



SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

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The SnowRats held another great **CLUB RIDE** in Old Forge/Big Moose the weekend of Feb 22-24. We had more than 25 riders join in the fun throughout the weekend. The weather was cold, but not too cold. The trails were groomed and fast. On Saturday we split up into three groups. Steve and Chris headed out towards Brantingham to meet at the Pine Tree Inn for lunch. Slo-Moe lead a third group to take a slower, more scenic tour of the lakes in Old Forge. Moe's group also had the opportunity to see some of the New York Dogsled Championship. Everyone met back at the Way-back Inn later in the day and we headed down to The Ole Barn for dinner. On the way there we were treated to an awesome fireworks display that was going on near Fourth Lake. Dinner was a great success as usual and some of us headed out for a late night ride afterwards. Thanks to all who participated, we look forward to seeing some new faces next year - wherever we end up!

WE HAD OUR 9TH MEETING OF THE YEAR ON MARCH 4TH.. ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS THE **YEAR END DINNER**, WHICH WAS PROPOSED FOR **APRIL 19TH BUT**, IT WILL BE ON **APRIL 12TH**. IT WILL BE HELD AT **GREENBAUMS & GILHOOLEY'S** RESTAURANT ON RT. 9 IN WAPPINGERS FALLS.

WE ALSO DECIDED TO PURCHASE ANOTHER SLED FOR NEXT YEARS FUND RAISER. THE SLED WE PICKED IS A BRAND NEW 07 **POLARIS CLASSIC 340** WITH ELECTRIC START, REVERSE, AND A COVER. (NICE SLED)

WHAT DOES EVERYONE THINK ABOUT A POSSIBLE SUMMER COOK OUT OR GET TOGETHER DURING OUR OFF SEASON? MAYBE AT LAKE TAGHKANIC OR SOME PLACE LIKE THAT ? LET US KNOW, COME, JOIN US AT A MEETING.

HOW ABOUT TWO (2) CLUB RIDES NEXT YEAR!

Lake Taghkanic: The winter fest went very well. Chairman Moe, Chris, Duncan, and Pete were on hand to represent the SnowRats. They had the groomer on display as well as other sleds. Moe had maps and guides to hand out to anyone interested. The State Police and local Fire Department put on an ice rescue demonstration complete with scuba divers (this was cool). The Forest Rangers also educated us on outdoor safety and survival. A dog sled demonstration was scheduled but they were unable to attend. Also snowshoeing and cross country skiing was plentiful. Storytelling and Plaster Animal Tracks were some of the activities for the little ones. There was a little something for everyone to enjoy. If you missed it, try harder to make it next year.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY APRIL 1ST.
AT THE FISHKILL BOWL ON ROUTE 82.**

Please check out our website at
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for the most up to date info on all of our
events.

More on Lake Taghkanic: Work details are coming soon. We are trying to set up the following dates: April 13th, 27th, and May 4th with May 18th as a rain date if needed. These dates are not cast in stone yet, so watch the newsletter and website for further updates.

NEW BUSINESS: ANY MEMBER THAT HAS A BUSINESS OR KNOWS SOMEONE WITH A BUSINESS, AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING ON OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND US A BUSINESS CARD. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET 10 DIFFERENT BUSINESSES TO START WITH, TO PRODUCE A FULL PAGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS. WE ARE ASKING \$25 PER BUSINESS CARD FOR MEMBERS AND \$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS. DOUBLE SIDED CARDS WILL NEED TO PURCHASE TWO SPACES. THIS WILL GET YOU ADVERTISING ON ALL THE NEWSLETTERS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THIS SHEET OF ADVERTISEMENTS WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE WITH THE NEWSLETTER, AN ADDED BONUS!

MAIL TO: SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Communication Safety System: Steve has purchased a small number of these lights for club members. If anyone is interested in buying a system for themselves please call Steve Bechtold at 845-226-6564. Call while supplies last. There are only a few left so don't wait. Have them mounted and ready for next year.

REMEMBER: Always ride safe and DO NOT drink and ride.

SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB 2008 YEAR END DINNER

WHERE: GREENBAUMS & GILHOOLEY'S RT 9 WAPPINGER FALLS

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH.

APPETIZERS AT 7 P.M.

SIT DOWN DINNER AT 8 P.M. CHOOSE FROM BEEF, FISH, OR CHICKEN

CASH BAR

COST: \$30 PER PERSON. ALL MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS DINNER EVERY YEAR AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE CAN MAKE IT. IT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT TIME AS IT HAS IN YEARS PAST.

VERY IMPORTANT !!! PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO OR CALL STEVE BECHTOLD .

I CAN'T WAIT TO COME TO THE YEAR END DINNER!

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING

TOTAL COST AT \$30 PER PERSON

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE SNOWRATS.

I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE YEAR END DINNER

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