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# OSCEOLA

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## Club Directory...

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### 2008-2009 Officers

**President** .....Arlene Mosch  
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Adam DeLong  
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Fred Spicer

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## President's Corner-Welcome Back

Welcome back, hopefully everyone has enjoyed their summer and are beginning to look forward to the upcoming snowmobiling season.

One of the big questions on everyone's mind this year is whether the Camp 2 road will be open and groomed. There are a lot of extenuating circumstances, but the short answer: No, the road will not be open to snowmobile traffic this year. Camp 2 will be shown on the map as **ungroomed**. Because it is a **State** snowmobile easement, it cannot be closed. Once a trail is listed as **ungroomed**, however; the Club's insurance will not cover any of the Landowners. Some of the land the trail crosses is state-owned. Currently, there is one private landowner located before the North Osceola Road on the east side who recently installed a gate and numerous other private landowners exist between that point and Potter Road. (Remember, the Club needs individual permission from the private landowners for a trail through their land). I have been working with the DEC to put a plan in place to determine what maintenance our Club will be responsible for and what the State is responsible for. Once those negotiations are complete, the overriding issue becomes a financial one. This road adds 12 miles of grooming to our existing system of trails. For the Club to accomplish this, we need Fundraising to obtain a new Groomer as well as to cover the additional expenses the added grooming costs would add to our budget.

As of this writing, we have \$5,200 in the treasury for this winter's expenses. Additionally, we have taxes (roughly \$1,000) to pay and satellite phone (\$600) to renew. Our income from the Club is obtained through memberships, donations and a 30% payment balance remaining on a State Grant-in-Aid. See page 2 to participate in a Fundraiser through Ski Doo Dealers (free to you).

The bottom line is this: we need not only your **Fundraising ideas**, we need your help with the organizing and volunteering to pull this off. We could use more volunteers in all phases of the club...including groomer operators and people to help with the groomer and trail maintenance.

As a whole, we are trying to find ways to limit expenses including the use of email and the website to distribute our newsletter which has always been an important part of keeping you informed. We now have a website that will become our major communication media. Postage is very expensive when you send 345 newsletters, not including the time it takes to copy, print, collate etc. This year we have given you an option on the membership application to check if you **want** to continue to receive your newsletter by mail, otherwise we intend to send an email letting everyone know that the new issue is available on the website. Reducing these costs could cut our expenses significantly over the course of the year. We are also looking for advertisers on the website, so please let us know if you are interested in having your business listed with us by sending an email to [president@osceolasnowmobile.com](mailto:president@osceolasnowmobile.com).

We will also be sending email to remind you of upcoming work dates and the day's agenda. If you are not on that list, but would like to be added, send an email to [president@osceolasnowmobile.com](mailto:president@osceolasnowmobile.com). Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly for lunch.

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## Dates of Interest

### OCTOBER EVENTS



**October 10, 2009**

#### Monthly Club Meeting

8am @ Groomer Barn  
9am Work Details Start

check Website for updates and  
cancellations or email

[president@osceolasnowmobile.com](mailto:president@osceolasnowmobile.com)

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

**November 14, 2009**

#### Monthly Club Meeting

8am @ the OSCEOLA  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
1426 West Lyden Road  
Osceola, NY

check Website for updates and  
cancellations or email

[president@osceolasnowmobile.com](mailto:president@osceolasnowmobile.com)

#### Snowmobile Safety Course

Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> Starting  
@ 9am and running till 5pm  
(see article below)

participate in a  
**FUNDRAISER**  
online

Please go to the following  
link and fill out the SKI-DOO  
Certificate. For each  
registered Club Member, SKI-  
DOO will donate \$10 to our  
club (there is no cost to you)

[www.ski-doo.com/en-US/  
Promotions/  
clubsupportprogram.htm](http://www.ski-doo.com/en-US/Promotions/clubsupportprogram.htm)

please see the website at  
[www.osceolasnowmobileclub.com](http://www.osceolasnowmobileclub.com)  
for a link to the site as well

sponsored by SKI-DOO

## Snowmobile Safety Course

Osceola Snowmobile Club and the Redfield Sno-Rec Club will be sponsoring a Snowmobile Safety Course at the Redfield Fire Hall on County Route 17 in Redfield.

To Pre-Register for the class, please contact Ed Monteith at 315-599-7762 or Linda Sweet at 315-599-7365

This course is mandatory in NYS for anyone ages 10 to 17 to drive a snowmobile. Parents or Guardians must register their child and the child must be 10 years of age by November 28<sup>th</sup>. We are using the honor system, so birth certificates are not required. There is no cost for the class, however donations will be accepted to help pay for the Instructor's gas since he is coming from Forestport to accommodate us. Lunch will be provided by the Reservoir Inn.



## Contributing Where You Ride

I started snowmobiling five short seasons ago, a member of a snowmobile club from day one. It was not due to my own actions, but rather a previous agreement with the property owner I purchased from 8 years prior. I was the recipient of an Osceola Snowmobile Club membership provided by the club at no charge for donating property to the trail system. For three seasons, my only concern was my riding time. I spent my seasons logging miles and offering up my dissatisfied opinion regarding bumpy trails and difficulty getting from point A to point B due to poor signage.

That all changed two seasons ago when, upon prompting by two individuals, I put up or shut up. I took their prompting as my motivation to become, as they called it, an “active member”. I started first with a brush clearing work detail, then onto fundraisers and eventually attending meetings. I was walking the walk, or so I thought. I was helping improve a trail and being an “active member”. But, it was in the wrong area and for the wrong reasons. It was convenient for me to volunteer and be an “active member”, because the club was in my local town, not 2-3 hours away where I snowmobile the vast majority of the time.

This was a valuable lesson that I have just begun to understand, and furthermore began to correct. It was so simple, but in my haste to prove these two individuals wrong, I took the easiest path between two points. I joined a club in an area that was convenient to my residence, not in an area I frequent the majority of my time. For two years, I contributed to an area that I infrequently rode—and

provided only a landowner agreement to the area where I spent the majority of my time.

Finally, comprehending the phrase, “what you have today may not be there tomorrow”. I started to contribute to an area that has supported me for the past five seasons. It has been something I wanted to do, no motivation needed to prove someone wrong. I have found where my puzzle piece fits into this jigsaw of NYS snowmobiling, supporting a club where I *ride*.

The fact of the matter is, that without you, there is no us. I started snowmobiling in NYS as what some have called a “freeloader”. Selfish would be a more accurate description, never taking the time to fully understand how the system works.

If you have the time to ride, you have the time to contribute. Join a club in the area in which you *ride* and find where your piece of the puzzle fits. Clubs have many needs for volunteers other than groomer operators. I am sure your contribution either with your time or financial donation will help your favorite riding area be there tomorrow.

### Want to know more?

If you are interested volunteering in the Osceola Snowmobile Club and would like to find out what opportunities are available, please contact any Board

Member or email  
[president@osceolasnowmobile.com](mailto:president@osceolasnowmobile.com)

We look forward to your inquiries and would love to have you serve with us!!!

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## Income Categories

Advertising	\$950.00	Income from club-sold advertising, newsletter, drags, etc
Clothing	\$0.00	Sale of Club Clothing
County Money	\$0.00	Income from Lewis County
Decals	\$37.00	Sale of club decals
Donations	\$1,530.75	Any donation made to the club
Gas Tax	\$0.00	Off-road fuel tax refund
Interest	\$31.11	Interest earned on club savings account
Maps	\$1,615.00	Sale of trail maps
Membership	\$6,145.90	Sale of club memberships
Poker Run	\$0.00	Annual Club poker run (fund-raiser)
Raffle	\$3,645.00	Raffle income
Trail Find	\$16,390.00	Money received from NY State Trail Fund
Trail Stop	\$312.00	Income from trail-side hot dog roast, coffee, etc
Website	\$24.75	Refund from website host

**Total Income Categories \$30,681.51**

## Expense Categories

Advertising	\$402.70	Any advertising expenses
Barn	\$182.93	Any expenses for groomer barn, lot paint and upkeep etc
Diesel Fuel	\$4,661.27	Diesel fuel for groomers
Donations	\$147.52	Cards, flowers, etc
Electric	\$577.94	Groomer barn electric
Gas Tax	\$0.00	Expensed related to gas tax refund, postage etc
Groomer Maintenance	\$4,574.58	Any parts or services purchased for groomers and drags
Insurance	\$1,304.16	Barn, groomers, accident policy, treasurer and president bond
Landowners	\$1,606.88	Dinner, gifts and any other related expenses for landowners
LCASA	\$230.05	Lewis County Area Snowmobile Association dues and travel expenses
Maps	\$0.00	Expenses for maps, postage, etc
Membership	\$256.99	Postage, printing, ink, labels, club decals
Newsletter	\$779.90	Publish, print and mail newsletters
NYSSA Forum	\$100.57	Expenses related to attending annual NYS Snowmobile Association forum
PO Box	\$38.00	Club Post Office box
Poker Run	\$0.00	Ink, paper for posters and any related expenses
Propane	\$1,415.06	Heat for Groomer Barn
Raffle	\$2,746.66	Any raffle expenses, pay winners, etc
Safety Class	\$89.00	Youth snowmobile safety classes
Satellite Phone	\$600.99	Phone carried in groomer and buy minutes
Secretary	\$21.74	Secretary related expenses
Snow Phone	\$438.03	Groomer barn phone
Tax (Income)	\$10.00	Yearly filing fee
Tax (Prep)	\$250.00	Tax prep and related expenses
Tool	\$13.95	Purchase tools
Torch Light	\$519.40	Expenses related to club torch light ride, flares, food and drink
Trail Maintenance	\$5,008.20	Trail building expenses, material and supplies
Trail Stop	\$0.00	Trail Stop Expenses, food, etc
Treasurer	\$257.31	Treasurer related expenses
Website	\$99.00	Club website related expenses

**Total Expense Categories \$26,332.83**

**GRAND TOTAL AFTER ALL EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR \$4,348.68**

## 2009 Osceola Snowmobile Club Income & Spending Report

...covering the period from  
April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009

see page 2 for a fundraiser being sponsored by SKI-D00...there is no cost to you, but for each person who participates, SKI-D00 will donate \$10 to our Snowmobile Club!!

## Membership & Advertising

The 2009-2010 Membership Applications are included in this newsletter. Please mail your completed application to Jim and Kelly Fairchild listed in Club Directory under the Membership Section on the 1<sup>st</sup> page.

Once the membership application is processed, you will receive a voucher from the Club which is required to register your snowmobile in New York State. You can mail your registration to any NYS DMV office, however, if you mail it to the Lowville DMV office, Lewis County will keep a portion of the proceeds. This is important to the Osceola Snowmobile Club because the County will have more money in their budget which puts them in a better financial position to continue to support our club. With Federal and State budget shortages this year, The County and the Club are looking for all possible sources of income. Their address is:

Lewis County Department of Motor Vehicles  
PO Box 232  
Lowville, NY 13367  
(315) 376-5331

## Many, Many Thanks to Our Volunteers—You keep the Club running!!

The summer preventative maintenance and repairs are well underway. We took the month of May off so we could take a breather from club work and catch up on the Honey-do lists at home. So far, we have been concentrating on Groomer #7. Our volunteers have rebuilt the tracks and the final drive, taken oil samples, and changed the fluids and filters.

When you see these guys-give them a big **THANK YOU!!** They truly are a dedicated bunch of guys: Adam DeLong, Jack Mulherin, Sue DeLong, Gary Lazaroff, Ben Jonietz, Larry Wingate, Burt Mosch, Don Cameron, Fred Spicer, Bob DeLong, Jim Fairchild, Seth Holder, Dan Burns, Paul Valcore, Eric DeLong, Tom Sweet and Bob McMillan. I hope I have not forgotten anyone, If I have, please accept my apologies-and thank you for your service with us!!

Special thanks to Don Cameron for donating the use of his Bobcat and brush attachment to remove overgrown brush and trees from the trails. This is a job normally done by hand and has saved us a tremendous amount of time and manpower this year.



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