

Quad County Snowmobile Club

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I hope that everyone has enjoyed their fall as we quickly approach the holiday season. As I sit here and write this, I look out the window and see an early white ground. I can't help but hope many of our landowners who are farmers have had time to get their crops out of the ground and all of their fall work done before this early snowfall. I even saw an obvious sarcastic Facebook post the other day saying, "with all this snow are the trails open?" With the early snowfall we are hopeful that this riding season will be much better than in years past. Though at least last year we were able to get the groomers out to let them breath and even got in a few days of good to excellent riding. I am a little tardy on getting out our "fall" newsletter but just a reminder we have started meetings, and they are posted on Facebook and in below content. If you haven't gotten your membership in, please do. This way there is time to process your application, and you can get your reduced registration rate.

Old News

Just a reminder that club meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at the Cohocton Lions Club on Kirkwood Rd. in Cohocton. We have dinner at 6:30 and start our meeting at 7 PM. Our meals, as always, have been great this year thanks to Vice president and master chef Mark Fisher. We have seen many of the same faces but also some new faces appearing occasionally. As always, we could always use more people at our meetings with fresh ideas!

New Items

Just like last year we had a very successful Antique snowmobile show at this year's Fall Foliage Festival. A lot of time and effort was put into this and was a huge success. Big round of applause to Jim and Jerry for heading this up!

In the spring we had a landowner appreciation luncheon at Station 26 in Cohocton. The attendance was great with sixty-four people in attendance. Forty-nine of them being landowners!! It was great catching up with these folks and showing our appreciation to them for letting us use their land. We always need to remember that our landowners are the single most important part of our club. Without them and their land, our trail system doesn't exist.

Trail News

We have had some major work completed on many of our trails this summer.

- County 92/ County 121 (New trail): If you rode this new trail last year you could see that when you entered one set of the woods there was a small stream (washout) that we had to cross. Being a new trail we didn't realize until winter hit that this was going to be a problem. Well I am happy to announce this is not a problem no more thanks to Jim VanWormer and his team and our man and his equipment, John Strait. They installed a culvert after clearing some trees and this trail will be much better this riding season.

- DeReeves road bridge: As you know during the spring of 2024 we lost the bridge that went across the creek that runs along DeReeves road. Well the boys put a plan together and I am happy to say that as you read this newsletter a new bridge has been installed. Again this could not have been done with out the efforts of a few club individuals. First, Gary Kincaid who was able to secure a 64' steel trailer frame to be used as the trestle. A shout out to Trail Boss Keith Holbrook and Mark Fisher for spending part of their days and nights putting the deck and rub boards on. As always John Strait was there with his equipment to place the trestle as well as grade off the approaches. Also a big thank you to Bill Schumacher and Meyers Farms for pulling the "trestle" up to the location. Nice job team, this is a large improvement from what we had (nothing).
- Sawdust road/ Railroad tracks: Some more brush clearing was in order for this fall as well. As always John Strait came through and did some brush clearing with his equipment along this route.

I just want to extend a big thanks to John Strait who participated in all of our major trail activities this off season. It's not only his equipment and time but the loading and transportation of his equipment to the sites. This had to be done three different times. John we truly appreciate all you do for us and I am giving you the "unofficial" member of the year!! Checks in the mail!! **Thanks again John.**

Reminder that our trails are closed until ATLEAST January 2nd. Our trail coordinator Mark Fisher is the individual who makes the decision to open and close. Please be patient and continue to be great ambassadors for the sport we love by staying off the trails until their officially opened.

Although this is not a "sponsored" trail or any relevants to our club I want to point out while travelling through the village of Cohocton to get to Station 26, please stay off the sidewalks/ driveways. The police have been sitting there and will write tickets for this infraction. Also we fostered many complaints last year from homes near Station 26 of people riding through yards and tearing up driveways, again this not one of our trails but it still sheds a negative light on snowmobilers. And just as important as the these items please stay in the signed and marked trail. We have all seen this where one rider goes outside of the markings and everyone follows. This is a great way to lose our trails!

After fall harvest and hunting season our trail bosses will be starting to sign our trails. As always they could use any help they can get. This is a daunting task and many hands make light work. Please reach out if you can help.

And as I have said in the past please volunteer if you have the time. Our trail bosses are always looking for help with different projects. Please reach out!

Closing

I look forward to seeing you all this fall/ winter at our meetings or on the trails. Like any other club membership and participation is the key. By attending the meetings, you will be more informed, be able to express concerns, meet other riders and overall participate in the sport we all love! Thank you for taking the time to read this and have a great fall. Pray for snow this winter and we will see you on the trails soon!

Reminder to thank the landowners. Without them none of this would be possible and we wouldn't get to enjoy the sport we love!

Thank you in advance for your efforts!

Thank you,
President Mike Walker