

MAY
2010

East Herkimer Sno-Riders SNO-NEWS

Calendar of Events

• Meeting –
Monday,
May 10th

• Land Owners
Dinner –
Saturday,
May 15th

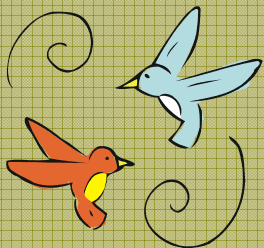
• Mohawk Valley
Antique Tractor
Day & Country
Fest
Saturday,
July 10th



MEMBERSHIPS

**For our year
ending
2009 – 2010 we
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From the President's Desk

Even though it was a short winter the club has remained busy with several administrative functions. The purchase of property located in the Town of Little Falls was a main concern. The planning of the annual Hot Dog Races kept me busy and its success proved to be a good communication tool. Currently I am planning the next club fundraiser

which will be held at Kast Hill Farm, July 10th. It will be called the Mohawk Valley Antique Tractor Day and Country Fest. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. I will definitely need volunteers to assist with this endeavor. Donations to the auction will certainly be welcomed. If you are a business person or one

of our talented members who may be able to craft something for it, please let me know. We will welcome any gently used items as well. I hope you will attend our May meeting which is Monday, May 10th at 7:00 pm at Fat Cat's restaurant, 200 King St., Herkimer.

.....Jesse Davis

HOT DOG RACES:

Our Annual Hot Dog Races and Vintage Snowmobile Show was a complete success. The oval races doubled in size this year with racers traveling from as far as Pennsylvania and Syracuse. Many local racers participated also and a good time was had by all. Next year we will be increasing the radar run event to run all day on its own separate track due to the demand.



Many thanks to Dan and Dottie Perry for the use of their facilities and property. The club is currently looking for an outdoor PA system (public address) to use at our functions. Anyone who may have one or know any information as to where we may locate one please contact Jesse at 264-1552.

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Land Purchase

The club recently purchased 25 acres of property at the corner of Shells Bush Road & State Route 169 in the Town of Little Falls. This process started in November 2009 and we closed February 2010. During that time we met with officials from the town of Little Falls to ensure that there would be no problem with the building of a clubhouse at that location. Those individuals we spoke to advised us there would be none and that we would be welcome in the town of Little Falls. The club then moved ahead and purchased the property and received a building permit from the

town as part of our purchase offer contingency. After we purchased the property a few of our neighbors on the Shells Bush Road complained to the town board about us purchasing the property and the town has returned the building permit to us saying that the permit was issued 2 days prior to us closing on the property. We are now required to reapply for the building permit and appear before the town's planning board. Below is a copy of a letter that is being circulated by one of the individuals who is against the club building a clubhouse.

Please support the club by

signing our petition that is in favor of us building a clubhouse at that location and by attending the planning board hearing. That date is yet to be determined by the town of Little Falls. The petition can be signed at Fat Cat's Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 7 pm. The club has worked hard to get where we are and we have been involved in several functions which benefit the community. The negative opinions of a few individuals should not stop us from being part of the town of Little Falls community. If you have any questions contact:

Jesse at 264-1552.

Here is a copy of the letter that is being distributed – NOT BY THE SNOWMOBILE CLUB – but by one individual who is against us building a clubhouse. We just wanted our members to see what is being written about the club.

Town of Little Falls
County of Herkimer

Dear resident of the town of Little Falls, Herkimer County New York.

This letter is being distributed to the residence of the Town of Little Falls in the area of Route 169 and Shells Bush Road. The East Herkimer Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club and purchased 25 acres of land from David Carlson in an effort to build a 40' by 100' club house to be used for the purpose of conducting meetings, winter snowmobile races, summer grass drags, and possibly four wheeler and dirt bike races. They are also planning to rent out the building and or a pavilion for weddings, graduations and other type gatherings in an effort to raise money for the club. In the past they have organized a snowmobile ride for children where hundreds of snowmobiles and people have participated in. This action on the part of the East Herkimer Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club and its members will bring about an increase in traffic, noise pollution, air pollution, trash and an overall discomfort to the residents of the area. In addition, it will also bring about a decrease in property values in the immediate area.

In the near future, area residents will be approaching all residents in the area of the proposed site to have a petition signed by every member of the family in an effort to have the Town of Little Falls Planning Board refuse to allow this type of commercial building to be built at Rte 169 and Shells Bush Rd.

Concerned Residents of Route 169 and Shells Bush Road.

2010 Super raffle: see insert with the listing of winners

New York State Snowmobile Association: - Jesse Davis and Ron Aldrich attended the annual forum on Sunday, April 18th along with Herkimer County district representative Michael Denapole. Together they brought discussion to the floor to rescind NYSSA's attempt to sell membership personal information for profit. There was much discussion from the floor and several motions to amend the policy were made. The ultimate decision was made to keep NYSSA's current policy of using membership information for processing use only. A corrected policy is to return to the floor next year. President Davis and Board of Director Aldrich will continue to review that policy to ensure our information remains private.

LAND OWNERS DINNER



The annual Land Owners Dinner is Saturday, May 15th at the Little Falls Elk's Lodge, 50 North Ann St., Little Falls, NY. \$14.00 per adult includes open bar from 6 pm to 7 pm and full dinner served with dessert. Come join us to say thanks to our land owners. All are welcome. A reservation is requested; please contact Phyllis Giachetti @ 315-823-1845 ASAP.

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An advertisement for Allstate insurance. The background is a snowy landscape with a wooden fence. In the top left, there is a small image of a yellow and blue snowmobile. In the top right, the Allstate logo is displayed with the tagline 'You're in good hands.' In the bottom right, there is a small image of a speedboat. The central text reads: 'ALLSTATE has NEW lower rates! Call or Stop in to your local office. FRED NORTHRUP AGENCY 105 West Main St., Ilion, NY 13357 315-894-1747'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'Before you hit the trails, stop in or call and check out our great rates! Don't wait until something happens before you are covered. We offer affordable coverage that helps protect you, your family and your snowmobile or **ATV**.'



Mohawk Valley Antique Tractor Day and Country Fest – On Saturday, July 10th the club will be hosting the first annual Mohawk Valley Antique Tractor Day and Country Fest at Kast Hill Farm, 126 Kast Hill Rd., Herkimer. The day will feature a 20 mile tractor parade. Those of you who have a tractor, new or vintage, can participate in this parade which will go through 4 villages. To participate you must register by June 18th, 2010. Forms are available at Kast Hill Farm. The registration fee is \$25, which includes admission to all events and a chicken barbecue for the driver. There will also be an antique tractor show and swap meet, vintage snowmobile show and swap meet, a country auction with over 100 items to be auctioned, a chicken barbecue starting at 1:00 pm, vendors, and we will wind the day out with a barn dance featuring Nashville recording artist Tara J. Morgan from 4 pm to 6 pm and country superstars The Fulton Chain Gang from 6 pm to 10 pm. To participate or reserve a booth contact Jesse at 264-1552. Entry forms and event information along with vendor, swap meet & admission prices are available at Kast Hill Farm. Event flier included in mailing.Volunteers are needed to refresh the club's parade wagon. Painting and light repair needed. Contact Jesse at 264-1552.



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