

Quad County Snowmobile Club

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Quick Summary

- Safety Course
- Memberships (bonus for members)
- Work for Membership Program
- Trail Updates
- Donations (a call for UTV's/RTV's)

Snowmobile Safety Education Course:

We are in the process of finalizing this year's Snowmobile Safety Education Course to be held on Saturday November 12th. The course will be held again at the Atlanta-North Cohocton Fire Hall. The course flyer has been completed and is attached to the October newsletter email. In the event of any changes we will post them on our website and notify anyone registered. A full listing of safety courses around the state can be found on the OPHRP (Parks & Rec.) website. <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/recreation/snowmobiles/education.aspx> Anyone interested in taking the course can contact Kelly Jerome or Mark Wolfanger at 585-728-5808 to reserve a spot. There will be limited seats available for this class, so please pre-register early. Full details to follow in the flyer.

Membership:

Snowmobile registrations and club memberships expired on August 31, 2011.

Listed below are the different ways to join or renew your membership with our club:

- ❖ Visit our website, click on "Membership Application", mail us a check and we will print and mail your voucher. (or use attached application)
- ❖ Visit www.nyssnowassoc.org, click on "Join A Club Online", click on "our members" and find us under Steuben County. Complete the form, pay by debit or credit card and you can then print your own voucher.
- ❖ Join at one of our meetings.

It is that time of year again to renew your membership and registrations. We encourage everyone to renew early for the sole purpose of making your registration fees count towards this year's trail funding. After November 1st, all NYS registration fees are held and rolled over into next seasons funding. An early emailing of this year's application renewal went out to last year's members about 2 months ago. Attached to this newsletter will be another copy of the membership renewal. If you know of anyone interested in joining our club, you can direct them to our website where there is a copy of the membership form or have them stop by one of our meetings to become a member. For our members who do not have email, paper copies were mailed out about two weeks ago.

For current renewed Quad County members, this year we will be mailing out a paper copy of the Steuben Country trail map after membership renewals are processed. In addition to the map, we want all our members to proudly display our logo on their favorite vehicle so we will be including a club logo sticker in that mailing. One map per single or family membership. Family memberships will receive 2 logo stickers. Before or during the season, if you wish to purchase additional trail maps, they will be available at local businesses and we will have them with us at each meeting.

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 years 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 pay back to the dedicated members who continue to donate their time to the local trail system and the sport of snowmobiling.

Trail Updates:

Believe it or not, work has already begun on signing existing trails. We hope to have a good portion of the main corridor trail signed in many areas before hunting season starts. In areas that we know landowners hunt, we cannot sign those trails until after hunting season so we are trying to get them done early this year. If we wait until after hunting season it presents a large hurdle to overcome since trails could open the following day given the proper amount of snow has fallen. If you are able to volunteer some time to sign trail, let any of the officers know so we can put your name on a call list. If you can help out one day, it would be greatly appreciated and it really does make the task go faster.

We still have not heard about approval for our trail expansion to Atlanta, up to Lent Hill and back into Cohocton. A club trail we are trying to map out and sign will go from Parks Road and end at the White Buck in Cohocton. We hope this trail will funnel most riders into an established path and limit land owner complaints. We'll keep you posted on the progress in next month's newsletter.

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 and 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, we are looking forward to another great winter of safe riding. We were lucky last year to have great snow and I personally did not have to trailer out of the area. It has been some time since I remember only needing to ride out of my back door to get all the winter mileage I desired. Let's hope this year is as good as last.

Sincerely,
Quad County Snowmobile Club
Mark Wolfanger, President