

# WEBSTER RIDGE RUNNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



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Next Club Meeting:

**Thursday February 6th, 7pm**

**Location: Blue Heron Hills Golf Course**

Next Officers' Meeting:

**Wednesday January 15, 7pm**

**Location: Carey Lake**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:** *Todd Chapman, President*

Hello Members! I hope you've had ample chance to ride the trails... Hundreds of volunteer hours have been logged getting us all ready for the season. Thank You to ALL who volunteered to help the Club get ready and Thank You to the landowners who allow us to use their property. Without the volunteers and landowners we would not have a club. Our Landowners Relations, Trail Crew, Signing Crew, Kiosk Crew and now the Groomer Crew have all put in a tremendous amount of hours and hard work to make our trails safe and enjoyable. We need to keep the volunteers coming to keep the Club going we need to keep bringing people along to help as our seasoned crews are ready to pass on some responsibility-- so if you have the time or interest for one of the most rewarding things a person can do, i.e. volunteering your time, please contact me or one of the Club officers.

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We have the Club's Annual Winter Picnic now scheduled for Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Weidman's on S44B where it crosses County Line Road. Check the web site, Facebook and the sno-phone for updates as we've pushed the date out a week based on the weather forecast. If it gets too warm we may postpone. The Poker Run is set for Superbowl Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at Blue Heron Hills Golf Course.

If you need a map we have links to them on our web site and Facebook page. We are trying to get better resolution PDF files, so if you printed a low-resolution map you may want to check the links again to get a better resolution print. As we did not mail the maps directly from the Club this year, we decided not to send everyone raffle tickets as the cost to do so is more than the Club makes from selling them. If you would like raffle tickets we have 1,000 of them and will make them available at all the Club events and meetings. Alternatively, you can e-mail or text me and I will send you 5 or more if requested. My e-mail is [chapman1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:chapman1@rochester.rr.com) or text me at 585-503-5506.

There have been a few minor trail re-routes that are well marked. The trail that formerly went down Kuttruff Road now starts at the corner of 441 and Canandaigua Road. The trail to Marion behind the farm between Walworth Ontario Road and Boynton Road had two culverts installed. It is very wet in that wooded section and needs to be frozen to safely get through there. If it stays frozen we are good, but if we get a prolonged warm-up we may close that section temporarily. By next year the work should be complete and the soil should set up properly.

This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year as WRR Club President. When I became President, my main goal was to secure a Class A Groomer and we bought the BR-160 from the Redfield Club. We took out a five-year loan at the height of the housing crash when banks would not give out loans. To obtain the loan I co-signed for it, and decided five years as President to see the loan paid would be my reign as President. The groomer loan will be paid off October 2014. The Club elections are in March, so if you have an interest in being the next Club President, please let me or one of the Officers know. It has been a rewarding experience, and we have a great group of helpers and new helpers that have stepped up. After my term ends, I plan on continuing to volunteer in other ways like signing. We need more volunteers.

My five years as President brought in the Class A groomer, extended the trail to Carey Lake, Blue Heron Hills, and the Log Cabin, as well as re-connecting the trail to Marion. I think the trails as they are now need to be maintained with some more minor re-route improvements. We have plenty of miles to maintain now, so I don't see the need for new trails in the immediate future. We are well positioned to get to the Canal Path from the Log Cabin if we choose to do so.

My hope for the next President is to have someone who will re-focus on member participation in the form of club rides, club parties like Christmas perhaps, and end of season parties like we've had in the past... if people want to take the Club in that direction. My focus has been to bring you safe, well-groomed trails and let you figure out how best to enjoy them. And from what I see when our trails are open, you're doing a good job of that!

When riding this season, remember to always Stay Right especially on hills and in the turns. Stay on the trail, and if you make a trail stop do it in the long and flat straights so people can see you. Don't stop around turns or over hills and always stop in single file. Sign up for text alerts for the latest updates on our web site. Ride Safe.

Todd Chapman, President

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### **TRAIL SIGNAGE:** *Marty Lazzaro*

I am happy to say that the WRR Sign Crews are done, having the trails marked well for your enjoyment and the safety of your families. The crews have over 300 volunteer hours in so far this year, so make sure you give them a "Thanks" when you see them. The crew leaders are Jeff Chapman, Randy Phillips, John Roome, Dave McBride, Ryan McNamara, Ross Wheadon, and myself along with Karl Kohn. They each have recruited 2-5 people to help, and they usually are riding with them so say "Thanks" to them too. As always, everyone needs to respect the landowners' permission to ride on their property. One person's recklessness last year almost cost us a major part of our trail system this year.

As I announced earlier in the year, this is my final year coordinating the Trail Signing. My last event will be the teardown for which I will be sending out dates near the end of the season. Earlier this year I asked for a volunteer to take over Kiosks, roping, six miles of trail, and the coordinating. Dave Baker has taken over the installation of the Kiosks - thanks Dave! The Club still needs help in the other three areas and an additional area has been added. Here is a description of each so that you will be more comfortable stepping up and contributing your share.

**Roping** - This involves one six-hour day with a crew of four people to install rope along the roadside as well as roping some longer sections on the actual trails. We have all the equipment and material needed, it is just one day of volunteering. I will ride the entire trail system with someone to show them "the ropes", where they are and how they are done.

**6 miles of trail** - this too is a one- to two-day event with a crew of four or five people. I can show someone the trails and what we do. I will even offer to be available to join them next year to help make an easy transition. If no one steps up, then you are kind-of on your own.

**The Craft Farm** - this is a one-day event with a crew of four.

**Coordinating** - this is all about just being organized. Here is what I do: make sure the crews have the equipment they need, i.e.: 4-wheelers, pole pounders, signs, pole removers, rope, etc. If there are any new signing rules, I forward them to the crews. I find out changes through our connection to NYSSA. I send out requests to the membership for help on days the crews are going out. Part of this is done on the phone, most on e-mail and some in the field. This is more of an hour here and there type of position. I have complete sets of maps, inventories and can spend a day showing you how to efficiently coordinate the teams. The teams themselves are really on autopilot at this point, they will be helpful in helping you learn.

**Here are the benefits of volunteering** - Over the last 7 years of doing this, I have benefited in business from these relationships as well as developed year-round friendships for myself and my family. I ride with the people on the sign team and we take long trips together, both in the winter and the summer. I camp with some, boat with some, and party with some. The benefits certainly outweigh the time commitment. I am just at a point with the ages of my sons and their interests in things other than snowmobiling that I have time commitments elsewhere that I need to attend to.

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I have had fun, and I hope you have enjoyed the development in the Club over the years. Thank You to everyone on the grooming crew, sign crew, land owner crew, trail prep crew, event organizers, Todd Chapman, Jamie, Chris, and so many more. You are such a dedicated group of people that allow our 750+ members to have so much safe fun.

To inquire about helping the Club in one of the positions that we need to have filled, please e-mail me at [martylaz@rochester.rr.com](mailto:martylaz@rochester.rr.com) or call me at 585-703-6962.

Marty Lazzaro

### **MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS:** *Christopher Burns*

Thanks to all the hundreds of volunteer hours and vast preparation that have gone into our trails, this year's riding season got off to a nice start with the Webster Ridge Runners' trails open on the very first day possible (i.e. the end of the hunting season). For many, this was a timely Christmas gift! Of course the weather (and rideable snow) have come and gone a few times now, but we're keeping fingers crossed for a great riding season here locally.

In terms of publicity for the Club, we've already enjoyed news exposure—On January 5<sup>th</sup>, WRR Vice President Dennis Landry was interviewed by Channel 10 news for their story, "Staying safe while snowmobiling"—check it out at: <http://www.whec.com/news/stories/S3270182.shtml>

In terms of our upcoming Club events, we have the Annual WRR Winter Snowmobiling Picnic now scheduled for Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>... snow permitting, of course. If we don't have enough snow on the trails for the 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll keep you posted on our rescheduled date. Please keep checking the WRR website and our Facebook page for updates... and while you're at it, **please RSVP to the Picnic on Facebook**, at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/236428963195339/>

More details will also be coming soon on the **WRR Poker Run** on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Super Bowl Sunday).

**Request for Volunteers:** Another great event that WRR members have generously supported in years past (weather-permitting, of course), is the **Special Kids Snowmobile Ride on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>**, organized by Webster Parks and Recreation and friend of WRR Mr. Rob Bick. At this event, we have had a handful of WRR members bring their 2-up sleds and provide leisurely rides to children of all ages and abilities around Webster's North Ponds Park.

In the years we've been able to do this, it has been a very popular event for families, and provides great, positive visibility for our Club and snowmobiling generally. **If you would be willing to bring your 2-up sled to the Park on 2/1/14 and provides rides around the park for a few hours, please give me a call at (585) 234-3524 or shoot me an e-mail at [Christopher@c-burns.com](mailto:Christopher@c-burns.com). Thank you!**

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**Poker Run Help** needed: The Poker Run is coming up on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, we need 6 to 8 people to help run it. If you can help please contact Dennis Landry at [dennislandry@hotmail.com](mailto:dennislandry@hotmail.com) or 585-872-0857

**Stone's Snow Sled Open House:** Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at Brantling. Bands, door prizes, food. Party is on snow or not...

## Support our landowners that sell produce locally.

**Here is a list of our landowners on our trail system that grow and sell produce. Please take the time and reciprocate by purchasing our local growers goods and services.**



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1835 ROUTE 104, UNION HILL, NY  
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### DAVID WILBERT

4418 ONTARIO CENTER RD  
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### RONALD WILBERT

Wilbert's Christmas Trees  
1321 Salt Road, Webster, NY 14580



### DAVID WOODWARD

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PENFIELD, NY  
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