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*Celebrating 35 Years as a Not-For-Profit Volunteer Organization
Dedicated to the Preservation of Snowmobiling!
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NEWSLETTER

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- Cranberry Lake Mountaineers
- Dairyland Snowmobile Club
- Edwards Snowmobile Club
- Grasse River Groomers
- Hermon Sledgers
- Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers
- Tri Town Trailblazers

OUR MEMBERSHIP OFFICE IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN! *St Lawrence County - 2136 vouchers - 3000 +/- with family members*

Hello to all members! We trust you have been enjoying a truly spectacular summer and hope this winter gives us as much snow as we've had sun and heat so far.

DMV has already mailed out your registration forms, so have your voucher ready and save a bunch of money while supporting SLCSA at the same time!!!

Please feel free to get your 2010 membership by joining on-line with a credit card, by sending back the printed application with your check, or by stopping in at Travel Unlimited. If you've purchased a sled for the first time from a participating dealer you will be able to join a club thru the dealer. SLCSA is still only \$25 for an individual or family membership. Annual snowmobile registrations cost \$45 for all snowmobiles registered under the member's household, and \$100 for non-club members. Membership can really add to your savings if you have several snowmobiles to register. Thank you for registering early. It really helps get the state funding from your registrations in our hands faster!

VOLUNTEERS – 35 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEERS

“Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart”

This year's newsletter is in honor of our many volunteers that have given countless hours to help make our trail system what it is today! From the first volunteers that started getting permissions for us to develop our trail system, to those that have helped build our trails with tractors, dozers, backhoes, and excavators, to those that have donated radios, bridge materials, culverts, sign posts and buildings to store equipment, to those that have helped brush and sign trails, build bridges, replace culverts, and of course those that groom our manicured trails.

I'd like to say **“Thank You”** to all who volunteer their time and talents year around to make the St Lawrence County Trail System as successful as it is today. We cannot do it without the many volunteers we have and we encourage even more of you to join us in whatever capacity you can.

THANK YOU – LANDOWNERS – THANK YOU

We can't forget to thank our many landowners. Without their generosity we would not have trails to ride. We would like to extend a sincere **“Thank you to our landowners”** for allowing us to ride snowmobiles on their properties. We also would like to thank those of you who rode our trails in a responsible, law abiding manner last season in order to ensure these trails remain open another year. We must always remember that these landowners are not required to allow us to use their land.....it is a privilege they are extending to us!! Let's respect their rights!

TRAIL WORK – BRIDGES – CULVERTS - MORE BRIDGES - OH YEAH!

ST LAWRENCE COUNTY - 530 Miles of Funded Trails – 140 miles of Unfunded Trails

This past year we have focused our time and money towards trail maintenance. Equipment is important to groom the trails but good trails are important for our riders, saving wear and tear on the equipment, and safety. Fall 2009 turned into very busy months organizing materials, equipment, and volunteers to complete trail work before hunting season. We have added bridges and culverts across our trail system.



Our first bridge was between Stark Rd and Route 56 on Trail C8. We removed the old decking and added new decking to the 11 x 20 bridge in Catamount Lake Hunting Club.

Tom Whitman used his family trailer to deliver lumber and tractor to remove and replace decking for this bridge.

Our second bridge (below) was between Little Blue and Backwoods on C7A. Larry Peck was the mastermind behind this project. We pushed the banks back at both ends of the bridge for visibility to make it safer. We can also cross the bridge with the groomer now. We had three dump trucks from Warren Bessette Jr. & Sr., Ed Russell, and the green truck below from Bob Bixby. Buddy Ruhl donated the truck and trailer to move a dozer operated by Steve Moore. Wayne Richards donated and operated his tractor with bucket, a pole truck from Gary Collins, a loader from Leberge and Curtis operated by Albert Hundley, and trucks with trailers to move the equipment from Shawn Spellacy and Danny Matthews, Grasse River Paving. ***All these folks are wonderful to donate the use of their equipment!***



Between Little Blue and Backwoods on C7A (continued)



Our second work weekend we had the use of a tractor trailer and excavator donated by Sheehan Construction and operated by Scott Hogle. Jim, Pam, and Josh Rose, Boyden Brook Body Works pitched in with their tractor with bucket and grader. David Wight ran chainsaw. We added two culverts and moved part of the trail to make this a much safer and more enjoyable trail to ride.





Our next project was the railroad bed between Rensselaer Falls and Heuvelton on S80D. We finalized all the landowner permissions over the summer and Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers cleared, brushed, and added culverts to the new trail. We received our state and federal permits just before winter and replaced a bridge on the railroad bed. Jeff Crobar, owner of JC Contracting, donated a lot of time and equipment to help complete this project along with Robert & Greg Sloan Construction. We also used a rubber tracked bobcat with a forestry head from Doyle Construction to brush and mulch our new trail along the edge of the Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area from Rt 68 down Cty Rt 14 to Rensselaer Falls. This connects our Madrid-Morley trail to our main trail system.



We worked with DEC in the Brasher Forest and completed two new beautiful bridges on Burns Rd (C7F). SLCSA supplied the materials and DEC supplied the labor and additional materials.



12 x 50 Burns Rd East Bridge, Brasher State Forest.

12 x 32 bridge Burns Rd West, Brasher State Forest (before-left and after-right) and decorated for the Holidays!!



New bridge at the CC Dam in Brasher State Forest – Glu Lam Beams from Wanakena



Cranberry Lake Mountaineers and Cranberry Lake Fish & Game Club got together and replace decking on the bridge going into Cranberry Lake. Brian Plonka donated a tractor for bridge work. Bruce Langevin Jr Langevin excavating donated excavator, and Mark Hall a backhoe to fix Manhattan Trail C8.



Grasse River: Removal and replacement of upper road bridge, Cold Spring Club (C8E)



Sawmill Bridge, before and after. Spencer Thew donated materials and a backhoe, Scott Fox was our engineer and Don Maroney our welder.



Middle Branch Bridge – Stillwater DEC labor and our material



Alice Brook Trail - Wanakena



It has been great working together - the snowmobile clubs, hunting clubs, land owners and managers, DEC and all the volunteers that help maintain our shared trails.



Together we achieve the extraordinary!

***EQUIPMENT – EQUIPMENT – EQUIPMENT – EQUIPMENT - EQUIPMENT – EQUIPMENT
15 CLASS A GROOMERS – 10 CLASS C GROOMERS***

This year we added a 2005 Tucker 1000 and a new mogul master drag that is being used in the Cranberry Lake area. We also moved our 1995 Trail Boss Bell to Rensselaer Falls, a 1993 BR 60 Bombadier to Black Lake, and a 1997 Tucker 1000 to North Lawrence. We have come a long way with equipment.



Save Your Gas Receipts!

SAVE YOUR GAS RECEIPTS—CONTRIBUTE TO THE SLCSA GAS TAX REBATE!

If you ride and gas up your snowmobile in St Lawrence County or anywhere else, we are asking you to take an extra minute to help us gain the benefit of a large gas tax rebate reimbursement. When you gas up, save your receipt, attach and complete a rebate form and mail to: SLCSA, PO Box 421, Canton NY 13617. We are going to ask our local businesses to keep the gas tax forms on their counters; you can hand over your receipt at time of purchase and sign the log. For those businesses that have “pay at the pump” please remember to PRINT out your receipt; and place in the SLCSA box at the pump and SIGN the attached log to participate in the rebate. Please help us make this rebate initiative successful!

NYSSA NEWS... Please be sure to check out www.nysnowmobiler.com. As a member you can login and read the latest meeting synopsis, read the Online Newsletter, renew your membership, find a list membership Discounts and much much more.

WEBSITE... SLCSA is in the process of wanting to update their website. If there is a member with this expertise we would greatly appreciate some help. Please contact us!

THANKS TO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & LOCAL BUSINESS

We continue to work with our county chamber to promote tourism with our county trail map each year. Our merchants are great support by advertising on our map, joining as business sponsors for \$50, being part of our Business Discount Program and donating to our groomer party. We thank the following businesses for their support:

The County Chamber and these businesses support us, so please help support them!

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| Adirondack Pharmacy | Doug’s Tavern | Mervin Eno Post 1523 | The Hideaway Cafe |
| American House | Edwardsville Grocery | Newton Falls Hotel | The Ole Smokehouse |
| Awekwasne Casino | Fletcher Motel | Nice n Easy | Windfall Bar & Restaurant |
| Backwood’s Inn | Fun Unlimited | Norridgewock III | Thirsty Moose Pub & Grub |
| Barstow Motors | The Glow Tavern | Padgett’s Stores, Inc | Travel Unlimited |
| Blevin’s | Hostetter Appraisal | Parkway Polaris | Turner Inn |
| Boyden Brook Body Works | Jim’s Auto | Pine Cone | Twin Lakes Hotel |
| Catamount Lodge | Kunoco | Raquette Sports Center | Wayne’s Gas |
| Deer Valley Trails | Stone Manor | Rt 68 Sales & Service | Weekes Outdoor Power Equip |
| Chip’s Place | Leberge & Curtis | Sovie’s | The Grapevine |
| Cranberry Lake Lodge | Madrid Hotel | | |

COMMUNICATION

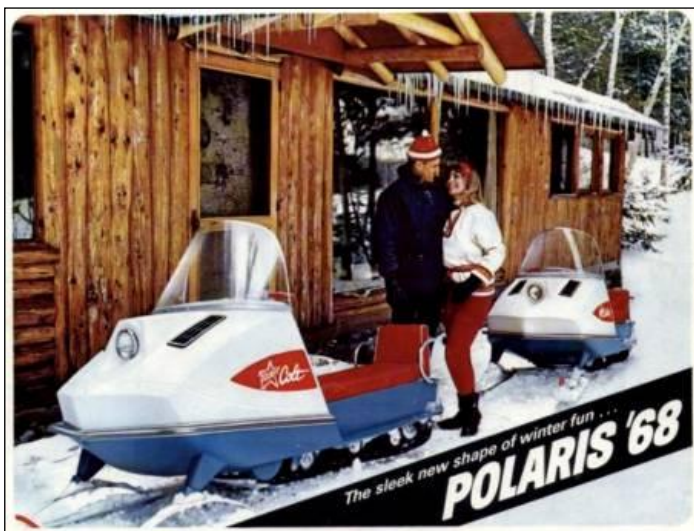
We all use e-mail more and more to communicate. It's faster, cheaper and easier. We can't stress enough how important it is that we have member's e-mail addresses. Thank you to the members that have been including their email when they join on line or send in our application. We have about half of the member's emails at this time. We would like to send you electronic newsletters in 2011 so please include your email this year.

Generally, the County Association e-mails information to the club president or secretary, and they in turn, should forward it on to their members. If there are members without e-mail, we are assuming clubs will pass on important items to them via phone or mail.

The county association does not send any junk mail or advertising. We absolutely do not share e-mail addresses with anyone else. This year we are working on our website so you will have one site for the whole county to let you know trail conditions and other important information about our sport. Keep checking www.slcsa.org for more news.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

Please continue to get out there, pitch in and work on trail maintenance and development. We need volunteers to donate time to keep our trail system going. If you appreciate the efforts of SLCSA, show your thanks and support by sending in your annual membership today! Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at St. Patrick's Church meeting hall on Rt. 56 in Colton at 7pm. Members are encouraged to attend all meetings as well as local merchants and the general public. For more information or to volunteer, contact us at 315-265-0898 or email us at slcsa@northnet.org.



See you on the trail!
Deb Christy
President, SLCSA

CAN'T WAIT!

