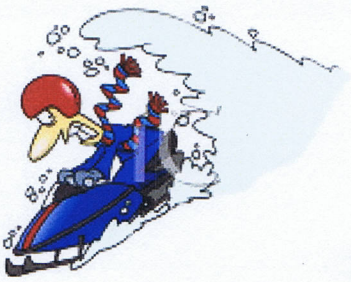


Summit Sno Riders – Newsletter
Summer 2017

Season's End – As in past years we once again say thank you to the landowners for the use of their land in our trail system, all volunteers that keep our trails useable, and to the riders that utilize the system.

It was good to see some snow this year which was enjoyed by everyone as many miles were traveled on our nicely groomed and maintained trails.

If you see any landowners, please make sure to thank them for the use of their land. Landowner's do not have to let us ride through their property, so please continue to be courteous of their land so that all our trails remain open.

Suggestions or Improvements – The members of the Board would like your input and opinions on how we can make the club better as a whole and what we can do to get more members involved in meetings and work parties. Please submit any ideas to president@summitsnoriders.com.

Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care Poker Run – The annual Hospice Poker Run was held on February 25th this year with 95 players. Through everyone's support, the daylong event raised **$4,827.50** for the area Hospice. Thank you to the many members who pitched in with the dinner, clean up, tending bar and especially those who went out and secured items for the door prizes and auction.

Thanks to everyone who attended the run and to those who were able to attend the dinner and auction as well. We had over 80 businesses that contributed merchandise or certificates.
Deb Wollaber did a fantastic job as organizer for this event.

County Director – Glenn Hayton of Sharon Springs is our Schoharie County Director. We thank Glenn for attending NYSSA meetings on a regular basis and solely representing our county. If you have a county concern, which is not getting resolved at the club level, please contact Glenn at haybytheton@yahoo.com.

This position requires an ample amount of time and effort on Glenn's part and the Board is thankful to him for taking on this endeavor.

Did you know? – We have a face book page, Summit Sno-Riders Inc. which currently has 299 followers. Trail information and club event updates can be found here.

We have a webcam with a snow depth board which has a light on for night viewing. It works best using fire fox as the browser.

Regular Club Meetings – Meetings are held the first Monday of the month (Sept – April) at the Summit Conservation Club at the end of Bear Gulch Road. (Because of Labor Day falling on the first Monday, we will have our meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6 PM.) Remember all members of the family are invited and welcome to attend. If we don't start getting our children interested and involved there will be no one willing to continue the roles needed for our sport. As always, there is always a need for fresh people to get involved.

2017-2018 Board Members

President:	**Bruce Wollaber**
Vice President:	**Bret Ryder**
Secretary:	**Vicki Swartout**
Treasurer:	**Donna Rivenburgh**
Board Members:	**Tom Becker**
	Kyle Butler
	John Hertzler

Other Positions:

Trail Signage:	**Bret Ryder**
Membership Chairperson:	**Vicki Swartout**
Trail Coordinator:	**Bret Ryder**
	Bruce Wollaber
County Director:	**Glenn Hayton**

Thanks to Rhonda Ferris for her years of service as a Board Member.

Membership – Memberships expire in August. Wondering why so early? When you register prior to November 1, it insures that the trail fund fee is put to work during that season! Waiting to register until snow flies? That means your money will most likely sit in the State's General Fund account for a year or more. Thanks to the way the systems have been put in place, NYS law binds Parks to set a maintenance reimbursement rate for clubs in early November. Want your money put to work when you are riding? Make sure to register prior to the Nov 1st deadline.

Dues – Dues are currently $30 for both individual and family members. The fee broken down is as follows:

$24 – Club, $5 –NYSSA, $1-SLEDNY, NYSSA's 501(c)(3). SLEDNY is used to keep our costs for the annual forum a reduced rate.

Again, next fall when you are getting ready to register with NYSSA, make sure you are using the same full name and address on your NYSSA membership as you are at DMV for the registration (dx: "Joe" on the NYSSA membership vs. "Joseph" at DMV; will no longer match or be acceptable by DMV). New members will have to register online to establish their account with NYSSA. If you are going to go to a DMV office you will need a printed voucher for EVERY snowmobile you intend to register, as DMV will be keeping the voucher once presented to them.

Please make certain that your e-mail address is correct and up-to-date on your NYSSA membership. If you do not have an e-mail account, please check the box indicating this on the application. It is also important, if applicable, that you list out your spouse and any children under the age of 18 that will be registering and/or a primary rider during the upcoming season.

There are two ways to renew with the Summit Sno Riders:

1. On-line through the NYSSA website: www.nysnowmobiler.com, this is the preferred method. Select our club and pay via a credit card. Once the payment is processed, you will need to print out a voucher for each sled you intend to register in person at DMV. If you have registered through the NYSSA website in the past, you will need your NYSSA ID to open your account and renew your membership.

2. Application directly to the club, by mailing an application with a check. We will mail back your voucher. Applications are processed once a week so please give us a reasonable amount of time to get your voucher returned to you.

Membership questions? Contact Vicki Swartout at (518)294-8946 or membership@summitsnoriders.com.

**********Mail all membership applications to:

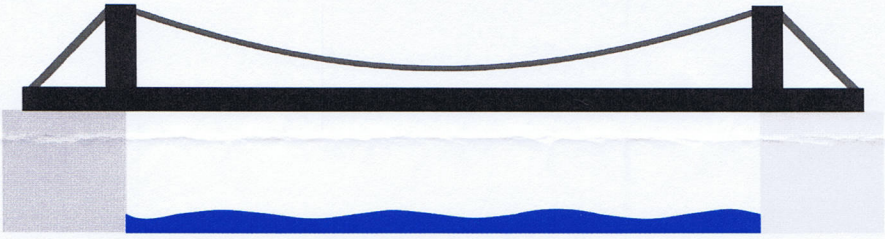
Vicki Swartout
240 Franzen Road
Richmondville, NY 12149

Our Database – As always, we are asking for your help to make sure we are as up-to-date as we can be with our property owners. If you have not already given your current information, could you please take a few minutes and e-mail Vicki Swartout, Secretary, at sec@summitsnoriders.com or call (518)294-8946 with the following information:

-Name of Owners -Good Contact Phone Numbers
-Mailing address -Property address (if different
-Best method of contact -Tenant's Name (if applicable) -
Owner(s) E-mail address

This information will be updated in our database, which is connected with NYSSA. Only the secretary, membership chairperson, and officials at NYSSA have access to this information. NYSSA's system does have a default that may cause you to receive occasional offers and promotions by mail directly from NYSSA sponsors as well as an electronic magazine from NYSSA.

We are asking for this information to help keep our costs down and in turn help keep our membership fees from increasing. How you ask? By: keeping an up-to-date list we are able to help our insurance company decipher between a real liability claim and a nearby landowner trying to put forth possible false claim; making certain that our resources are going to clear and maintain true trails, not just paths that are used in the warmer weather and by not wasting money sending out mailings to the wrong address.



Haslun Bridge

Last fall during our trail clean-up day, we noticed that our largest bridge was in desperate need of repair. The Einar Haslun Memorial Bridge, located on trail S73 near Warton Hollow Road, carries snowmobilers and our Tucker groomers across Wharton Hollow Creek (a decent size stream). The Summit Sno Riders would like to thank the Soucia family for the donation of the lumber. We also thank our volunteers for an awesome job re-decking the bridge: Bruce Wollaber, Gordon Thomas, Johnathan Hertzler and his son, Dave Kearney, Bryan Schaffer, and Bret Ryder. As a finishing touch, new dedication signs are being made to replace the originals lost to high water five years ago, during Hurricanes Irene and Lee.