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## SNOWMOBILE CLUB, Inc.

- Your club officers, directors and committee chairs are:

President: Brent Walck, 523-2320 Vice-President: Gary Broderick, 731-1719 Secretary: Dave Ackerman, 694-2071 Treasurer: Stacey Menard, 731-4246 Trail Treasurer: Lonnie Daigler, 731-5128 Directors: Jim Biehls, 625-6834 Doug Caldwell, 523-6653 Pete Fleckenstein, 791-8609 Dave Fricano, 417-6330 Lonnie Daigler, 731-5128 Trail Coordinator: Pete Fleckenstein, 791-8609 Groomer Scheduler: Paul Prior, 743-9623 Groomer Barn/Groomer Coord.: Herb Stephenson, 523-1242

Welcome to the 2012-13 Season! We all hope that there will be snow this year! Due to the low snow/low membership numbers/low registrations, this year will be a very tough year for every club in New York State, including ours. Please re-join the club early and register your sleds early. This is the only way the club will be able to make it through the season while meeting our financial obligations.

We were down 235 member families last season and this coming season, it looks like trail grant per mile will go from last year's \$367 per mile down to approx. \$170 per mile due to the shortage of statewide registrations that populate the Trail Fund.

As an incentive, NYSSA is offering prizes for early memberships. If you join/re-join by August 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will be entered into a drawing for one of 5 sets of general admission tickets donated by Nationwide Insurance and the Getzoni Agency to Watkins Glen for the NASCAR races on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you join/re-join by October 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be eligible for a giveaway of a Triton Two-place Trailer supplied by Fisk Distributing or \$1000! Just another way NYSSA is trying to help out the clubs of New York State!

This year, club fundraisers will be even more important as club membership numbers were down and the Trail Maintenance and Development Fund that is based on snowmobile registration dollars is estimated to be short by approx. \$2 Million for the coming season. Even though we had little snow this year, the club still has commitments of equipment (Groomer and Drag) loans, taxes,



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insurance, utilities, etc. Club fundraising activities and donations will be how the club survives and is able to meet its commitments to marking, grooming and maintaining trails next season. Please help us with fundraising when possible. If you have ideas for fundraising, please call Brent at 523-2320.

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Grass Drags/ATV Races/Vintage Show is on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are starting the planning cycle now. If you are interested in being a part of the Club's number 1 fundraiser, please give Gary a call at 731-1719. We've decided to add a snowmobile/ ATV/motorcycle/ tools, etc. swapmeet this year also-for details give Dan Szumla (716-310-6582) or Chris Matthews (716-439-9410) a call. Swapmeet seller cost for members: \$5.00, non-members: \$15.00. Also, we will need as many volunteers as we can get for the track build, race day and teardown day (26-30 September). Sign up lists will be at each meeting or just show up and we'll put you to work!

The Grass Drag Steering Committee will start meeting on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., immediately after the Board of Directors Meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Groomer Barn. We will meet after the August Club Meeting at the Shawnee Fire Hall also. Other meetings to be announced. We are always looking for a fresh perspective on how to make this event better. If you'd like to be a part of this group or for more information, please call Gary at 807-7002.

Want to save some money on your liability insurance for three years by taking a 6 hour safe driver's course? Want to do it in the comfort of your own home? Want to do it cheaper than what you'd normally pay? NYSSA is now offering an accredited online safe drivers course for \$22 per person. Once registered, you have 30 days to complete the course and they will mail you a certificate upon completion to present to your insurer. For more info, please check here: https://www.bigappletrafficschool.com/Student/Registration/Creat eAccount.aspx

Need a Vacation? NYSSA has a deal for you! Would you like to save money on your sled insurance? Get discounted hotel room stays? Save money on a Car rental? These and many other updated discounts are available to our members. NYSSA has secured discounts from many companies and businesses for you. A list of all these discounts is located here: <u>http://www.nyssaforum.com/?page=Benefits</u>



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We are still looking for volunteers to help with Groomer Maintenance, Groomer Operation and Barn Upkeep. If you have some time and/or experience, would like to help out or if you are willing to learn, please call Herb at 523-1242.

We can use some help with mowing the grass around the groomer barn, if you have some spare time on your hands. There is a mower inside the barn or if you want to bring your own. This saves the club money by not having to hire someone to take care of this.

New Shawnee Sno-Chiefs logo clothing is available to order at each meeting-and we've made these fine clothing items more affordable. These are high quality items with the club name and logo stitched in-Sweatshirts, Long Sleeve T-shirts, Short Sleeve T-shirts, and Polo shirts. The come in a choice of colors and sizes. Please come to a meeting and see these items. Sno-Chiefs Logo wear must be preordered and pre-paid.

Thanks to those who came out and helped at Shawnee Field Daysonce again, club members came out and handled the cooking duties for the duration. Thanks to Becky Beutel, Pete Armenia and everyone else that helped make this event a success for our hosts, the Shawnee Volunteer Fire Company.

Anyone interested in an open three place snowmobile trailer with Aluminum Salt Shield, trailer jack and a single axle, please call Brent at 523-2320.



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