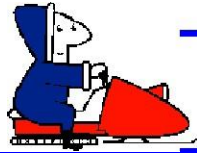




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Dedicated to the Preservation of Snowmobiling!  
1975-2013*



## NEWSLETTER

October 2013

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Tri Town Trailblazers

### EARLY RENEWAL HELPS TRAIL FUNDING

We hope you were able to take advantage of our trails last season. Weather conditions were good, groomer operators were out in full force, our newer equipment meant fewer breakdowns and our continued trail maintenance made for some really great trails! Let's hope for another good season this winter!

St. Lawrence County and other clubs across the state try to figure out yearly how to carry on as usual and stabilize the funding stream. We have to do the work first, spend the money, and then we get it back. As you know, we groom as much as the conditions allow and will find a way to make it happen, but it's a burden that seems to fall on the backs of fewer and fewer people.

One way to contribute to the funding solution is to **REGISTER YOUR SLED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE!** This gets your dollars back into the trail fund and back into your clubs quickly.

Another way to contribute is The **Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign!** Sometimes individuals have little knowledge about snowmobiling. If we take them out for a ride and show them how much fun it is and how wonderful it is to experience the winter in a unique way with friends and family, we can shed the true light on the family activity of snowmobiling. So we encourage you to help your club, your county, and your state snowmobile associations grow by introducing new people to snowmobiling and earn a check for \$5,000.00! [www.snowmobile.org](http://www.snowmobile.org)

Thank you for your quick response with membership this year. It really helps get the state funding from your registrations into our hands faster!

### *Where Do I Get My Membership Voucher to Register?*

Please feel free to get your 2013-14 membership by joining on-line with a credit card, send back the printed application with your check, or stop in at Boyden Brook or Travel Unlimited (which has moved to 367 Judson St Rd. in Canton). SLCSA is still only \$25 for an individual or family membership.



## IN MEMORY

Ron Caton, 76, passed away on February 9, 2013 at his home in Wanakena, NY. Ron groomed many years for us in Wanakena. Ron always had a smile and many great stories about snowmobiling when you saw him at the Pine Cone. He invited snowmobilers to stop at his ice shanty just past the Ranger School in the bay as you came by.

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## TRAGEDY MAY LEAD TO SAFER CROSSING



On March 4, 2013 Robert G. Campbell, 78, Norwood, and Robert P. Whalen, 87, Canton, crashed through ice and drowned while trying to cross the Rainbow Dam Reservoir, making safer passage a priority.

Mr. Campbell was a retired Niagara Mohawk employee and avid outdoorsman. Mr. Whalen was a longtime figure in the Canton business community, where he was a partner in the Witherbee & Whalen Monument Company on Hodskin Street, and a great supporter of the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association. We will greatly miss seeing Bob on the trail.

The St. Lawrence County Legislature, along with 12 townships, have written resolutions to Brookfield Renewable Energy Group, supporting the plan of the St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board for re-opening the community connector/recreational access corridor below the Rainbow Falls Dam in Parishville as a segment of the St. Lawrence County Multiuse Trail and a segment of New York State Snowmobile Trails.

Approval for a crossing below Rainbow Falls Dam in Parishville is proceeding smoothly with the support of dam owner Brookfield, but a number of agreements are still needed, Mr. Bogart said.

“Brookfield really wants to see the bridge go across. So does the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,” Mr. Bogart said.

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***17 CLASS A GROOMERS    7 CLASS C GROOMERS***

SLCSA continues to work hard placing equipment all over the county. Last fall we purchased a new Mountain Snow Drag for the 1997 Tucker 2000 in Childwold. This year we purchased a new Mogul Master Drag to use with our newest 2012 Tucker 1000 at Shurtleff's, Sevey's Corners. The third new Trail-Paver purchased will be behind our 2001 Tucker 2000 grooming from the Clare Club. We have used Mogul Master for years and are interested to see how the Mountain Snow and Trail-Paver Drags compare.



We presently own 17 Class A groomers, which are the large groomers with drags, and 7 Class C groomers, which are sleds and drags. We are proud to say our groomers, sleds, and drags now total over one million dollars in equipment. We continue to stretch our grant funds and your membership dollars to add and upgrade equipment.

St Lawrence County is the largest county in the state. We divide our county into grooming areas, to cover a total of 530 miles of funded trails and 140 miles of unfunded trails. We start at Black Lake and worked our way across the county. We are so fortunate to have acquired the amount of equipment we have.



**A million dollars worth of groomers are useless without INVALUABLE VOLUNTEERS to operate them!**  
**OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**



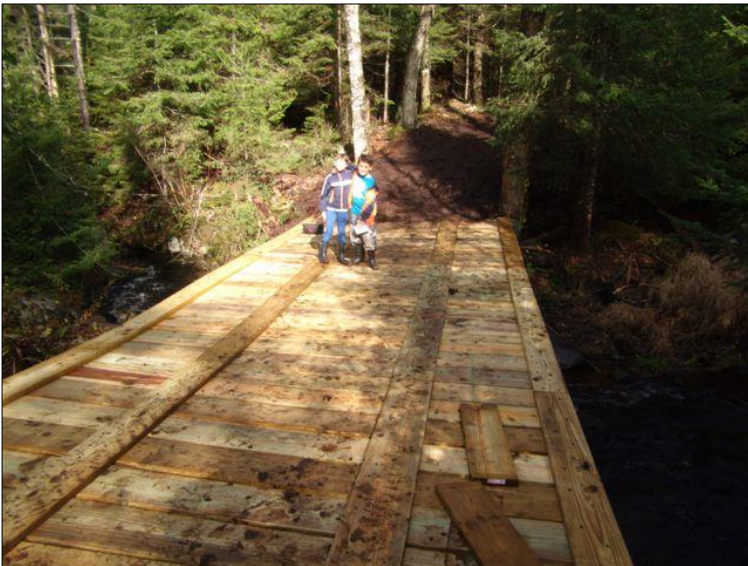
## **TRAIL WORK – BRIDGES – CULVERTS – BRUSHING – NEW TRAILS – TRAIL WORK**

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

We continue to focus as much time and money as we can 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.

### **THREE NEW TRAILS**

Owner Landvest gave us permission in fall, 2012 for our first new snowmobile trail across Mt. Matumbula Hunting Club. Tupper Lake already groomed Pitch Fork Pond Road, so crossing Mt. Matumbula Club gave us a connection thru to Piercefield, crossing the river on the State Route 3 Bridge, up Gull Pond Road and connecting to our trail C7. This gives us an alternative trail to connect to Franklin County when there is not enough snow to cover the rails to get there. It also brings riders from Franklin County and surrounding areas into St Lawrence County to support our local businesses.



Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club members donated an excavator, purchased materials, and installed this bridge to connect our new trail, which is about 13 miles. We thank them for their hard work.



These two young snowmobilers can't wait to try out the new bridge!

September 2012 our second new trail from Lake George Road to Blackmer Road across private land to Jocko's in Degrasse. Bee and Vicky Sharpstene organized volunteers from the Boondockers Snowmobile Club for a work day to move our trail off the Lake George Road and County Route 27 in the hamlet of Degrasse. Thank you to Bee Sharpstene for donating and trucking 80 yards of gravel to the site. Two excavators, loader, culverts and gators to transfer gravel were also donated. Volunteers worked two days to complete project. Thank you to Peter Gilson and Al Cunningham for donating a warm camp for lunch, and thank you to the Boondockers Club for all their help.

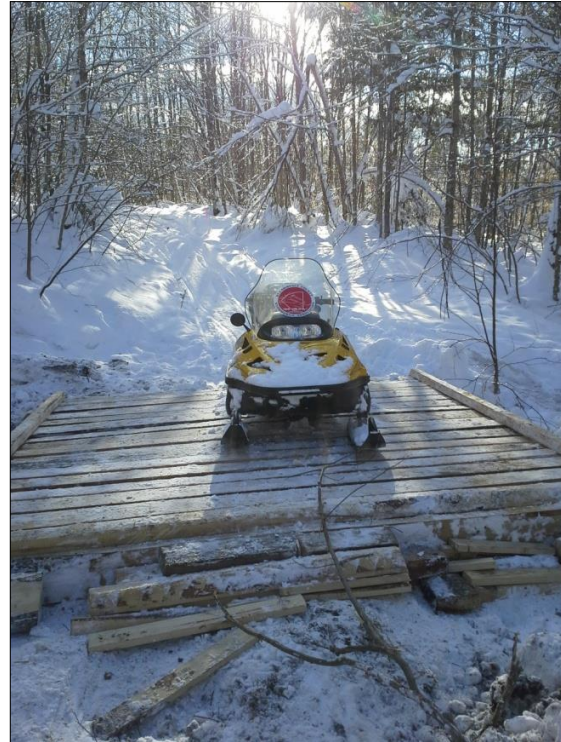
We ran into a problem with runoff water from a neighboring property last winter. The Boondockers have a work day set up in October 2013 to repair this trail ready for winter.





## NEW TRAILS...(con't)

December 2012 we received private land owner permissions to open a new trail from Thirsty Moose to Stove Pipe Alley to save riding Route 3 for safety reasons. The snow was already here and we needed to add a bridge and replace culverts on an old logging road before the trail could open. Thanks to the kindness of Mitchell Logging and Paul Mitchell Jr., who agreed to donate the Timko for a day, Bruce Amell for operating the equipment, and Childwold Snowpackers, who worked with Mitchell logging to install the bridge and culverts, the trail opened last season.



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## TRAIL WORK – CULVERTS – FALL 2013

Edwards Club President Jeff Sykes reported: “Excellent work day! One donated culvert all installed and one purchased culvert all installed on SEC 84B; 8 loads gravel donated, dump truck, backhoe donated. Edwards Snowmobile Club will pay for fuel.”

Two more donated culverts will be installed next week on SEC 80C, Edwards Snowmobile Club will pay for fuel.

Grant Contracting will be working on another larger culvert job on SEC 80C that a landowner started but turned out to be a bigger job than expected. Edwards Snowmobile Club will cover this cost also.

“All looking good in Edwards”, Jeff said.

THANK YOU Jeff and the Edwards Snowmobile Club for all the time you take to collect donations of equipment and materials for the trails, the fundraisers you hold to cover trail repairs, and the time you give to work on the trails.





## TRAIL WORK – CULVERTS – FALL 2013



Thank you to the Town of Piercefield for repairing a culvert on the North's land in Conifer. This will reroute our S88 to the original trail we used instead of riding thru the village of Conifer to connect to Childwold Station and our Corridor C7.

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### TRAIL WORK

#### GOLD MINE BRIDGE REMAINS – CLEAR POND BRIDGE REPLACED



Bridge on Gold Mine Trail (C8) in Parishville

New York State “Corridor 8” is a 150-mile corridor trail from Lewis County through St Lawrence County to Franklin County. It has taken us 25 years, but we finally accomplished our goal of getting a portion of this vital corridor off the Stark Road.

In the past, our only connection was down the side of the Stark/White Hill Road for 11 miles in the Towns of Colton and Parishville. Our goal was to get our trail off the Stark Road for safety reasons and unpleasant riding conditions on the road edge.

This year our “Corridor 8” will use the Stark Road for about 5 miles to the Goldmine Trail, up Picketteville Road, thru Rock Pond and Clear Pond over to the White Road and onto Jones Road to continue on into Franklin County Trail System.

A huge “Thank You” to DEC for purchasing the Goldmine Bridge this spring and also replacing the bridge by Clear Pond in Parishville so we will save 6 miles of road riding this winter.





6' wide bridge Clear Pond (C8) in Parishville.



New Bridge Clear Pond (C8) in Parishville

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### **TRAIL WORK – BRUSHING S89**



We were informed that the Manhattan Trail could be closed for winter logging. Cranberry Lake Mountaineers spent two weekends in September brushing the S80G trail as our alternate to Newton Falls, Wanakena, and Star Lake so the trail would have good visability for the extra traffic it will receive. Just as this newsletter was being published we were told that the Manhattan Trail will not be closed to logging but we will still enjoy S89 this winter. We are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers willing to do whatever it takes to have our trails ready for our winter enjoyment!

Cranberry Mountaineer’s Youth helping clear trails!

### **TRAILS CLOSED FOR LOGGING 2013**

This was our second year of meeting in advance with DEC and all the major land managers to discuss logging operations for this winter. We have three trail closings as a result.

The first trail is our C7A from Jct 54 to 55. This is our trail from Little Blue to Backwoods and was closed last winter but some snowmobiles rode thru anyway. This year we are asking you to please stay out of this area. The loggin operation is right on the trail.

The second trail that will be closed for logging is the short cut over Beech Hill that saved about 1 mile on the Tooley Pond Rd. leaving Windfall towards Degrasse to Spruce Mountain Trail.

The third trail closed this winter is S80 from Degrasse to Gate 10 by the green steel deck bridge in the center of Tooley Pond Rd. This trail was closed to logging last year but some used it anyway. This year there will be three logging companies in there at the same time working so please stay out of this area. We are negotiating with DEC and Landvest to see if we can still use the Newton Falls Railroad bed from Gate 10 to the River Road, to route us around the log trucks on the Tooley Pond Rd. We are still working on an alternate route and will let you know thru our website [www.slcsa.org](http://www.slcsa.org).



Our trail (S86) Stone Dam Bridge on Stillwater Hunting Club is presently closed due to disrepair. We have been meeting with DEC, but due to funding and permits have not been able to pinpoint a date on replacement yet.

### **DEVELOPING FUTURE TRAILS**

Our first new trail will be an alternate trail for Horseshoe that will be over by Center Pond. We have walked the trail with DEC and are filing permits for a 36' bridge that is needed on the trail. We hope to have it open next year.

The second new trail we are working on is from Route 56 to Thirsty Moose. We used to call it the river trail. We have permission to cross easement land from Route 56 thru Moose Head Outing Club. A second parcel is owned by Lyme Timber and the land manager wants the town, state or county to sign an easement agreement, along with our insurance, for us to use this part of the trail. We would like this trail to be our permanent logging alternative for C7A. We will let you know more as negotiations proceed.

Our third new trail being developed is a community connector trail from St Lawrence County to Franklin County on the east side of Carry Falls Reservoir. The St Lawrence County Trails Advisory Board Oversight Committee started meeting in December 2011 to discuss this important connector trail from Tupper Lake to Weller Mountain Hunting Club area in Parishville, NY. The oversight committee's recommendation was to move forward and have a study group meet to evaluate need and community support, examine possible options and select the best alternative, and then develop and implement a plan to secure the route. In March 2012, the Towns of Tupper Lake, Colton, Parishville, and Hopkinton met with St Lawrence and Franklin County Snowmobile Associations and Larry Denis, land manager for Landvest held a meeting. Everyone unanimously agreed we need the connector. We ranked the three options in the Raquette Boreal UMP and felt Option Two, from Tupper Lake to IP Five Mile via Conservation Fund and Lassiter Main Haul Road, as our best option. Subsequently we proceeded with an email to Dave Smith, Region 5 DEC, with our request. We have met with Dave twice and he has forwarded our request, along with his comments, to Albany and we are waiting for a reply. Our hope is to move forward with this trail in 2014.

Our fourth new trail is being developed by Dairyland Club to connect St Lawrence County Trails to Jefferson County. We are to the county line but are waiting for Jefferson County to make their way to our county line.

Our fifth new trail is being developed by Grasse River Groomers from Madrid. They have agreed to try and connect their trail from Madrid to Waddington at the request of Waddington members and the Village of Waddington Board. This will be an additional 10 miles of trail.



**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 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!

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**SPEED LIMIT**

There is a **55-mph speed limit** on New York's trails unless otherwise posted lower.

We urge riders to travel at "reasonable and prudent speed for the existing conditions". *Reasonable* means remembering that many families are out riding together, enjoying the outdoors. Slow down when you meet other sledders, ease up when you come to a curve, bridge or rise in the trail.

**If you are unable to control your sled enough to keep it to the right hand side of the trail and stop in a safe and prudent manner - you're riding too fast!**

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**COMMUNICATIONS - EMERGENCY LOCATOR SIGNS, TRAIL MAPS, AND NEW KIOSKS**



Ralph Collins posted our first map on the trail a few years ago, and others have popped up along the way. In 2011, Allstate donated signs to show Emergency Locator Information, which we have been installing along the trail to show your GPS coordinates and closest highway for emergency responders.



This year we have added four kiosks to our trail system. They will have our map on one side and rules of the easement land on the other side. Thank you to Childwold Snowpackers for building our kiosks that are placed at Horseshoe, Trooper's Shed, Gill's Garden, and Stone Dam.

*These are just additional ways we are trying to give our members a safe and enjoyable riding experience.*

**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, and being part of our Business Discount Program. The County Chamber and these businesses support us, so please help support them!

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|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Action Floors           | The Hideaway Cafe                      | P.J. Hyde Nice & Easy     |
| Adirondack Pharmacy     | Inn on the Greens                      | Progressive Motor Sports  |
| Barstow Motors          | The Inspector                          | Rt 68 Sales & Service     |
| Bast Hatfield           | Jim's Auto                             | Shaheen's Motel           |
| The Birches             | Jocko's Bar & Grill                    | Skunk's Nest              |
| Blevin's                | Last Lap                               | Sovie's                   |
| Boyce's General Store   | Leberge & Curtis                       | Stone Manor               |
| Boyden Brook Body Works | Little River Rental                    | Thirsty Moose Pub & Grub  |
| Canton Optical          | Madrid Hotel                           | Timber Tavern             |
| Catamount Lodge         | McFadden Dier Leonard Ins.             | Turner Inn                |
| Cedar Lodge             | Mervin Eno Post 1523                   | Twin Lakes Hotel          |
| Chip's Place            | Newton Falls Hotel                     | Walldroff Equipment       |
| Clifton-Fine Hospital   | Nice N Easy                            | Wayne's Gas               |
| Doug's Tavern           | Norridgewock III Padgett's Stores, Inc | Wayside                   |
| Finish Line             | The Ole Smokehouse                     | Windfall Bar & Restaurant |
| Fun Unlimited           | Peter's Land Development               |                           |
| The Glow Tavern         | Pine Cone                              |                           |

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**PROMOTING ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SNOWMOBILING**

Be on the lookout for the October issue of New York State Snowmobile Magazine, which will feature an article we submitted on snowmobiling in St. Lawrence County, to promote our county and our businesses. The magazine is mailed to 70,000 New York State Snowmobile Association members!

Member clubs continue to proudly promote our trails each year at community parades:

Mike Morris entered our 2008 Tucker groomer, representing SLCSA and Colton Snoskippers, in the Norwood Fourth of July Parade. It was Mike's first year in the parade and a rainy day made for rain delays. The rain finally gave long enough to complete the parade. Mike knows all about working around Mother Nature in the winter! This was the third year in a row SLCSA and Colton Snowskippers were entered in the Norward Parade.





Craig Harris, Pat McCluskey and Mike Davies of Childwold Snopackers showed off our 2012 Tucker in the Tupper Lake Parade for the second year adding a trailer with vintage sleds and a booth in the park to promote the club and snowmobiling!

Thanks, Guys!

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**NYSSA – DEALERSHIP OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Congratulations to Bill and Janice Lutz of Fun Unlimited, Fowler, NY for receiving the Dealership of the Year Award at the NYSSA annual forum held in Lake Placid. They are huge supporters of this Association and many others, along with our surrounding communities. Again, Congratulations!



**NYSSA – YOUTH SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR AWARD**



We are proud to recognize Eric Szlamczynski for receiving Youth Snowmobiler of the Year award at the NYSSA Forum. Eric loves to snowmobile and is a big help on work days and also with the groomer. Eric is the son of (President) Todd and (Secretary) Jody Szlamczynski, of the Cranberry Lake Mountaineers. Congrats Eric! Your name will always be at the top of the list, as the very first winner of this award! Great job!

## EDUCATION - YOUTH SAFETY CLASSES



Experienced snowmobilers volunteer their time to make the sport safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision, if they have completed a snowmobile safety-training course recognized by the State of New York.

If youth ages 14 through 17 years have not completed the training course, they may operate a snowmobile if accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

Children less than 10 years old or less than age 14 without a safety certificate, may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian.

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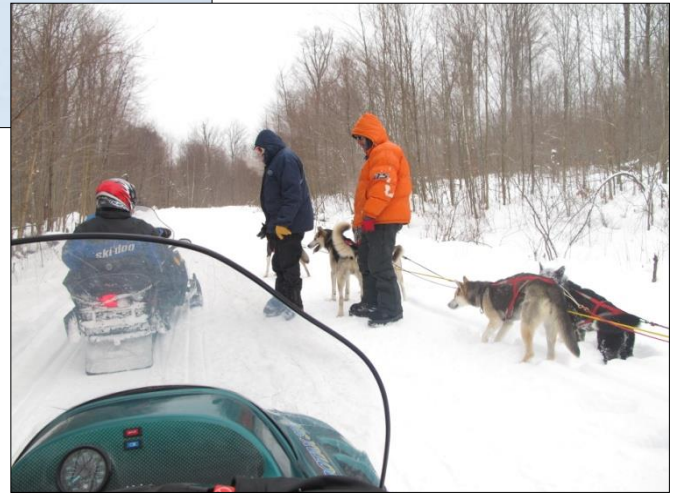
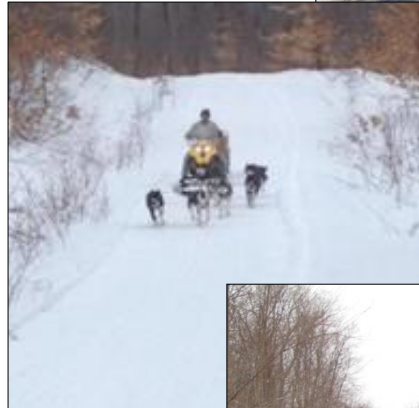
## YOUTH PROGRAMS

In April we had special guests at the NYSSA Forum luncheon from the Wisconsin's KAOS program (Kids and Adults On Snow). KAOS was formed in Wisconsin as a way to give youth an in-depth understanding of how organized snowmobiling is run and to train them in the leadership skills they will need to continue running the trail program when the time comes for others to step back and retire. Where will you ride if the clubs become extinct and no one continues to carry the load? We need to actively start looking at snowmobile youth programs. Snowmobiling is a family sport and there are many ways to get the youth actively involved and begin to show them how organized snowmobiling is run. We need to coral their passion of snowmobiling at a young age to keep our sport going in the future.

Eric Szlamczynski, "NYSSA Youth Snowmobiler of the Year Award" is the first step for the Cranberry Lake Mountaineers towards starting a youth program. Let's all think this year; How can we get our youth more involved to keep our sport going well into the future!



**We Love Sharing Our Groomed Trails With Cross Country Skiers, Dog Sleds, And Snowshoeing!**



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***LOCAL CLUBS***

St. Lawrence County is a large county, so local clubs were formed in different areas to help us carry out our goals, including: Boondockers Snowmobile Club, Childwold SnoPackers, Colton SnoSkippers, Cranberry Lake Mountaineers, Dairyland Snowmobile Club, Edwards Snowmobile Club, Grasse River Groomers, Hermon Sledgers, Heuvelton Punchlock Travelers, and TriTown Trailblazers.

Local clubs are the eyes and ears for that part of our trail system and alert SLCSA if issues arise. Without their dedication, we would not have such a great trail system! A huge thank you to all!

**TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB  
AND ST LAWRENCE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION:**

10. To create snowmobile trails, Snowmobile Clubs negotiate permission and proper insurance coverage for the season. Without the **landowner partnerships**, the snowmobiling sport would not exist.
9. **Snowmobile clubs clear and create trails.** After permission is granted, club volunteers work to create trails by clearing away the brush, cutting down obstructing limbs, hauling out trash and smoothing the base of the trails. Volunteers may have to build bridges to overpass creeks and low spots. The combined efforts of club volunteers are vital to the success of any snowmobiling club.
8. After creation, **volunteer members of the snowmobile clubs continue to groom the trails**, donating time to make the trails as smooth as they possibly can before the first snowfall of the season. Members spend a majority of their time on a slow moving groomer, to properly smooth out all of the trails.
7. While we're talking trails, **who do you think puts up all the stop signs, caution signs and directional arrows** (just to name a few)? If you said "the snowmobile clubs," give yourself 10 points and keep reading, because we've only just begun.
6. **Discounted DMV Registration.** Your membership lowers your DMV Registration Fee. In New York, some Club funding comes from the Snowmobile Trail Fund, administered by New York State Parks, collected when you register your sled with DMV. But your Club membership is still needed. The reimbursement program does not come close to covering Clubs' expenses.
5. **Membership has its benefits.** Your Membership gets you a voucher so your snowmobile registration will be \$45 instead of \$100. A large variety of discounts are also available, including the FREE \$4,000 **NILICO** Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.
4. **Belonging to a club makes for better, safer snowmobiling.** Surveys and accident statistics have shown that snowmobile club members have a much lower accident rate than non-club members. Club members tend to be conscientious, they tend to stress safety and they are aware of safe-riding issues.
3. **Belonging to a snowmobile club gives you a great social outlet.** You can help out on trails, attend club rides, go to club meetings, and take part in club fundraisers. Belonging to a club gives you a good opportunity to ride with different people who have similar interests and experience different areas.
2. **Belonging to a snowmobile club makes you a part of the solution.** Get involved. Take the initiative to help maintain and groom trails. Clubs seek fresh opinions and welcome feedback from all members.

**And the #1 reason to join a snowmobile club: It's just the right thing to do.** For all the reasons listed above and many more, you should belong to a snowmobile club. The costs are minimal, the benefits are nice and it's your responsibility to support the sport. It's cheap, it's simple and it's right.



## 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 members' e-mail addresses. Thank you to the members that have been including their e-mail when they join on line or send in our application. We are gaining on our members' e-mails but still have a ways to go. We would like to send you electronic newsletters in 2014 so please include your e-mail 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](http://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 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 are local merchants and the general public

For more information or to volunteer, contact us at 315-265-0898 or e-mail us at [slcsa@northnet.org](mailto:slcsa@northnet.org).

As you enjoy operating your snowmobile in the great outdoors, please remember to ride safely, to respect the rights of others, and to protect and care for the natural environment around you. If you do, you and everyone else will be able to enjoy the pleasures of snowmobiling for many years to come.

**Happy Trails!**

Deb Christy

President, SLCSA





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The poster features a central illustration of Uncle Sam, dressed in his traditional top hat and blue jacket, pointing directly at the viewer. Behind him is a blue snowmobile. To the left of Uncle Sam is the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association logo, and to the right is the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) logo, which includes the text "DEDICATED TO IMPROVING OUR SPORT". Below the illustration, the text "WE WANT YOU" is written in large, bold, blue and red letters. Underneath that, the text "To Register Your Sled by November 30" is written in a smaller, red, italicized font.

*Preserve our Snowmobile Trails by joining a club and registering your sled today!*