



# SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER [WWW.SNOWRATS.COM](http://WWW.SNOWRATS.COM)

**Get your vouchers, renew your membership now!**

**Lake Taghkanic:** Trail maintenance has started. New growth has been cut back for more clearance on the trails. We still need to build a new bridge if funding can be found. Side rails and curbing on another bridge are needed for this year also. Thanks to the guys that came out to help, a lot of work has been done. Next work day is set for **October 26th**. For those of you who are bringing 4 wheelers, remember to bring your helmets!!!

The **OHIO SNOW BASH GRASS DRAGS** on September 20th and 21st was a big success for selling raffle tickets. We were able to sell about 60 tickets for the weekend. This is very good. The support to put this together was outstanding. Thanks to all who helped.

**The Christmas Dinner:** Has been scheduled for Sunday December 21st. At Copperfields restaurant on route 44 in Millbrook. We will have appetizers at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. This is going to be a buffet style dinner with a cash bar. Cost will be around \$30 per person. The Yankee Grab bag will be back with gifts around the \$10 range for those who wish to participate. The winner of the raffle sled will be picked on this night also. The winner will be able to pick up the sled at Texeira's Polaris.

**CLUB RIDE:** Has been scheduled for the weekend of January 31st. The ride will be in Big Moose, New York. Every one is invited to join in on the fun. Specific times will be discussed and posted online and in the newsletter. Each member will be responsible for their own lodging. Possible places are, The Wayback Inn at 315-357-6000, The Glenmore at 315-357-4891, or The Big Moose Inn at 315-357-2042. Other places are also available, but don't wait too long. Hope to see everyone there. More info to come.

**Members:** We need help selling the raffle tickets!!! There are only a few guys who have asked for tickets to sell. We would like to see **EVERY** member try to sell a couple of tickets. Everybody knows a couple of people, it's not too hard. If nothing else, maybe each member could buy a couple of tickets if they can't sell them. We really can use the help. Part of the proceeds of the raffle will be donated to **The Pink Ribbon Riders** who create awareness of Breast Cancer thru the motor sports industry.

Please check out our website at  
**[WWW.SNOWRATS.COM](http://WWW.SNOWRATS.COM)**  
for the most up to date info on all  
of our events.

**THE NEXT MEETINGS ARE  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH  
AND 20TH AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE  
FISHKILL BOWL ON ROUTE 82.**

The 5th Annual New York Snow Run to benefit the **PINK RIBBON RIDERS** is February 27th & 28th at The Ole Barn in Inlet, New York. Registration is \$75.00 per rider. The club is trying to reserve 30 registrations for our members. This is a great event to be involved in, and we encourage every member to participate. If you are not able to attend, a donation (pledge) is also good. There are a lot of members already interested in going, so if you are, you need to call Tom at 226-1866, or e-mail him at [snowratsnews@optimum.net](mailto:snowratsnews@optimum.net). These registrations will not last. Last year it sold out in December!! More information will be coming soon.

A **FREE Snowmobile Safety Course** will be offered by John Occhino on November 15th at George's Place on route 52 in Carmel. The class will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a break for lunch. Must be 10 years of age or older. There will be limited space available. This course usually fills up quick, so don't wait. Call John at 845-225-3140 and leave a message, or e-mail him at [john@taxman72.com](mailto:john@taxman72.com).

**The By-laws** have been reviewed, voted on, and accepted. If anyone would like a copy of the new by-laws, come to a meeting for a hard copy or e-mail Tom at [snowratsnews@optimum.net](mailto:snowratsnews@optimum.net) and he will e-mail you a copy.

THE N.Y.S.S.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST. AT 1:00 P.M. (11:30 FOR LUNCH) WILL BE HELD AT **THE HUBBARD LODGE IN FAHNESTOCK** STATE PARK ON ROUTE 9 & 301 IN COLDSRING (PUTNAM 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 beginning of November or risk losing out on the newsletter and other important information. Please renew early to avoid this.*

**SWEATSHIRTS AND TEESHIRTS ARE GOING TO BE ORDERED SOON.** If any one is interested in buying one of these, you need to contact Steve at 845-226-6564. There will be many colors and sizes to choose from. This is a pre-order. We will not be purchasing in bulk this year, only what you order. There will be tee-shirts, pull over sweatshirts, zip-up sweatshirts and hoody's also. They come in royal blue, navy blue, red, black, white, hunter green, light gray, dark gray, maybe even pink, and more. Whatever color you want, whatever style you want and whatever size you want, we can order it for you. So call Steve and place your order today!

We will be having a visitor at the November 4th meeting by the name of Heather Martyn from Allstate Insurance. She will be bringing refreshments courtesy of Allstate. Heather will be discussing snowmobile insurance and our options.

**FLEA MARKET**: NEXT DATE IS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND. COME ON OUT AND SEE THE RAFFLE SLED, SAY HELLO, AND PICK UP SOME RAFFLE TICKETS TO TAKE HOME AND SELL FOR US. WE NEED HELP SELLING TICKETS.

Anyone interested in a **2006 SKIDOO MACH 1000**, Steve has one for sale. Call him at 845-226-6564

# SNOWRATS SNOWMOBILE CLUB 2008 CHRISTMAS DINNER

WHERE: **COPPERFIELDS** RT 44 MILLBROOK

WHEN: **SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST**

APPETIZERS AT 5 P.M.

BUFFET DINNER AT 6 P.M.

CASH BAR

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

THE YANKEE GRAB BAG WILL BE BACK FOR THIS DINNER. A \$10 LIMIT PLEASE. 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 .**

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**I CAN'T WAIT TO COME TO THE CHRISTMAS 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 CHRISTMAS DINNER**

RETURN TO OR CALL:  
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