

SHAWNEE SNO-CHIEFS

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SNOWMOBILE CLUB, Inc.

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Trail Coordinators: Brent, 523-2320 - Pete, 628-4841	Vintage Club: Nick Freatman 946-7938

We have Snow (okay, a little bit of snow) and our Brand New Groomer is Here!



The new unit is a 2021 Tucker Terra 2000 which was paid for (80%) by a Federal RTP Grant. The club supplied the other 20% by selling the older BR-160 Groomer.



Our thanks go out to Mark Stevens and Gary Broderick who spent the last 2 years working on this project and Herb Stephenson for maximizing profits on the sale of BR-160.

The new groomer is out and about on the trail system – our operators are all training on the unit while trying to pack down the trails so they set up and freeze better. If you see the guys out in the Tucker or the BR-180, please give them a wave. When you're grooming, you are giving up sled riding time to make the ride for others better-and remember to ALWAYS YIELD TO A GROOMER – it is State Law.

There is still time to join, gets much needed funds to the club-please renew now! You can join/renew at club meetings or go to Hebeler Sales and Service and join there (these two methods save us credit card fees and saves you a \$1 service fee). You can also join by going

to <https://membership.nysnowmobiler.com/clubs/0890> (joining via the online system includes a \$1 Service Fee). Additionally, if you ride trails built and maintained by other clubs, please consider joining them-it is considered a secondary membership (and is generally only \$24 as opposed to the \$30 primary membership-as NYSSA accepts no fees from secondary memberships). If you need help with the system, call Gary at 807-7002.

While renewing, please consider making a donation to the **NYSSA Trail Defender Fund**. This fund is established to help clubs fight for access to trails throughout the state and is solely used for that purpose. Keeping trails open for us and our children is worth a few bucks. You can make a donation in person at any club meeting or you can select the Trail Defender 'donation' on NYSSA's online membership site while renewing your membership or you can donate here: <http://nysnowmobiler.com/donate-to-the-trail-defender-2/>.

We are working on a new possible trail in the Northeast portion of Niagara County. Since the Somerset Power Plant was shuttered the rail line to the power plant has now been abandoned by the rail owner. Gary Broderick is working on partnering with others in the community to turn this 14 mile rail bed into a multi-use year round recreational trail with the club being the winter partner. This will give riders in this portion of the county access to the trail system for the first time ever. If you can help or want to volunteer, please reach out to Gary at 716-807-7002.

Shawnee Vintage Club News: The Vintage Club has not been having meetings due to COVID-19. Vintage Legislation has been reintroduced in the NYS Assembly. NYSSA is tracking and advocating for this bill. If you are interested in seeing it pass, please write letters/e-mails to your Assemblyman and Senator in support! If you are interested in joining the Vintage Club, please call Nick at 716-946-7938.

Junior Sno-Chiefs News: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th at the Groomer Barn, 3856 Eagle Drive, Sanborn at 5:30 P.M. All youths under 18 are welcome to attend. Adult Mentor(s) will be at all meetings. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

The Juniors have received a donated snowmobile from Austin Allgrim to learn how to rebuild and restore. It's a 1978 Arctic Cat Jag 3000 with a 340CC twin, Air Cooled sled. If you have parts you are willing to donate, please reach out to Gary @ 807-7002. Additionally, we have added a 'Donate' Button to the Junior Sno-Chiefs page on Facebook-all donations will be dedicated to use in this rebuild.

On February 13th, the Juniors will be setting up a table at Hebel Sales and Service to publicize the group, sell calendar and Super Raffle Tickets – please come by and support the Juniors and one of our sponsors!

The pandemic has hampered our fund raising activities-we need your help. Due to COVID-19 continuing concerns, the Meat Raffle is on hold. The club is conducting a Calendar Raffle for the month of March (every day a drawing for \$25, \$50 or \$75, dependent on the date). Tickets are \$5 apiece and must be sold by the end of the month. Rodney is willing to drive out deliver/pick up tickets as needed-please call him at 628-0731.

Want to help out on the trails? Trail Building—Call Brent 523-2320/Pete at 628-4841



Do you like smooth trails? Know how they get that way? Come and be part of our great reputation for smooth trails! We really need volunteers to help with Groomer Maintenance, Groomer Operation and Barn Upkeep – as we've lost some of our operators and maintainers. Mechanical abilities are a plus, but we will help teach anyone interested. If you have some time and/or experience, would like to help out or if you are willing to learn, please call Paul at 310-8290 or Herb at 523-1242.

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.

If you have children going to college, there are several scholarships available for children of members: Club, NYSSA, Northeast Chapter of the International Snowmobile Council, The International Snowmobile Media Council, just to name a few. Submission Deadline is February 15, 2021. For more information check out www.snochiefs.net, www.nysnowmobiler.com, www.Snowmobilers.org, www.snowmobilemedia.org. For more info contact Gary Broderick at 807-7002.

We plan to have a Club Bonfire and Hot Dog roast on the trail this winter, February 20, 11am-3pm, behind the fire hall/groomer rides.

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Tell A Friend



Bring a Friend With You!
Our Club is Always in Search of
New Members!

Dates to Remember

Feb 17- 5:30 P.M. Junior Sno-Chiefs Meeting at Groomer Barn
Mar 1 - Club Meeting
Mar 21 - Club Meat Raffle**
Apr 5 – Club Meeting
Apr 16 - Landowner Dinner**
Aug 2 – Club Meeting
Sep 13 – Club Meeting
Sep 22 - Grass Drag Build**
Sep 23 - Grass Drag Build**
Sep 24 - Grass Drag Build**
Sep 25 - Grass Drags**
Sep 26 - Grass Drags Teardown**
Oct 4 – Club Meeting
***-All Club Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at Shawnee Fire Hall**
**** - Tentative**

Stay current with Sno-Chiefs Events at www.snochiefs.net and our Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/ShawneeSnoChiefs> (don't forget to 'Like' us).

Check out our website at www.snochiefs.net
All Snowmobilers Welcome - Bring A Friend!