

# Quad County Snowmobile Club

## January 2012 Newsletter

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### Quick Summary

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### General Trail Comment:

Signing of our trail system is 99% complete. There may be a few signs that need to be installed after the snow arrives but everyone should be able to navigate the trail as is. Now all we have to do is to wait for some good wet snow to start building base. A general warning to every one riding trail in the local area and may hold true to most of Western New York, BE WARE OF OPEN FIELDS. This year with all the rain we have had in the late fall, many fields where farmers have chisel plowed or even harvested late, you may encounter tractor ruts that will not come out of the trail sub-base. In the past we have tried to smooth out rough areas after the farmers complete their fall work but with the ground being too wet to run discs and drags across, the rough trail bed may persist the entire season. If the ground freezes before we are able to groom and smooth these areas, keep an eye out for frozen dirt clumps in and around the posted trail. As always, ride between the stake which mark the trail.



### Trail Updates:

The new club trail (NYSSA 626) has been completed between Emo Rd. (just south of Loon Lake) and Laf-a-Lot. This trail will eliminate the need to edge Cty Rt. 92 to get from C3 to Laf-a-Lot. Please get the word out to all your riding friends who may not be a club member, to use this new trail. We do not want anyone riding along the road and distrusting the residents who live there. It is a very scenic ride and saves wear and tear on your sleds. Below are a few before and after pictures of this trail where we go through a brush lot. There are two small steep hills getting in and out of the valley so ride slow and always STAY RIGHT. We will work to improve this trail next year to minimize the grade coming in and going out of the valley. More pictures will be posted on our website.



## Membership:

This year we will be mailing out a basic membership package to all renewed members. The package will include (1) 2011-2012 Steuben County trail map and a Quad County Snowmobile Club logo sticker. Family memberships will get (1) additional sticker to display on their favorite vehicle and hopefully spread the club's visibility in our local communities. The first mailing was sent out in early December to members who were current on their membership. Additional mailings will go out once each month for renewed and new members that had paperwork processed since the previous mailing.

Near the end of January the club will again purge inactive members from our mailing lists that have been inactive for more than 2 years. This is just a note to members that are receiving this newsletter and wonder why they stopped receiving it. As always this newsletter is posted on the website for anyone to read. They are deleted from time to time to keep the most relevant news available for members.

## Equipment:

Announced last newsletter, the club has purchased a larger LMC 1800 groomer. Our mechanically inclined members have been putting long hours into repairing various systems, making adjustments and performing regular pre-season maintenance. Our thanks goes out to them for all their efforts in preparing for this season. In addition our modgul master type drag got a fresh new coat of paint and had some needed off-season repairs done to it. They are both ready to hit the trail as soon as the snow cooperates.



In closing, our trail system and equipment is ready for the snow to come so everyone do their favorite snow summoning dace/chant/prayer or whatever will unleash the white stuff from the skies. I bet everyone is waiting for good snow and are chomping at the bit, ready to ride. I know we have some groomer operators that are ready to groom and want to test drive the new addition. Remember, give them a waive hello if you see them on the trail, they are volunteers who also like to ride their sleds. Hopefully not before too long we will be able to ride to a meeting as we have done in past years. Again, keep an eye out for rough trails and keep between the stakes. Until we get a good freeze you may encounter wet ground and open water in low areas. We will post on the website as soon as the trails are open and their condition.

Sincerely,  
Quad County Snowmobile Club  
Mark Wolfanger, President

**REMINDER - TRAILS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL THERE IS 3" OF SNOW MINIMUM.**