brush hogging the majority of our trails. If you would like to be involved in any of these trail maintenance activities please attend a meeting and/or contact one of the officers from the contact information at the end of this newsletter.

**Groomers:** There is some work that needs to be done to the groomers before the season starts. Trails officially open December 17<sup>th</sup> this year so it would be nice to have all three groomers ready to go by that time. Please attend an upcoming meeting, contact a trail captain in your area or contact Mike Worzel for information on trail projects and preseason groomer work. If you have some spare time, please help.

**Elections:** Elections are going to be held at the first December meeting, Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the next two meetings and at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as write-ins on the ballot. All officers' 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.

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(Cut along line – Keep it Handy!)

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact:

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	<b>Dates to Remember</b>				
	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Saturday</i>	1:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Test & Tune Snowmobile Drags	Sikorski Farm
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	8:00 AM	Safety Course	Kwiatkowski Grange	
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Dusk	Deer Season Ends	Woods	
Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	12:00 PM	Salisbury Groomer	Salisbury Ridge	
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	8:00 AM	Show & Training	Runners Clubhouse	
Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:30 PM	Meeting	Metro's Restaurant	
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***All Snowmobilers Welcome – Bring A Friend!***