

INLET BARNSTORMERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017-2018 WINTER SEASON

All membership meetings except for the December and March meetings
will be held at the Inlet Town Hall at 7pm.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017: Regular Monthly Meeting

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Thursday, December 7, 2017: Volunteers are requested for Snodeo set-up starting at 10am. Our club gets a complimentary booth in exchange for help from our members.

December 8, 9 & 10, 2017: *Snodeo held at the Hildebrandt Recreation Center on North Street in Old Forge. For additional info, www.Snodeo.com.

Saturday, December 9, 2017: * AmSnow Dynotech Research New York Shootout in Inlet. For more info, www.inletny.com/inlet/new-york-shootout

Tuesday, December 12, 2017: Christmas Party & Sled Raffle Drawing. A short membership meeting will precede the festivities. Details below.

Tuesday, January 2, 2018: Registration opens for Snowmobile Safety Course to be held January 13, 2018. Call Ron or Sandy Nihill, phone 315-357-5233.

Saturday, January 6, 2018: Family Potluck Lunch at 1pm at the Inlet Fire Hall. Bring a dish to pass.

Saturday, January 13, 2018: Safety Course, Inlet Fire Hall. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018: Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday & Saturday, February 2 & 3, 2018: 19th Annual Poker Run

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 6 & 7, 2018: Overnight Ride to Rome. Date and details to be announced.

Thursday, February 15, 2018: Billy's Restaurant charity dinner to benefit our club.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018: Regular Monthly Meeting and election of officers.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018: Annual End-of-Season Dinner Meeting, Date and details TBA.

April 20-22, 2018: 2018 SLEDNY Forum & NYSSA Annual Meeting to be held in Niagara Falls, NY. Our club sends representative delegates to this conference to attend seminars and interact with the over 230 clubs across the state.

*This event is not a club sponsored activity, but is included here for your information.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSES

The Inlet Barnstormers Snowmobile Club will be sponsoring only one Snowmobile Safety Course for the upcoming winter season. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the first class that was scheduled for December 9, 2017 has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience. The date for the only course this season is Saturday, January 13th, and registration will open on Tuesday, January 2nd. Pre-registration is required and calls will not be accepted before the specified date for this course. Space is limited and youths must be registered to attend. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Please note new contact. Register by calling Ron or Sandy Nihill at 315-357-5233.

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York. If youth ages 14 through 17 years have not completed the training course, they may operate a snowmobile if accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age. Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age. Children less than 10 years old or less than age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian. A non-resident operator who is a resident of another state or country and is the holder of a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by that state or country shall be considered the same as the holder of a New York State Safety Certificate. Additional information can be found at: <http://nysparks.com/recreation/snowmobiles/education.aspx>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

The club is always looking for volunteers to help with club events and projects. Remember that the club has incentives for volunteers. Please contact any club officer for additional information. Phone numbers are listed on page 1.

GROOMER TRAINING

Groomer training and refresher information will again be required for any club member who is interested in volunteering. Care and use of upgraded equipment is in flux all the time, so even if you groomed last year, you will need to get the updated information. There will be a session held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 1pm, located at the club's groomer barn located at 23 Uncas Road in Inlet. Please contact Paul Chambers (after October 28th), phone 315-357-3046 to let him know if you will attend or to arrange a different training time if you can't be there on November 11th.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD DECEMBER 12, 2017 AT THE WOODS INN

The annual Christmas Party will be held in Inlet at the Woods Inn in Inlet, New York. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with a brief business meeting. At 6pm there will be appetizers served with a cash bar, and then dinner will be served at 7pm. The entrée choices are Prime Rib, Herb Crusted Salmon, or Chicken Marsala. The price per person is \$15 for a club member and \$37 for a non-member. Please RSVP by November 28th by mailing a check made payable to the Inlet Barnstormers and c/o Bill Gasperino, PO Box 1042, Old Forge, NY 13420. Don't forget to include your entrée choices with your check. Following dinner the raffle drawing for the snowmobile and other cash prizes will held. And then the ever-popular gift exchange will commence. If you want to participate, you should bring a wrapped item valued at \$15 and be sure to get a drawing number to win the most coveted gift. Come join the fun. If you have any questions about the festivities, you can call Bill Gasperino, phone 315-369-2208.

ANNUAL SNOWMOBILE RAFFLE DRAWING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 12, 2017

The club and the Raffle Committee would like to thank all participating members for supporting this club fundraiser in the past. Because of this raffle, in part, the club has been able to purchase a property with two storage buildings that is perfect to house and maintain our grooming equipment. This year the raffle income will help with the mortgage payment. There were two raffle tickets included with the July 2017 newsletter for \$10 each. Please support our club by mailing back the payment of \$20 with the two ticket stubs in the envelope provided. If you would like additional tickets, just include the extra amount and the tickets will be mailed to you. And thanks again for your continued support. You can win the First Prize snowmobile, a black 2018 SkiDoo MXZ TNT 600HO E-Tec Snowmobile; Second Prize is \$1,000 cash; Third Prize is \$500 cash; Fourth through Eighth Prizes are \$100 cash each. We would appreciate your support again this year.

2018 SkiDoo MXZ TNT 600HO Snowmobile features:

- **R-MOTION 129 REAR SUSPENSION:** THE standard for control, capability, comfort and adjustability – with added traction, better braking and more bump filtration in 129-inch (327 cm) version. Separate spring and shock dynamics, plus the most rising-rate/progressive motion ratio in the industry give the rMotion suspension its supple ride in small bumps with added capability in large ones. Easy adjustments for shocks, springs and coupling block.
- **RAS 2 FRONT SUSPENSION:** Ultimate geometry and lighter components deliver excellent precision and stability – especially in extreme bumps – and reduces roll in corners. Sharp styling, too.
- **REV-XS PLATFORM:** REV-X base architecture and design sets the standard for light weight, durability and handling. Versatile riding position enables both more relaxed and more performance riding styles, sitting and standing. Driver can stretch their legs due to forward foot position. Layered flowing edge REV-XS body style is aggressive and sophisticated with excellent wind protection.
- **HPG PLUS SHOCKS:** Highest quality aluminum-bodied high pressure gas shocks by KYB. Rebuildable and revalvable.
- **PILOT 5.7 SKIS:** Dual-keel/single-carbide design for aggressive bite in corners and virtually no darting
- **REV-XP X SEAT WITH STORAGE:** Its low profile design gives you all the room – and comfort – you need to move around and take control. Plus, there's 1.3 gal/5 L of storage in the rear.
- **ROTAX 600 H.O. E-TEC ENGINE:** The 600 cc-class benchmark for fuel economy, oil economy, smoothness and ease-of-use. Up to 21 mpg (11.3 L/100 km) trail fuel economy. Virtually no two-stroke smoke and smell and easy starting. Preparing for the off-season is easy with built-in automatic summerization function. No wonder it's the best-selling 600cc engine in snowmobiling*. 120 horsepower.*Based on retail sale results as of December 31, 2016.

19TH ANNUAL POKER RUN

Come join us for our 19th annual Poker Run on Friday February 2 and February 3, 2018. It's fun. Get your buddies and go for it! The purse is \$700 and there is over 70 door prizes and last year's 50/50 was \$400. Pick up your playing card at any one of the 25 sponsors (more sponsors this year than we've had for years). Get your card stamped from as many sponsors as possible. Go to Daikers restaurant by 5:15 pm on Saturday February 3, 2018. Your one card can purchase up to ten hands for \$10 per hand (no need for 2 cards, only one card will be accepted per player). Winner must be present to win. You are dealt as many cards as you have stamps on your card. You need at least 5 different stamps as the poker game is five-card stud. Come join the fun and ride safe.

OVERNIGHT RIDE TO THE BEECHES RESORT

The annual Inlet Barnstormers Club overnight trip will be held this season on Tuesday & Wednesday, February 6 & 7, 2018. We will leave from the groomer barn on North Street in Old Forge at 9AM on Tuesday and ride to the Beeches Resort in Rome. We will get to the Beeches mid-afternoon after stopping for lunch on the way. There will be a cocktail party at 4:30pm in the breakfast dining room. Bring your own adult drinks. You can make a reservation by calling the Beeches at 315-336-1775 and ask for a room with the Barnstormers. The rates are \$89.95 and \$99.95 per night with a full American breakfast included. We will be having dinner as a group at 7pm at the Beeches. You can also drive down by car and meet us there for all the fun. If you plan on riding your sled, please call Bob Gates at 315-527-0760 so he will know who to expect on the ride. We will have vehicles to take your luggage if you wish. Any other questions, give Bob a call. If we are not able to ride the sleds due to trail conditions, we will all be driving our cars to enjoy the fun. Snow or no snow we will still go. Hope to see you there!

GAS TAX REFUND PROGRAM

The club continues to need your help to make the gas tax refund a success. All those gallons of gas that YOU use on the snowmobile trails include sales tax that the club can get refunded to buy equipment and for trail maintenance etc. You do have to buy the gas in New York State. Use the Gas Tax Refund form that you can download from the club's website . You must attach the gas receipt for each purchase that you put on the form. When you fill up a page you must sign it on the bottom which gives the Inlet Barnstormer permission to apply for the sales tax refund for the gas you purchased. Please make a copy of the form before you start filling it out so that you always have a blank sheet to start again when you have filled up the first sheet (or [download the form](#) from our website). THAT'S IT! So send the completed forms to the address on the bottom of the GAS TAX form! The club thanks you in advance for your help. Call Howard Dailey if you need additional information, phone 315-369-2716.

PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR SNOWMOBILE TRIP

If you plan to come to Old Forge during the winter season, you should be aware that you need to renew your New York State Snowmobile Registration before you arrive. The local Department of Motor Vehicles office in Old Forge has limited operating days and hours, also there is not a way to obtain a club membership voucher locally to get the discount from DMV. You can always join our club online to get your voucher through the NYSSA website, but plan on stopping at a NYS DMV office before you head north from the NYS thruway.

VISIT THE CLUB'S PROPERTY

The Board of Directors invites you to stop by to see the buildings where we store our trail grooming equipment. The address is 23 Uncas Road (corner of Uncas & Evans Roads). Call any of the directors listed on page one to make sure someone will be there to greet you. Your help would also be appreciated if you would like to volunteer for some of the trail maintenance and grooming or any of the other club activities. Contact any club officer for additional information.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Stay in touch online, with our website www.InletBarnstormersSnowmobileClub.com, and follow us on Facebook, Inlet Barnstormers Snowmobile Club. You can also join our club online by following the link on our website to www.nysnowmobiler.com. By joining via the New York State Snowmobile Association website with your credit card, your voucher will be available to you instantly by clicking on the link emailed to you.

