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## **SNOWMOBILE CLUB, Inc.**

## - Your club officers and Directors are:

President: Brent Walck, 523-2320	Vice President: Gary Broderick, 807-7002
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Groomer Coordinator: Herb Stephenson, 523-	
1242	Trail Coordinator: Pete Fleckenstein, 628-4841

Have you re-joined the club? Due to changes directed by NYS DMV, we can no longer offer memberships through our dealer (Hebelers and Weavers) network. You can join online at <a href="https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org/region/show/28#c890">https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org/region/show/28#c890</a> or at any club function. Once you have your membership voucher you can renew your sled registration online at <a href="https://transact.dmv.ny.gov/registrationrenew/?stype=s">https://transact.dmv.ny.gov/registrationrenew/?stype=s</a> though more money from your registration stays in Niagara County if you mail in locally or renew in person at one of the DMV Locations in Niagara County (Lockport, Niagara Falls, or North Tonawanda).

Bonus to our Members: the club has decided to give each member an OCSA Super Raffle Ticket (worth \$5.00) just for joining/re-joining. To receive yours, you must come in person to a meeting and fill out the ticket. Even if you've already joined, you are eligible for a ticket-this tickets gives you a chance to win one of three snowmobiles, a \$5000 cash prize along with 46 other prizes. This is our way of saying thank you for being a member of the Shawnee Sno-Chiefs.

While talking about the Super Raffle tickets, we are also asking our members to sell these tickets. For each ticket sold, the club receives ½ the face value. This is a great fundraiser that benefits both the club and the state association-it is organized by the Onondaga County Snowmobile Association and NYSSA. Call Gary at 807-7002 for tickets.

It's that time of year to build trails. If you can lend a hand, please give Pete a call 628-4841 and let him know where you'd like to help out and he will put you in touch with the right Trail Captain. If you've never been out, it's a great time to familiarize yourself with our trails, how and why they are marked and to make friends with other people who enjoy the things you do. We also encourage you to bring your children out to help out and can provide letters for community service verification if needed for school.

We are still looking to complete the trail from Newfane to Lockport, then on the Canal to Medina to meet up with the Orleans County Club. This would be an important final connection to this Corridor, mainly on the Canal Towpath from the east side of Lockport on. This is a major undertaking that will take time to accomplish. Currently, we do not have a permit for this section of the canal and riding on it is against the law. Expect a trespassing charge if you are caught. If you are interested in being a part of making this trail happen, please call Gary at 807-7002.

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On December 1, we will have our December meeting and club Christmas Party. Please come on out and help us celebrate the season! The Club will supply Pizza and Beverages along with some door prizes-please bring a dish to pass. The meeting, traditionally a short one then the festivities begin! So, bring your other half and the kids and let's celebrate the holidays!

Our NY State Snowmobile Safety Course is on Saturday, Dec. 13th at the Shawnee Fire Hall. This class is conducted free of charge. Minimum age is 10 years old by the course date. All students should bring a bag lunch. Parents are encouraged to take the course with their kids. Students and Parent/Guardian should arrive by 8:30 A.M. to accomplish paperwork; instruction begins at 9:00 A.M. All students should bring a pencil/pen. Snacks/soft drinks provided by the club. Parents/Guardian must sign the course permission/registration in the morning and must pick up kids after class. RSVP to Rodger at 731-2174.

We will be hosting another class in January-a 2 night course-on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. classes will run from 5-9 on each night. Attending both classes is required to graduate and receive your certificate. Bring a snack both nights. RSVP to Gary at 731-1719. For information on the courses or how to be come an Instructor, please call Rodger at 731-2174. Courses in N.Y.: <a href="http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx">http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx</a>.

We are always searching for people to become instructors. If you are interested, you need to attend a class for credit and assist in teaching classes after that. For more information on how to become an Instructor, please call Rodger at 731-2174. Other courses across New York State can be found at <a href="http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx">http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx</a>.

The Club's Annual Sno-Drags will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Grass Drag Track behind the Shawnee Fire Hall. This event is only open to Club Members. The club will provide free burgers, dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. There is no cost to attend this event. No Trophies, No Plaques, just come and win bragging rights! We need you to help make this evnt successful, please call Lonnie at 731-5128 to volunteer.

January 1st kicks off the 'Take A Friend Snowmobiling' campaign across the nation. Do you have a friend that asks about riding? Has shown some interest in snowmobiling? On the fence about committing to buying in? This is your opportunity to be an ambassador of our sport. Take that person out for a ride...nothing hooks a rider like being out on the snow-once they get the bug-like you did-they are in. This is how we expand the sport and bring in new blood....so, Take a Friend Snowmobiling!

Do you have an idea for a club ride? One day or multi-day trip? The club is looking to plan some 'out of town' rides this season. Would you be willing to help make it happen? If so, call Brent at 523-2320.

The New York State Snowmobile Association will be hosting a gathering of representatives from all snowmobiling states, all Canadian Provinces, Russia and some European countries

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at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) 2015 to be held at the Niagara Falls Conference and Event Center, June 10-13, 2014. If you are interested in attending, please go to <a href="www.isc2015.com">www.isc2015.com</a> for more info and registration. As the closest club, we will be helping NYSSA make this event a success. If you can help out by volunteering some time, please call Gary at 807-7002.

Interested in learning more about how snowmobiling works in New York State? The NYSSA Annual Forum and Business Meeting will be held at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, April 10-12, 2014. If you are interested in attending, please contact a club officer. More info will be available soon at <a href="https://www.nyssaforum.com">www.nyssaforum.com</a>.

Check out the NYSSA Website: <a href="http://www.nyssaforum.com/?page=Benefits">http://www.nyssaforum.com/?page=Benefits</a> and take advantage of the many discounts available to you! From Hotels and car rental agencies to insurance to travel and so much more. You are eligible for all these savings because as a member of the Sno-Chiefs you are also a member of the NYSSA. By the time you read this, you will have probably received the fall edition of the New York Snowmobiler Magazine-lots of great information on riding in New York State! NYSSA Offers computer based Online Training to complete a 6 hour safe driving course of \$22 - and gets you a disocunt on your auto insurance for 3 tears!





We are always 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.

New Shawnee Sno-Chiefs logo clothing is available to order at each meeting- Sno-Chiefs Logo wear must be pre-ordered and pre-paid-Call Brent at 523-2320



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