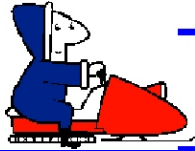




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*Celebrating 36 Years as a Not-For-Profit Volunteer Organization
Dedicated to the Preservation of Snowmobiling!
1975-2011*



NEWSLETTER

September 2011

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MEMBER CLUBS

Boondockers

Childwold SnoPackers

Colton Sno Skippers

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! DMV has already mailed out your registration forms, so you know what to do. It's time to renew your yearly membership - don't forget, you save money too!

Please feel free to get your 2011-12 membership by joining on-line with a credit card, send back the printed application with your check, stop in at Boyden Brook or Travel Unlimited. SLCSA is still only \$25 for an individual or family membership. Thank you for your quick response with membership this year. We already have 100 members at the time of printing this newsletter. It really helps get the state funding from your registrations into our hands faster!

ST LAWRENCE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

36 YEARS OF GROWTH!

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

For Snowmobile enthusiasts there is nothing better than a smooth, groomed trail to ride. Ever wonder how the trail got there in the first place, who takes care of it and who pays for it? The answer is the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association!

The St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association (SLCSA) presently has 2,136 members, including our 10 local clubs and association members. St Lawrence County is the local government sponsor. Dawn Howard, manager of the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District is our authorized project administrator. The County, as our local sponsor, designates SLCSA as the contact for the association and their 10 affiliated clubs to be part of the county trail system and the processing of the snowmobile grant funds.

Some of the SLCSA administrative duties include: Applying for snowmobile grant each year and filing paperwork at yearend to receive our funds, offer group classes for grooming, chainsaw certifications, Adopt A Natural Resource Stewardship program (AANR) classes thru DEC, which give us permission to groom and maintain our trail on state lands, 501C3 tax exempt status to save sales tax on purchases and eligibility for grants, place equipment at affiliated clubs for grooming trails, ham radios are provided in equipment and a base station where needed, dedicated radio frequency to use our radios, purchase bulk sign orders as needed for funded trails, gps'ing the complete trail system for our grants requirement, liability insurance for equipment, disability insurance for members working on the trail. SLCSA is contact for all state lands with Dec including 14 easements, state forests, and forest preserve state lands. SLCSA provides an updated list of landowners each year to receive our landowner insurance certificates. SLCSA holds public forums for important issues pertaining to snowmobiling. This gets us thru the paperwork we have to do and we still have the trail maintenance and grooming to accomplish. Accomplished completely by volunteers!

Our members, volunteers, landowners, donations, and sources of income are what makes the St Lawrence County Trail System what it is today!

EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT EQUIPMENT - EQUIPMENT

16 CLASS A GROOMERS 9 CLASS C GROOMERS

The association has worked hard to place equipment all over the county, and presently own 16 'Class A' groomers, which are the large groomers with drags, and 9 'Class C' groomers, which are sleds and drags. We are proud to say our groomers, sleds, and drags total over **one million dollars in equipment** now. This year we would like to show you how we have been spending our grant funds and your membership dollars.

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. Take a look at the groomer we use in the area you ride. Maybe next year we can get a picture of the members who give countless hours grooming your area, and give us great trails. We've come a long way with our equipment.



AREA 1 - BLACK LAKE - 1993 Bombadier Br60
Purchased 2003/2004
(Groomed by Dairyland Snowmobile Club)



AREA 2 - HEUVELTON - 1991 Track Truck
Purchased 1994/1995
(Groomed by Punchlock Travelers)



AREA 2 - RENSSELAER FALLS - 1995 Trail Boss Bell
Purchased 2003/2004
(Groomed by Punchlock Travelers)



AREA 3 - EDWARDS - 1998 Track Truck
Purchased 2004/2005
(Groomed by Edwards Snowmobile Club)



AREA 3 - SOUTH EDWARDS - 1979 Tucker
Purchased 1998/1999
(Groomed by Edwards Snowmobile Club)



AREA 4 - CLARE
Left: 2009 Tucker 1000, Purchased 2009/2010
Right: 2001 Tucker 2000, Purchased 2004/2005
(Groomed by SLCSA)



AREA 5 - CRANBERRY
2005 Tucker Terra 1000HD
Purchased 2009/2010
(Groomed by Cranberry Lake Mountaineers)



AREA 5 - STAR LAKE
2005 Tucker Terra 1000HD
Purchased 2010/2011
(Groomed by Cranberry Lake Mountaineers)



AREA 6 - CHILDWOLD - 1997 Tucker 2000
Purchased 2004/2005
(Groomed by Childwold Snopackers)



AREA 6 - CHILDWOLD - 2006 Ski Doo WT
Purchased 2005/2006
(Groomed by Childwold Snopackers)



AREA 7- SHURTLEFF'S - 2006 Tucker 1000
 Purchased 2006/2007
 (Groomed by SLCSA)



AREA 8- COLTON - 2008 Tucker 1000
 Purchased with a separate TEA21 Grant, 2008/2009
 (Groomed by SLCSA and Colton Snoskippers)



AREA 9- PARISHVILLE- 1997 Tucker 1000
 First new Tucker purchased with TEA21 Grant, 1997/1998
 (Groomed by SLCSA)



AREA 10- NORTH LAWRENCE - 1997 Tucker 1000
 Purchased 2004/2005
 (Groomed by SLCSA)



AREA 10 - TRITOWN - 1996 BR160
 Purchased 2003/2004
 (Groomed by TriTown Trailblazers)



AREA 11 - MADRID - 1986 Track Truck
 Purchased 2004/2005
 (Groomed by Grasse River Groomers)

This was our very first groomer!
 1990 Alpine on Cranberry Lake for
 snowmobile races
 We've come a long way, Baby!!



A Million Dollars Worth of Groomers are Useless Without
 the **INVALUABLE VOLUNTEERS** Who Operate Them!
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!



2008 SLCSA Groomer Banquet. Pictured in front are
 Ralph Collins, who won the 2007 New York State
 Snowmobile Association Groomer of the Year, and
 Albert Hundley was awarded it in 2008.
 SLCSA recognized them with special plaques.



May, 2008

**TRAIL WORK BRIDGES BRUSHING MORE BRIDGES -
ST LAWRENCE COUNTY - 530 Miles of Funded Trails 140 miles of Unfunded Trails**



Last fall we had time to get two more bridges replaced before hunting season. SLCSA paid for the decking and Childwold Snopackers and the Grasse River Hunting club redecked the bridge on (7A) Grasse River railroad bed for us. We do not have pictures of this bridge at time of printing.

The second bridge (pictured below) is on the sawmill trail between Rt. 56 and Birch Brook Hunting club. SLCSA paid for the decking and association members along with the Birch Brook Hunting Club replaced this bridge. It was a beautiful fall day, lots of great help, we grilled hotdogs and hamburgers for lunch and had a great day together!



Together we achieve the extraordinary!

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. Fall 2009 and 2010 have been very busy months organizing materials, equipment, and volunteers to complete trail work before hunting season. This year we rented this tractor to clear brush on the sides of the trail. Picture on left with Albert Hundley in the utv shows how far trails have grown in. Don Maroney and Marshall Weekes used the tractor to brush trails over the July 4th week. We covered about 40 miles of trail. The deer flies could have carried you away!



WE HAVE FOUR BRIDGES WE ARE HOPING TO REPAIR IN THE NEXT YEAR:



Stone Dam Bridge on (S86) Stillwater Hunting Club



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



Bridge on Gold Mine Trail (C8) in Parishville



Bridge over Dead Creek off Morgan Rd.

We were changing our junction numbers and needed to take the old one down and put the new one up. This tree had grown so much over the years that it took three guys together to reach the old sign to take down.



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 log in and read the latest meeting synopsis, read the Online Newsletter, renew your membership, find a list membership discounts and much, much more.

WEBSITE... SLCSA would like to update their website, but we need help! 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 | Canton Optical | 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 |
| A1 Limo & Detailing | Stone Manor | Rt 68 Sales & Service | Jocko’s Bar & Grill |
| Chip’s Place | Leberge & Curtis | Sovie’s | The Grapevine |
| McFadden Dier Leonard Ins. | R-J Rental | R/M Conklin Agency | R. Day Trucking |
| Inn on the Greens | Last Lap | Mac Tools | McAllister’s Liquor |
| Skunk’s Nest | Timber Tavern | Wood’s Service & Trk | Echo’s on the Lake |
| Cranberry Lake Lodge | Madrid Hotel | Clifton-Fine Hospital | |



ATOP LITTLE BLUE

What a View!
One of St. Lawrence County's
best kept secrets!

THIS IS ECONOMIC IMPACT!

A typical Saturday morning at the Clare Groomer Barn. 30 four-wheel trucks with double and quad, open and enclosed trailers. Within one hour 74 snowmobiles headed down the trail for the day. Not to mention the gas to get there, the gas used to ride, and maybe a stop for lunch or dinner.

Try adding up the tax dollars alone on the merchandise in that parking lot!



THE NORWOOD PARADE!

A little Fourth of July spirit with Danny Collins, Amanda Sullivan and Nicole Bailey from Colton Snoskippers, groomed their way thru the parade. The girls handed out snow cones, compliments of SLCSA.



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.

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!

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 Sledders, Punchlock Travelers, and TriTown Trailblazers.

Local clubs know their neighbors in the area and make agreements with neighbors to develop a trail across their land and in exchange for our liability insurance. Clubs also ask people in their community to join their organization so they have volunteers in that area to help brush, clear and sign trails. They ask local contractors to donate their equipment for a project now and then. They 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!

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



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Membership Application for 2011-2012 Season

SLCSA meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at

St Patrick's Parish on Rt 56 in Colton.

The Membership year runs from Sept 1st to Aug 31st

NOTE: Name and address information must match your Snowmobile Registration.

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| Official Use Only | |
| Date Received | _____ |
| Total Amt. Paid | _____ |
| Circle: Cash or Check | |
| Voucher # 07-0975- | _____ |

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| ✓ Check ONE of the Membership Options below: |
| () New () Renewal |

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| PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY!!! IF ADDRESS IS CORRECT ON ENVELOPE PRINT "SAME" IN ADDRESS | |
| Name: _____ | Spouse: _____ |
| Children: _____ | (Children - If under 18 and are registering a Snowmobile) |
| Address: _____ | # of Registered Sleds: _____ |
| City: _____ | State: _____ Zip: _____ Occupation: _____ |
| Phone: (____) _____ | E-mail: _____ |
| Newsletter Delivery method: () E-Mail () USPS Mail () Do not send me one. | |

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| Check ONE of the options below: (One Membership fee includes all names listed above.) |
| () \$25 Membership - Individual or Family Includes a SLCSA membership card and decal, \$5 NYSSA (NY State Snowmobile Association) Membership, Membership Card, Snowmobile Registration Discount Voucher (\$55 value per sled registered) and a one year subscription to the New York Snowmobiler Magazine. |
| () \$50 Membership - Business Sponsor added to our website and a link to yours. Type of Business and/or Services you have: _____ |
| (\$____) Write in any additional donation to SLCSA. |

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| We need volunteers to help maintain our trail system. Trails are not maintained with money alone, Please put a check mark next to the type of volunteer work you would be willing to help with. | | |
| () Trail Grooming | () Trail Maintenance | () Groomer Maintenance |
| () Fund Raising | () Trail Mapping / GPS | () Web Page (Maintain / Design) |
| () Club Officer or Board Member | () Club Events | () Land Owner Liaison |
| () Other, Explain: _____ | | |

*** Make Checks payable to: **St Lawrence County Snowmobile Association, Inc.**
*** Mail application and fee to the address shown at the top of this form or bring to a club meeting

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(A parent or guardian's signature is required below, if under 18)
Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____



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Do you recognize these familiar trail markers?

1. *New at the Troopers Shed. The Shed! Thanks Ralph!*
2. *Teddy Bear Corners Slow Please. Does anyone know the year this was put up?*
3. *It was great to reopen Camp Massawepie trail in 2008!*

