

“On the Trail”

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Centerville replaces washed out bridge in Higgins

by Shawn Frazier

The Centerville Hill Riders Bridge near Higgins, was destroyed in the summer by floods. The photo on the right shows what was left of it.

With help of many volunteers, landowner Ray Vossburg's tractor and generator, and Frazier farm equipment, this C₃B bridge was reopened January 15, 2016.

Kenny, Karmen Frazier was our dozer operator. He first had to clear the banks to regrade the entrance ramp. See before and after photos below.

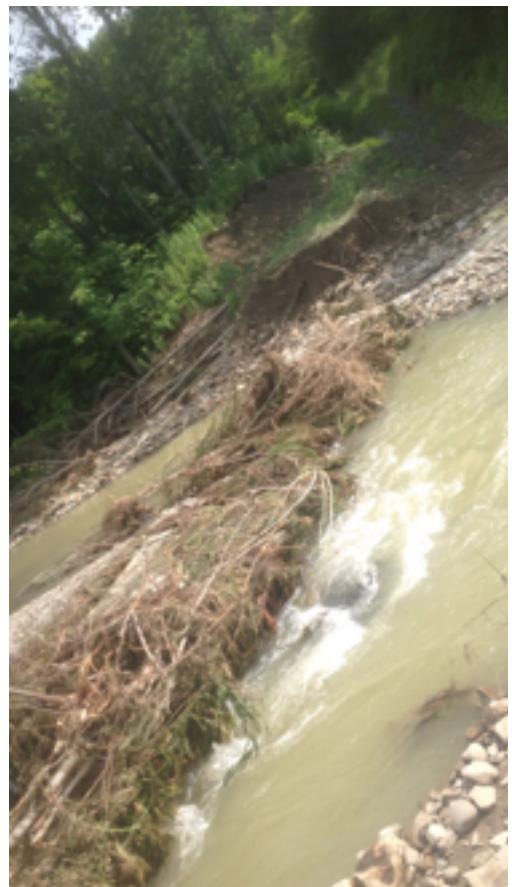
Then, Phil, Kelly Myers & Robert Strumph, our capable team of carpenters reconstructed the bridge floor and railing.

Finally, Bill & Garrett Frazier, operating Frazier Farms Loaders, relocated the bridge deck and ramps. See the additional photos on page 2 of this newsletter.

We have many other volunteers like these guys which makes my job as President running the club a pleasure.

Paul Phillippi started our Centerville club and has done a great job getting the club up and going. During Paul's 20 years of service, the club was able to widen our trails and ultimately purchase its first Class A groomer.

The Centerville club would like to thank Paul for his years of dedication he gave the club.



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Moving the sections into place



Joining the ramp to the bridge



The final product ready to ride!!!!

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COVERED BRIDGE CHALLENGE VISITS CUBA



Saturday, Feb 6, Snowmobile Web Map's Cathy Light and lead challenger Rich Kilger from Clarence, visited our covered bridge near Exit 28 at Cuba's Sunoco Mini Mart.

Cuba's covered bridge, one of the state's 10 locations in this year's challenge was Rich's 8th stop this season. "I will make all 10 by next weekend," reports Rich, shown above riding his Polaris XLT.

"I began riding at the age of 7 on my parent's Chaparral. After serving in the US Navy as a submarine electronics tech, work took me away from this area," Rich continued. "When we returned to the area seven years ago, I purchased this (Triton) open trailer with this sled for \$1500 total! The next spring, I bought the Polaris touring 2-up for my wife and daughter to ride."

Cathy Light expressed interest in learning about this bridge, which was built in 1999. "When we get rideable snow, I want to come back and ride Allegany County's trails," Cathy remarked. "It's lovely area and I love snowmobiling. As a rookie in this sport, this is my second year as a rider."

"Since Moonwinks is one of our business supporters, we are going to stop there for lunch today, before we travel to our next stop in Chautauqua County."

Should Rich complete the challenge, he stands to win an enclosed trailer.

You can check out the web map at www.NYSNOMOBILEWEBMAP.com. This link is found on our website on each supporting club's page at www.ACFSNOW.org.

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TRAIL ACTIVITY

Local Trail 644 from the Allegheny Hills golf course to Franklinville has been opened. The restaurant at the course is open Friday and Saturday into the evening and Sunday mornings this year. In addition, you can travel to Cuba via Meeting House Rd. (a seasonal roadway in New Hudson), through Hanging Bog Wildlife preserve.

The Angelica to Birdsall reroute of C2C has been opened. Dean Sayler reports “Due to logging occurring on our trail C2C Angelica to Birdsall we have had to come up with a detour for the 2015-16 season only. The trail as you leave Angelica will go east along Rte 16 approximately 1 mile then will turn onto the abandoned Bardeen Rd. The trail

goes through some private property utilizing a 4 wheeler trail that leads to state land. The trail then continues uphill through the state land up to the Boehring's Rd turnaround, which is within a mile of the regular trail. The section through the state land is narrow so please be careful. We would like to thank the landowners that made this detour possible. I would also like to thank new member Shawn Grusendorf for his assistance in making this happen.”

With marginal to no riding in the County, I have been unable to visit neighboring club trails. Hopefully, this month will permit a visit or two.

NYSSA DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hi Gang, here is the latest NEWS report from NYSSA.

We met February 6th at the d resort in Rome, which was scheduled to be a ride meeting..

The Spring Forum is April 29 through May 1. Registrations are available online for this annual meeting as well as your rooms in Lake Placid. This will be an exciting year for the Forum. This year's Saturday night banquet's guest speaker is 2016 X-Games competitor and safe snowmobiling enthusiast, Levi LeVallee.

Next year we will have to have all GPS data older than **Jan 2011** for grant submission so keep that in mind as we ride in the snow and there is no tree canopy makes a good time to GPS your trails.

