Ohio Ridge Riders Club Newsletter April 2017

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The April 2017 meeting was held on Wednesday April 5, 2017 with thirteen members present.

The 2016/17 season turned out to be a mixed season that started out early, saw good snow, but not cold enough temperatures to freeze things real well. Rain events during the season opened up water holes and even caused a few trails to remain closed all season. An ice storm in January brought down a great number of trees and limbs onto the trail system. All trails are officially closed now. Signage is being picked up and gates installed and closed.

The Club would like to thank everyone that worked on the trails this year grooming, brushing, signing, bridge work, and equipment maintenance. All of these hours are done by volunteers to make the trail system enjoyable for our members and guests that utilize our trails. Their level of dedication to our sport is nothing short of remarkable.

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The Club would also like to thank our landowner's that allow our trails to cross their land. Without their generosity, our trail system would not be possible. The club will soon be sending them a small token of our gratitude to them.

With the end of the snowmobiling season, the Club would like to remind our members that the snowmobile trails are not ATV trails. It is illegal to operate an ATV on the snowmobile trail unless you have permission from the landowner. Every year the Club receives complaints from landowners that ATV's are using the snowmobile trail. This has resulted in a few landowners closing off their land and trails to us. Please respect our landowners and ride only on trails that you have permission to be on.

There will be a meeting on the first Wednesday of May, June, July, and August to plan for SnowBash. The meetings will be at the Ohio Rec Center at 7:30 PM. Please attend the meetings to assist with the event. As always, we need help to continue to make SnowBash a success. Some fresh people to assist the people that have been doing the event for 20+ years will guarantee Snow Bash's success well into the future. Please plan to attend some planning meetings if you possibly can.

SnowBash's Facebook Page can be found at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ohiosnowbash/</u>

Snow Bash will be September 16 and 17 this year.

Memberships have expired on March 31, 2017. Memberships for the 2017/18 season are now available at the NYSSA site at: <u>https://membership.nysnowmobiler.com/clubs/</u>735

Large raffle tickets will be available soon. Please watch the club's Facebook page for updates on the tickets.

The next regular club meeting will be Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Ohio Recreation Hall on Nellis Road. SnowBash meetings will continue through the summer as stated above.

On behalf of all the officers of your club, we wish all our members a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in September.