

Quad County Snowmobile Club

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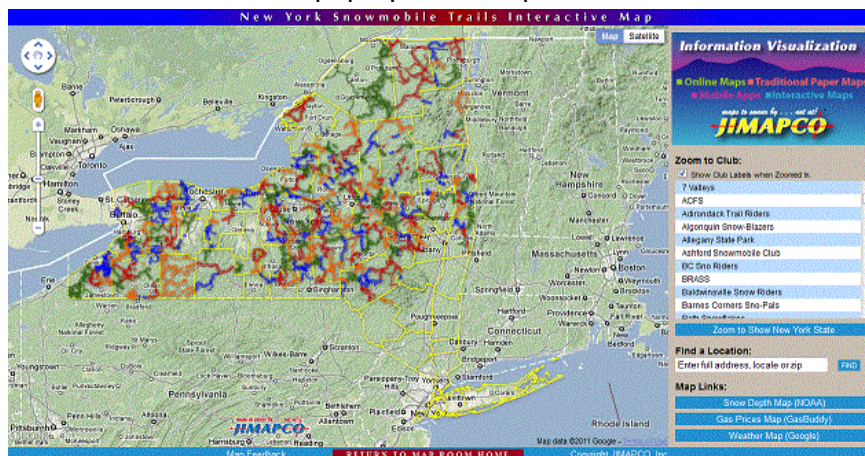
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Snowmobile Safety Education Course:

This year's Snowmobile Safety Education Course will be held on Saturday November 12th. The course will be held again at the Atlanta-North Cohocton Fire Hall. There has been great response to pre-registration for this class and there are limited seats still available. Anyone interested in taking the course can contact Kelly Jerome or Mark Wolfanger at 585-728-5808 to reserve a spot. Full details and flyer available on our website under the News & Events tab.

Maps:

NYSSA has partnered this year with JIMAPCO to offer computerized interactive snowmobile trail maps of the entire NYS trail system. Clubs can also partner with JIMAPCO for more detailed local maps and computer applications. Details of the program are scheduled to be sent out to the clubs in the upcoming weeks. Below is an image of the upper most level of the full map, as seen on NYSSA's front page of their website. This icon will be appearing on our website to create a direct link so members can explore this new mapping feature being offered to the snowmobiling community. If you have a chance, check it out as we further investigate the features being offer by subscribing. Once on the JIMAPCO site there is also a link to an example local level map which can include club trails as well as local advertiser pop-up's and import trail amenities. More information to come...



Our current Steuben County trail map is set to expire at the end of this season so we will be working on an updated version for the 2013-2014 seasons, due out next year. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we will be mailing out trail maps to all renewed members this year. The first mailing will go out in early December

well in time for the open of this years riding season. Remember, if we get snow before December 21, trails are closed until then. Please stay off trails and respect our landowners who may be hunting on their respective properties.

Work for Membership Program:

Last year Q.C.S.C. kicked off a pilot program for promoting membership volunteerism with direct benefit to the volunteer. Members who volunteer for work details, running the groomers and other club related functions a minimum of 30 hrs in a year, will receive their following year's club membership free of charge. Hours will be logged by the trail coordinator, trail bosses and any of the club officers. This is a way the club can give back to the dedicated members who continue to donate their time to the local trail system and the sport of snowmobiling.

Trail Updates:

We are working on securing landowner permission to install a club trail from our C3 at Emo Road to Laf-a-Lot. This trail will follow much of what use to be used about 10 years ago but focused on eliminating the hill climbs in and out of the gully. Riders will no longer have to ride along side County Rt.92 to access Laf-a-Lot and we will discourage riders from doing so. This will save on wear and tear to our sleds as well as eliminate traffic along the fronts of property owners who may not necessarily appreciate our winter sport. Hopefully by next newsletter we will be able to confirm the status of this new trail.

NYSSA Magazine:

Many of you remember when our memberships to NYSSA also included a paper copy of the NYSSA magazine. This month NYSSA worked out a deal with Supertrax to print a full addition of the magazine and mail it to members along with a copy of Supertrax. A second issue will be mailed out during the month of January, keep and eye out for it. The magazine contains some interesting articles and a good deal of advertising for winter destinations.

Donations:

The club can always use donations of your time but we also need members to donate other items they can. One item that could help out are plywood or OSB scraps to make into sign backer boards. Our main size needed are 12"x12" & 6"x8". Other items you may have laying around we could use are materials to build bridges. Old telephone poles, 4"x4", 6"x6" or larger of meaningful lengths. We would even be interested in steel beams that could be used for larger bridges across some of the wider creeks.

One other item we are in great need of are UTV's or RTV's that members could bring along with them to use during trail signage or clearing work details. Many places on the trail are not accessible by 4x4 trucks but UTV's can get there and make the work go much easier. If you have one of these utility vehicles and can donate your time to operate it on a work detail, please contact an officer. If you do not have time to personally ride along and would let someone borrow your vehicle, that would also be greatly appreciated.

In closing, meetings are back in full swing as we prepare for the upcoming riding season. If you have never stopped out to attend a meeting I encourage you to attend one meeting and hear the latest developments first hand. It is always good to see new faces along with familiar ones that keep returning. Come early, make it a night out & have a good meal at the Mt. View before the meeting. Meetings start at 7:00PM. Let's hope this season is even better than last.

Sincerely,
Quad County Snowmobile Club
Mark Wolfanger, President