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## SNOWMOBILE CLUB, Inc.

Your club officers and Directors are:

President: Brent Walck, 523-2320	Vice President: Gary Broderick, 807-7002
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Groomer Coordinator: Herb Stephenson, 523-1242	Groomer Scheduler: Paul Prior, 743-9623
Trail Coordinator:	Pete Fleckenstein, 628-4841

Have you re-joined the club? We are happy to announce that Hebler's Sales and Service is now selling Memberships/Registration Vouchers for the club. You can also join online at <https://membership.nyssnowassoc.org/region/show/28#c890> or at any club function. Once you have your membership voucher you can renew your sled registration online at <https://transact.dmv.ny.gov/registrationrenew/?stype=s> though more money from your registration stays in Niagara County if you mail in locally or renew in person at one of the DMV Locations in Niagara County (Lockport, Niagara Falls, or North Tonawanda).

**Continuing the Bonus to our Members:** The club has decided to give each member an OCSA Super Raffle Ticket (worth \$5.00) just for joining/re-joining. To receive yours, you must come in person to a meeting and fill out the ticket. Even if you've already joined, you are eligible for a ticket-this tickets gives you a chance to win one of three snowmobiles, a \$5000 cash prize along with 46 other prizes. Thank you for being a member of the Shawnee Sno-Chiefs!

Thank you to all the members that turned out to help our neighbors in South Buffalo and the Suburbs during the Snovember Storms-People are still talking about the Volunteers from Shawnee and other clubs that showed up in their hour of need. For those that volunteered? Thank you! You are what Snowmobiling and our club is all about.

While talking about the Super Raffle tickets, we are also asking our members to sell these tickets. For each ticket sold, the club receives ½ the face value. This is a great fundraiser that benefits both the club and the state association-it is organized by the Onondaga County Snowmobile Association and NYSSA. Call Gary at 807-7002 for tickets.

January 1<sup>st</sup> kicks off the 'Take A Friend Snowmobiling' campaign across the nation. Do you have a friend that asks about riding? Has shown some interest in snowmobiling? On the fence about committing to buying in? This is your opportunity to be an ambassador of our sport. Take that person out for a ride...nothing hooks a rider like being out on the snow-once they get the bug-like you did-they are in. This is how we expand the sport and bring in new blood....so, Take a Friend Snowmobiling!

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Do you have an idea for a club ride? One day or multi-day trip? The club is looking to plan some 'out of town' rides this season. Would you be willing to help make it happen? If so, call Brent at 523-2320.

Just a reminder to all-New York State Law requires at least 3 inches of snow on the trail before it opens. Please watch the club website and the Facebook Page for trail status. When you do ride, stay between the stakes-this is where the landowners want us to be. We lost our Northern Club Trail to Newfane this year due to the actions of a few people riding off trail and causing damage to landowner properties-those landowners have now revoked their permission-so, no trail.

We need help in the Ransomville, Wilson and Newfane areas to establish or re-establish trails. This requires face to face interaction with landowners and getting permission from them, the club will help mark and will maintain the trail, but people that know the landowners makes it far easier to get permission for trails. For more information and materials, please contact Pete at 628-4841.

Lonnie Daigler and a small core group have been working on standing up a new website to replace our current website. Please keep watch for its debut! If you have ideas for it or would be interested in helping manage content, please call Lonnie at 731-5128.

Our next NY State Snowmobile Safety Course is on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Shawnee Fire Hall. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory to be eligible to graduate. This class is conducted free of charge. Minimum age is 10 years old by the course date. All students should bring a bag lunch. Parents are encouraged to take the course with their kids. Students and Parent/Guardian should arrive by 4:30 P.M. on the 19<sup>th</sup> to accomplish paperwork; instruction begins at 5 P.M. on both nights. All students should bring a pencil/pen. Snacks/soft drinks provided by the club. Parents/Guardian must sign the course permission/registration in the morning and must pick up kids after class. RSVP to Rodger at 731-2174. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please call Rodger at 731-2174. Other courses in N.Y. State can be found here: <http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles/safety-courses.aspx>.

The Club's Annual Sno-Drags will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Grass Drag Track behind the Shawnee Fire Hall. This event is only open to Club Members. The club will provide free burgers, dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. There is no cost to attend this event. No Trophies, No Plaques, just come and win bragging rights! We need you to help make this event successful, please call Lonnie at 731-5128 to volunteer.

The New York State Snowmobile Association will be hosting a gathering of representatives from all snowmobiling states, all Canadian Provinces, Russia and some European countries at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) 2015 to be held at the Niagara Falls Conference and Event Center, June 10-13, 2014. If you are interested in attending, please go to [www.isc2015.com](http://www.isc2015.com) for more info and registration. As the closest club, we will be helping NYSSA make this event a success. If you can help out by volunteering some time, please call Gary at 807-7002.

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# SHAWNEE SNO-CHIEFS

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Interested in learning more about how snowmobiling works in New York State? The NYSSA Annual Forum and Business Meeting will be held at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, April 10-12, 2014. If you are interested in attending, please contact a club officer. More info will be available soon at [www.nyssaforum.com](http://www.nyssaforum.com).

Check out the NYSSA Website: <http://www.nyssaforum.com/?page=Benefits> and take advantage of the many discounts available to you! From Hotels and car rental agencies to insurance to travel and so much more. You are eligible for all these savings because as a member of the Sno-Chiefs you are also a member of the NYSSA. By the time you read this, you will have probably received the fall edition of the New York Snowmobiler Magazine- lots of great information on riding in New York State! NYSSA Offers computer based Online Training to complete a 6 hour safe driving course of \$22 – and gets you a discount on your auto insurance for 3 years!

Just a reminder, our Annual Club Landowner Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Shawnee Fire Hall. This is a great way to get to know and to thank the people that allow us to use their land for our trail system-without them, there would be no trails. The Shawnee Ladies Auxiliary puts on a great roast turkey with all the trimmings dinner, we usually have lots of door prizes and it gives us an opportunity to make a special evening for these folks. Please put it on your calendar now!



We are always looking for volunteers to help with Groomer Maintenance, Groomer Operation and Barn Upkeep. If you have some time and/or experience, would like to help out or if you are willing to learn, please call Herb at 523-1242.

New Shawnee Sno-Chiefs logo clothing is available to order at each meeting- Sno-Chiefs Logo wear must be pre-ordered and pre-paid-Call Brent at 523-2320



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