



Summit Sno Riders – Newsletter Fall 2020

The Season begins – We have already begun the process of clearing the trails and putting up stakes and signs. We have a new bridge to build this fall and there is still plenty of trail work to do. If you are interested in helping out please feel free to attend one of our meetings.

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.

Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care Poker Run –Last year's event was a great success and we were able to raise nearly \$6,000.00. However, due to the covid crisis we feel there will not be a way to hold the event this year. We are in discussions about a trailside fund raiser event this winter. Stay tuned to our website for updates. We hope to have a 25th anniversary Poker run celebration in 2022!

County Director – We are sad to report that our director, Glenn Hayton passed away last year after a battle with cancer. He is greatly missed. So far no one has stepped forward to take over the position.

Did you know? – We have a face book page, Summit Sno-Riders Inc.. Trail information and club event updates can be found here as well as our website. 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. You can find it at www.summitsnoriders.com. Also, we will be keeping NYSSA's interactive trail map updated with trail info again this year.

Regular Club Meetings – Meetings are held the first Wednesday in September and the first Monday of the month (Oct – April) at the Summit Conservation Club at the end of Bear Gulch Road. Meetings begin at 6:30 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.

2020-2021 Board Members/Officers

President:	Bruce Wollaber
Vice President:	Bret Ryder
Secretary:	Dave Kearney
Treasurer:	Donna Rivenburgh
Board Members:	Larry Wollaber
	Jim Swartout
	Steve Dibble

Other Positions:

Trail Signage:	Bret Ryder
Membership Chairperson:	Vicki Swartout
Trail Coordinator:	Bret Ryder
	Bruce Wollaber
County Director:	open

Membership – Please renew your memberships as soon as possible. It is particularly important this year, as NY State is threatening to withhold 20% of the funding for all local assistance grants. NYSSA is fighting this but a cutback in our funding will severely impact our ability to maintain the trails. Membership dues can make a big difference. Remember snowmobile registration fees are only \$45 if you are a club member, but \$90 if you are not.

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. **If you are one of our landowners, you are eligible for a free voucher.** Just note your status on the mail in application.

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

Get ready for snow! Here's hoping for a cold season with lots of snow. Last year we had the trails open for just 25 days. There are some predictions out there for more snow this winter. Keep your fingers crossed and we hope to see you on the trails.

Sincerely,
Bruce Wollaber