

# West Rome Riders, Inc.

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## Upcoming Club Events

*Annual Trail Party Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM*

Come to our annual trail party and meet the officers and other club members. We have a bonfire just off the trail behind the Rome Motel. So bring some hot dogs, chips, and beverages of choice for a good time socializing with fellow snowmobilers.

*Rome Area Charity Ride Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>*

Come riding on this day and stop at some of the places that support our club. Start at any of the following locations after noon: The Snubbing Post, Roman's West, Yaworski's Restaurant, Cycle Shack Polaris, Taberg American Legion, Red Moon Saloon, KDK Sports, and Gary's Restaurant (located South along the beach from Verona State Park). The ending drawing will be at the Colonial Inn between 6:30 and 8:00 PM. A portion of the proceeds go to charity, so bring a friend!

*Oneida Lake Charity Ride Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*

Very much like the ride above except at places around the lake. Please check our website for ride details.

## Important Trail Issues

Some of our trail signs are missing and some of them are being purposely run over. This is a very serious safety issue. We will be working closely with local law enforcement to get this resolved. If anyone is found to have removed a sign from our trails and a rider is injured due to that missing sign, the culprit can and will be prosecuted for "Criminal Mischief" as well as "Criminal Intent to Injure." We are asking every member to watch for people removing our signs and report any incidents to us. Please include the offender's sled registration numbers if at all possible. Thank you!

## Proper Trail Markings

Be assured that our trails are signed directly in accordance with the NYS Signing Guidelines. We would like to remind our members that adhering to the signs is for their safety as well as to protect the club and landowners against liability. We have installed white or yellow reflectors on the right side of the trails and red or orange reflectors on the left or WRONG side of the trails. Remember, "Stay Right" means stay to the right of the trail not necessarily right of the sign. If everyone rides to the far

right side of every trail the center of the trails would not get so bumpy so quickly, keeping our trails smoother longer.



Hazard markers are yellow with black slashes warning of objects that may cause an accident. The slashes point down to the safe portion of the trail and away from the hazard.



These signs mean a sharp left turn is ahead and a sweeping right turn is ahead in that order. We do not place these at the turn.



These signs you should find at turns in trails.



These signs are commonly mistaken to mean the same thing but do not! The first means there are three stakes and you should stay within the two on the right. The second means there are two stakes and you should stay to the right within the two.

Clubs install signs for everyone's safety. Please pay attention to them and obey them for your sake as well as others.

**- Please see next page for an important note from NYSSA -**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011 – MONTHLY CLUB MEETING  
PLACE: SMITH POST AMERICAN LEGION ON ERIE BLVD. IN ROME  
TIME: 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 – ANNUAL TRAIL PARTY  
PLACE: JUST OFF THE TRAIL BEHIND ROME MOTEL  
TIME: 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 – ROME AREA CHARITY RIDE  
PORTION OF PROCEEDS GO TO ROME RESCUE MISSION  
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR A FLYER CONTAINING RIDE DETAILS

FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 – ONEIDA LAKE AREA CHARITY RIDE  
PORTION OF PROCEEDS GO TO FEED OUR VETS IN VERNON  
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR A FLYER CONTAINING RIDE DETAILS

MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011 – MONTHLY CLUB MEETING  
PLACE: SMITH POST AMERICAN LEGION ON ERIE BLVD. IN ROME  
TIME: 7:30 PM

### Club Officers:

*President* - JR Purrington  
*Vice President* - Joe van Lieshout  
*Vice President* - Bob Sandore  
*Treasurer/Trail Coordinator* - Jim Rolf  
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## **Riding Alcohol-Free is Your Smart Choice For Safer Snowmobiling**

Pine Bush, New York – At the height of the snowmobile season, the New York State Snowmobile Association reminds riders that many snowmobile-related incidents would be prevented if every rider made the smart choice for Zero Alcohol. NYSSA endorses the Zero Alcohol program, which urges every snowmobiler to take personal responsibility for choosing to be 100% alcohol-free prior to and during any snowmobile ride.

The Zero Alcohol Campaign is delivering this clear and unequivocal message to snowmobilers across North America through the snowmobile publications they read, and the snowmobile television shows they watch as well as through the main stream media. Zero Alcohol also encourages every snowmobiler to set an example to all riding companions to practice Zero Alcohol as part of their own regular safe riding habit.

“We are very confident that many snowmobilers have seen the Zero Alcohol message and that most are making the smart choice to ride alcohol-free,” said NYSSA President Gary Broderick. “Unfortunately, a few riders still don’t get it and our sympathies are with their loved ones who have to live with the tragic consequences. At this sad time, we strongly urge the families and friends of all snowmobilers to remind their loved ones to choose Zero Alcohol. ”

Although Zero Alcohol is not a legal requirement, the organized snowmobiling community points out that unlike driving an automobile on engineered roads, snowmobiling is an inherently risky, off road activity that occurs in a natural setting. Consequently, operating a snowmobile requires peak concentration and reactions at all times. Even a small amount of alcohol can cause tragedy. Studies show that impairment starts from the first drink and that a person with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08% is 11 times more likely to get killed while driving a car than at the .00% BAC recommended by the Zero Alcohol Campaign. Operating a snowmobile is even more challenging than driving a car so this recent tragedy reminds us once again that Zero Alcohol is your smart choice for safer snowmobiling.