



SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER WWW.SNOWRATS.COM

Get your vouchers, renew your membership now!

Welcome to the new year of snowmobiling. No snow is in the forecast yet, but, it's time to start thinking about getting ready for it.

Our first meeting was a busy one as the new vouchers are ready. Steve spent most of his time processing new membership forms and handing out vouchers to all the members that came out to sit in on a meeting. There were many topics discussed:

Officer elections: All officers remain the same!

President: John Occhino

Vice President: Don VanVoorhis

Treasurer: Steve Bechtold

Secretary: Brian Smith

Director (3-year): Chris Vilardi

Lake Taghkanic work schedule was discussed and the following dates are set. **October 5th & 26th. And November 9th & 23rd.** There is still work needed to be done. A bridge needs to be built, railings placed on another bridge. Some soil needs to be hauled to blend in some bridges. Plus the usual years worth of vegetation that needs to be tamed. For those who are bringing 4-wheelers to help, you must have helmets and insurance cards. Any and all help is appreciated. We usually do pizza or something like that afterwards. We meet at Gracie's Dinner on route 82 near the Tacanic Parkway for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. or at Lake Taghkanic at 9 - 9:30 A.M.

Flea Market dates have also been set as:

Saturday and Sunday **October 11th and 12th.**

Saturday **November 2nd.**

Come on out and sell some raffle tickets and enjoy the Flea Market.

The Raffle Sled will be out and about at the **Ohio Snow Bash Grass Drags** in Ohio New York on September 20th and 21st. Many members plan to attend. If anyone is interested in going, please give Steve Bechtold a call so possible lodging can be arranged.

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

**THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS ARE
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH,
AND TUESDAY OCTOBER 7TH.
AT THE FISHKILL BOWL ON
ROUTE 82.**

N.Y.S.S.A. RAFFLE UPDATE: Last year the club purchased raffle tickets from N.Y.S.S.A., We won!!! The club has a Two Weeknight stay at Sunset Park Motel in Tupper Lake. This package is available to anyone in the club who is interested in using it. We only ask for a nominal donation to the club. This is good for a two night (Sunday to Thursday) stay, up till March 31st. If anyone is interested please drop us a note at our P.O. box requesting them . Leave us your phone number and amount of proposed donation and we will contact you. This is a first come first serve basis. Combine it with a weekend stay and make it a short vacation.

The Club Ride was discussed, and a possible date was set for February 27th, 28th. This causes a conflict with **The Pink Ribbon Riders** event that will take place that same weekend in Inlet (same place as last year). Tom had mentioned about possible taking our club ride with The Pink Ribbon Riders. For a registration fee, it includes a lot of stuff. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and an after event party. This is something that the club may be interested in participating in. More information will be available after October 1st. And will be brought to the clubs attention as soon as possible. Thoughts, ideas, and other options for the club ride, are always welcome.

The By-laws were also on the schedule to be discussed and voted on, but there was not enough time left in the meeting to address them in full. We will pick up on this topic at the next meeting on September 16th.

THE N.Y.S.S.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SAURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST. WILL BE HELD AT **THE HUBBARD LODGE IN FAHNESTOCK** STATE PARK ON ROUTE 9 IN COLDSRING (PUTNAN COUNTY). WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND TO SHOW THAT THE LOWER NEW YORK COUNTY'S HAVE SNOWMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS ALSO, NOT JUST UP NORTH. OUR PRESIDENT, JOHN OCCHINO IS ON THE BOARD AND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING. LETS COME OUT AND SEE JOHN AT WORK.

Attention : *All members must renew their membership by the end of November or risk loosing out on the newsletter and other important information. Please renew early to avoid this.*

Club Meeting Schedule for the 08-09 season

Tuesday, September 2nd.

Tuesday, September 16th.

Tuesday, October 7th.

Tuesday, October 21st.

Tuesday, November 4th.

Tuesday, November 20th.

Tuesday, December 2nd.

Saturday, December ?, Christmas Party, date to be determined.

Tuesday, January 6th.

Tuesday, February 3rd.

Tuesday, March 3rd.

Tuesday, April 7th. Annual election of officers.

Tuesday, May 5th.

Lake Taghkanic work schedule:

Sunday, October 5th.

Sunday, October 26th.

Sunday, November 9th.

Sunday, November 23rd.

Flea Market Dates:

Saturday, October 11th.

Sunday, October 12th.

Sunday, November 2nd.

PINK RIBBON RIDERS CLUB RIDE:

Saturday, February 27th.

Sunday, February 28th.