



Thousand Islands Snowmobile Club

2009-10 Season Newsletter

September 2009

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Let's Get Ready to Ride!

This past summer, for the first time, the snowmobile club participated in Cape Vincent's French Festival and Sackets Harbor's Can-Am Festival.

Unfortunately, poor weather at the French Festival dampened our efforts to sell ice cream novelties, but we were still able to make a great presentation promoting our September fundraiser, trail safety and generating overall interest in our club.

At the Can-Am Festival we were also successful in promoting our September fundraiser and trail safety, and sold club gear as well.

If you know of other opportunities for TISC to get involved with the community or have ideas for fundraisers or social events, please let us know.

Check out our Google Calendar on our website to keep track of all the fun activities you, your family and your friends can get involved with.

With that said, let's move on to what's ahead! TISC currently has a **vacancy on the Board of Directors** for the Alexandria Bay area.

You do not need to reside in the area to be the director. You simply need to represent the Alexandria Bay area at board and general meetings.

You may nominate yourself or someone else.

We plan to expand our activities at the Clayton Winterfest in February. Look for details as they develop!

Club Gear Now Available!

Club gear is currently available at Lynn's Small Engine in Chaumont and includes baseball hats; knit beanies and tukes; crew neck sweatshirts; and "Got Snow?" t-shirts. Hooded sweatshirts and jackets are available by special order. Gear can also be ordered by calling Steve Green at 315-405-5440.

Season 2009-2010

General meetings resumed August 6th, and we officially kicked off the 2009-2010 season September

3rd. At the October 1st meeting we will be viewing the NYSSA Groomer Safety video. We encourage all to attend, whether you currently groom the trails or you simply ride them. We can all benefit from knowing how these machines operate.

The remaining scheduled 2009-2010 General Meetings will be:

October 1, 2009
November 5, 2009
December 3, 2009
January 7, 2010
February 4, 2010
March 4, 2010
April 1, 2010
Break for summer

Typically general meetings convene at the LaFargeville American Legion at 7PM; however, the location does occasionally change, and meetings are often held in restaurants while trails are open. Therefore, please check our website for the most up to date information. If you do not have internet access, please contact our president or your local director. We hope this helps you plan ahead and we look forward to seeing new and familiar faces at future meetings and events.

*Trail preparation begins Saturday, September 12th. Our trails need a lot of attention this year, and we need your help! This year's trail work includes bridge and sluice pipe repairs, rerouting trails, staking trails and **creating new trails!***

Contact the Trail Coordinator, your local director or drop us an e-mail to see how you can help.

Membership Corner

2009-2010 Open Registration

Each year, grants are given to clubs based on funds accrued from memberships as of December 1st. ***Please register your sled prior to December 1st to maximize our grant monies!***

Check Us Out On-line!

A membership application has been attached for your convenience to register for the 2009-2010 season. You can return the membership application to the address listed on the form or register on-line at www.NYSSnowAssoc.org. On-line registration is a fast and convenient way to acquire your voucher for registering your snowmobile at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Including your e-mail address on your TISC membership application is the most efficient and timely way to obtain your DMV voucher and TISC communication. *Please share your e-mail address if you have one. It is used strictly for sharing club or trail information and is not shared.*

Please consider a donation to the Trail Defender Grant when you register this year. The Trail Defender Grant is an upgrade to your NYSSA membership. The donation of \$20 goes to the Trail Defender Fund, which was established to assist NYSSA member clubs by providing grants to defray the costs of preserving and protecting snowmobile trail access at the local level. Any NYSSA member club may apply for grant assistance when legal action is needed to keep trails open.

A note from Club member Sandra Bliven:

"Hello I'm Sandra Bliven and I am embarking on a 4,000 mile snowmobile trip to benefit the Diabetes Research Institute located on the University of Miami Campus. I am 64 years young, married to Charles, mother of 4, grandmother of 13, and an avid snowmobiler averaging 3,000 miles a year. I am requesting a donation to benefit this cause, and if you see fit a small amount to help with my cost of around \$4,000 to do this trip. As of now I am the only rider from New York out of about 80. I hope to represent Chaumont, Jefferson County, New York State, Thousand Islands Snowmobile Club, and New York State Snowmobile Association with a large donation to the cause of a cure for diabetes....it will be an adventure of a lifetime. Your consideration will be appreciated.

THANK YOU."

Please send donations* to:

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Chaumont, NY 13622

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*make checks payable to "MichCanSka"

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Membership Coordinator - Candi Fuller, 315-686-4849

Over the past several months we have been working very hard to revamp our website, and it will be available this week at www.1000IslandsSnowmobileClub.com!

New features include a clean fresh look, current events, trail reports, meeting summaries and contact information. In the near future, there will also be a store to buy Club gear, a guide to local businesses who support our club, and a classified section for you to sell your snowmobiles and snowmobiling related items!

If you would like to advertise your business or snowmobiling related items on our site, please e-mail TISnowClub@gmail.com

This site will be updated regularly with general meeting updates, NYSSA communications, trail conditions, trail workday announcements and upcoming events.

Don't miss out- check back frequently!

Help Us Help the Environment

All TISC newsletters and announcements will be communicated via e-mail and available on our website. *****Please add our e-mail address to your address book (and confirm there are no blocks) so TISC emails will avoid your spam/junk box.***

Additionally, your e-mail address is required for on-line registration, and to receive your DMV voucher, NYSSA Newsletter and NYSSA communication.

If you provided your e-mail address but are not receiving e-mails, or if you are not able to open the files we send, please let us know at TISnowClub@gmail.com

Did you know if you redeem your returnable cans and bottles at the St. Lawrence Redemption Center on St. Lawrence Rd in Clayton the refund you would have received can instead be directly donated to TISC? Just let them know to send it our way! It is a quick and easy way you can help the environment and the TISC.

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We always NEED volunteers to help with events, administrative tasks and trail work. Please volunteer today by e-mailing TISnowClub@gmail.com or contacting your local director!