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Happy Holiday's

NYTRO's on the move and we are making changes!

We want to make it easier for our members to renew. We have changed the membership year to be the same as your ATV registration renewal. Our year now runs from May 1 to April 30.

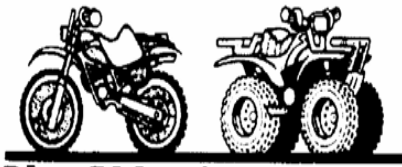
Membership dues/renewals will remain the same fee as last year. Land stickers are available for the NYTRO club property for an additional \$10.00 per machine. As always, if you attend 2 more work parties your land permit is free for the next year!

We are now sending renewal forms directly to each member. We also will have a renewal form posted on our website as well as in the newsletter for reminders.

So if you renew your membership for the upcoming year, your membership is good until April 30, 2005!

So don't delay, renew today!

Joanne

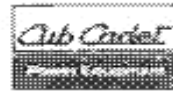


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Chapter Meetings

NYTRO Western Chapter Meetings:

Meeting time is 7 pm on the second Thursday of every month. Go south on Camp Road (Rt. 75) past Hamburg Honda, under the I-90 Thruway Overpass and take the first right hand turn at the "Y" at the light (Sunset Drive). There is a gas station at the corner. Go 0.4 miles to your first left hand turn (Elmview Avenue). Go about 0.1 miles to your first right hand turn (Grimsby Drive). It will be a dead end. Go to the end to the driveway to the law firm on the right (1 Grimsby Drive). Follow the signs on the door.

NYTRO Central Chapter Meetings:

To be announced

NYTRO Eastern Chapter Meetings:

Fierro's Pizzeria located in Stewart's Plaza Rt. 9N Greenfield Center NY 12833. The meeting night will stay the same the 2nd Thursday of each month with officer meeting starting at 7 pm followed by regular meeting at 7:30 pm. Fierro's Pizzeria has offered our members with a **VALID** membership card 10% off all orders. (You must show your card to receive this discount)

NYTRO Southern Tier Chapter Meeting:

January 20, 2004 ~ Ponderosa in Elmira. Starts at 7:30. Come at 6:30 and have dinner!

Events and Activities

Reminder....NYTRO is not responsible for inaccurate information supplied to us. Many times we do not receive info until just days before the event. Please understand that we are at the mercy of those sending this information to us. If you would like to see more events posted, call or e-mail us as soon as you find out about a listing. But please make sure you have all the details and that it is correct.



December 21 ~ Central Chapter Christmas

Party. This year it will be held at the Macedon Center Fire hall in Macedon. Time: noon to 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be food, door prizes, games and lots of fun! The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to 315-986-0966 by December 19. Also we are asking that you bring a can good items for donation to the Open Door Mission. Watch your mail for more information and directions!

December 28~ Tentative Ride a Chemung. NYTRO land pass or TrailPass required. For more information contact Gary or Pam. Email: gburns@stny.rr.com.

NYTRO A.T.V. RIDE HOTLINE 1-866-265-7034

ATTENTION A.T.V. RIDERS

DO YOU KNOW OF A RIDE OR WANT SOMEONE TO RIDE WITH? NOW YOU CAN CALL THE NYTRO TOLL FREE RIDE HOTLINE AT 1-866-265-7034.

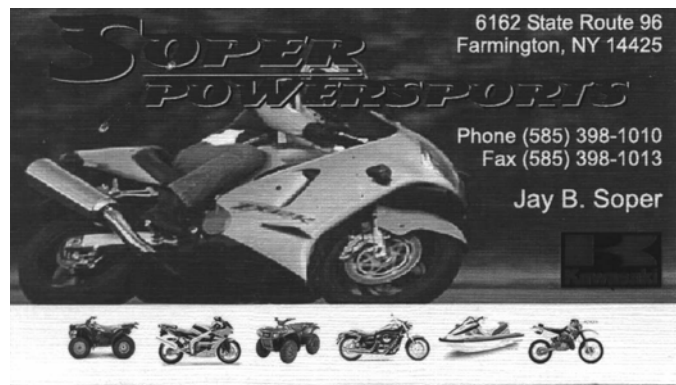
IF YOU KNOW OF A RIDE AND WANT TO SHARE THE INFORMATION, YOU CAN CALL TOLL FREE 1-866-265-7034 24 HOURS A DAY AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE END OF THE TONE.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO GO RIDING AND WANT TO KNOW WHO'S GOING AND WHERE, DIAL TOLL FREE 1-866-265-7034 BETWEEN 7:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M. AND ASK FOR BILL HARDING. IF YOU GET NO ANSWER, PLEASE LEAVE A BRIEF MESSAGE WITH A PHONE NUMBER WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED AND HE WILL GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TRAILPASS Information

News from TrailPass: The remaining trails in the network not closed previously for hunting season are now closed due to snow, with the possible exception of independently-operated OHV parks affiliated with the TrailPass program. Check before you go to any of the parks.

The Holiday Hare Scramble scheduled for 12/21 is now cancelled also due to snow. However, other rides listed under the Organized Rides section remain scheduled at this time with the potential of the addition of more I'm told, particularly lake rides once ice coverage is in good shape.



SPONSOR LIST (Listed Alphabetically) NEW SPONSORS IN BOLD TYPE

Albany Honda	390 New Karner Road	Albany, NY 12205	518-452-1003
All Seasons Polaris	10310 B Route 36	Dansville, NY 14437	716-335-5090
Action Cycle	1889 Union Road	West Seneca, NY 14224	716-675-6163
Appolson's Polaris	5820 Southwestern Blvd.	Hamburg, NY 14075	716-649-1090
Arkport Cycles	1 Main Street	Arkport, NY 14807	607-295-7426
Bennett Motor Sales	6453 St Hwy. 28	Flycreek, NY 13337	607-547-9332
Bethany RV & Marine World	784 Ridge Road	Webster, NY 14580	585-671-7050
Binghamton Honda	120 Arterial Highway	Binghamton 13901	607-727-7667
Bob's Cycle Shop, Inc.	607 N. Elmira Street	Sayre, PA 18840	570-888-7748
Canandaigua MotorSports	2366 Rochester Road	Canandaigua, NY 14424	585-394-7490
Caldwell's Motor Toys	RD #2 Box 2335 Stateline	Russell, PA 16345	814-757-4404
Charlie's Cycle Center	Rt 219	Limestone, NY 14753	716-925-7023
Conklin Cycle Center, Inc.	784 Conklin Road	Binghamton, NY 13903	607-724-1411
Cycle City	2814 Buffalo Road	Wesleyville, PA 16503	814-898-3524
Cycle Enterprises II	2370 Rt. 65	W. Bloomfield, NY 14585	585-624-4210
Cycle Stop Motorsports	2550 West Henrietta Road	Rochester, NY 14623	585-475-2121
Czeb's Marine & Cycle	404 Front Street	Vestal, NY 13850	607-754-8185
Daisies Café	2723 South Park @ Ridge	Lackawanna, NY 14218	716-824-2886
Darrell's Inc.	240 Route 104	Ontario, NY 14519	585-265-0386
Deerfield Sportshop	9514 Rt. 12	Remsen, NY 13438	315-831-5015
Dee's ATV's	2888 Chili Avenue	Rochester, NY 14624	585-247-9125
Dietzen's Carpeting	156 Newton Street	Fredonia, NY 14063	716-672-4268
Dirt Works Cycles	2312 West Road	Bennington, VT 05201	802-447-8606
Eastview Power Products	7651 Route 96	Victor, NY 14564	585-924-0470
Ellington Snowmobiles	Harris Hollow Road	Ellington, NY 14732	716-287-3689
Free Wheeling Cycle	1699 Military Road	Tonawanda, NY 14217	716-873-1053
Gallup & Ten Haken	8926 West Main Street	Clymer, NY 14724	716-355-4236
Glider City Cycles	1741 Cedar Street	Elmira, NY 14904	607-734-1223
Gowanda Starcraft	11147 Stafford Road	Gowanda, NY 14701	716-532-2225
Hamburg Honda	S-5133 Camp Road	Hamburg, NY 14075	716-649-7669
Hartloff Polaris	10937 Allegheny Road	Forestville, NY 14062	716-934-3396
Hebeler's Sales & Service	6476 Main Road	Pendelton, NY 14094	716-625-8744
Hector's Cycle Sales, Inc.	1200 East Second Street	Jamestown, NY 14701	716-665-3001
Hollink Motor Sports	386 South Union Street	Spencerport, NY 14559	716-352-1930
Ithaca Recreation Sports	1906 Elmira Road	Newfield, NY 14867	607-564-7913
John S. Blazey	111 Holmes Street	Palmyra NY 14522	315-597-5121
Klispie Machine Shop & Sales	5832 Camp Road	Hamburg, NY 14075	716-649-2107
Lamb & Webster Inc. (Honda)	4120 Rt. 98	North Java, NY 14113	716-535-7671
Lock City Cycle	6117 Robinson Road	Lockport, NY 14094	716-625-9312
Motor Toy Salvage	RD 2, Box 2335	Russell, PA 16345	814-757-4404
Nader's Tech Polaris	124 west 13th. St.	Elmira Heights, NY 14903	607-732-2102
Nesco Arctic Cat & Yamaha	1056 US Highway 11	Gouverneur, NY 13642	315-287-3140
Niagara Outdoors	223 Witmer Road N.	N.Tonawanda, NY 14120	716-695-5873
Norton Enterprises	4431 Brown Road East	Bethany, NY 14054 7	716-343-7394
Paradise Bay Yamaha	3039 Rt. 426	Findley Lake, NY 14736	800-348-2528
Pierce Auto Supply	9 Lake Shore Drive	Dunkirk, NY 14048	716-366-8680
Pierce Auto Supply	113 East Main Street	Fredonia, NY 14063	716-679-4100
Pioneer Motorsports	12889 Meyers Road	Sardinia, NY 14134	716-496-6000
Potter County Family Campground	3075 E. Second Street	Coudersport 16915	814-274-5010
Pro-Way Parts & Accessories	1623 Gowans Road	Angola, NY 14006	716-549-6986
O'Meal Tractor, Inc.	2351 Lyon Road	Palmyra, NY 14522	315-597-4962
O'Neill Sales, Inc.	6226 Route 96	Farmington, NY 14564	585-924-2554
Ranco Equipment	7380 Boston State Road	Hamburg, NY 14075	716-649-0650
S & L's Off Road	Chautauqua Road	Fredonia, NY 14063	716-672-8920
Scott Jarrell's Ried's Tires	4940 Southwestern Blvd,	Hamburg, NY 14057	716-649-1555
Soper Powersports	6161 State Route 96	Farmington, NY 14425	585-398-1010
Southern Tier HONDA	1907 SR 14	Montour Falls, NY 14865	607-535-0005
Southern Tier Polaris	1469 Olean Portville Road	Olean, NY 14760	716-372-7797
Stone's Snow Sled's	4386 Maple Ridge Road	Newark, NY 14513	315-483-4329
Street Track N Trail	13723 Conneaut Lake Road	Conneaut Lake, PA 16316	814-382-4821
Support Plus Racing	Box 100	Maple Springs, NY 14756	716-386-7295
TNT Sport Cycle	415 Oriskany Blvd.	Whitesboro, NY 13492	315-736-6207
Toomey's Moto-Sports	620 Wayneport Road	Macedon, NY 14502	315-986-1082
3 Seas Recreation	74 Water Street	Mayville, NY 14757	716-753-BOAT
Ward Performance	2858 Route 21 North	Palmyra, NY 14522	315-597-6761
Watertown Power Sports	19310 US Route #11	Watertown, NY 13601	315-782-4430
Western New York Cycle, Inc.	6695 South Transit Road	Lockport, NY 14094	716-625-6111
Williamsville Competition	182 South Main Street	Holland, NY 14080	716-537-2309
Zahm & Matson	1756 Linquist Drive	Falconer, NY 14733	716-655-3310

Dealers set their own discount options. Call for your specific needs. Discounts may change without prior notice.

When it's time to work, the Vinson can definitely deliver the goods. The tube steel racks are easy to use and rated to carry 66 pounds up front and 132 pounds in the rear. We used our test Vinson to haul dirt around the yard for some landscape repairs, and it carried a big container full on each rack without complaint. Afterwards we also noted that the racks are easier to wash around and under than those on many other quads. Towing capacity is listed as 992 pounds, just like the lower-powered Suzuki Eiger, indicating that the Vinson's tow capability is probably greater. The rear storage compartment is larger and easier to use than those on some competitive machines, and is augmented by a unique waterproof storage compartment on the right front fender. There's also a 12-volt power port for a spotlight, GPS system, or what have you. And the front bumper is winch-ready.

What this all adds up to is a machine that plays or works equally well, and is really fun to ride no matter what you are doing. It really is sport and utility blended into one beautiful package.

The suggested list price for the Vinson automatic is \$6,599, with a new five-speed manual-shift model priced at \$6,399. Color choices are Suzuki yellow, bright red, and hunter green.

The Suzuki Vinson automatic, ready to ride.



About the author: David Wells has been riding all-terrain-vehicles for over thirty years, starting with six-wheel amphibious machines and American-made three-wheelers pre-dating Honda's entry into the market. He is contributor to ATV magazine, ATV Sport, Powersports Business, and Parts Magazine among others.



NYTRO Membership Renewal Form May 1, 2004 – April 30, 2005

Please return your renewal to your Chapter Director. Chapter Addresses listed on the backside of this form

Membership #: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

AMA/ATVA # _____

- ___ Renew Single Membership \$15.00
- ___ Renew Family Membership \$25.00
- ___ Renew Land Use Permit (per machine) \$10.00
- ___ Receive Free Permit (attended 2 work parties) \$00.00
- ___ A copy of Registration and Insurance Cards
(Must be included with renewal form, renewal will be sent back to you if not included)

Method of Payment:

___ Money Order

___ Check # _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Total: _____

Renewals must be received by April 30, 2004

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12/11/03

The Vinson Real Sport. Real Utility. Real Fun.

By David Wells

Named after the highest mountain in Antarctica, the Suzuki QuadRunner® Vinson took the “first on four wheels” company to new heights in the ATV market when it was introduced for the 2002 model year. Enthusiast media immediately began to pile praise on the big sport-utility quad. For example, *ATV magazine* called it “the best example of a real sport-utility 4X4,” (emphasis theirs) and named it Best 4X4 Sport / Utility ATV of the year. Not to be outdone, *4-Wheel ATV Action* awarded it first place overall in a shootout, giving it five stars for both sport riding and utility rating. And *ATV Television* described the Vinson as “an incredible combination of utility and performance.”

So what is it that caused the media to fall head over heels for the big quad that is named for a big rock pile? We discovered that the answer isn't really any one thing, but rather the total combination of features and capabilities of this model.

At its heart, the Vinson has a liquid-cooled 493cc single-overhead-cam (SOHC) four-valve, four-stroke counterbalanced engine that can be started in gear with the brake on. And while that isn't going to knock anyone's socks off in this day of 650s and 700s, it is still a fairly potent power plant, particularly when housed in a model that weighs in at 604 pounds dry. That's considerably less poundage than the majority of today's big bore utility quads, and most of the other 500 unites out there, too, so the Vinson's “go” numbers exceed numerous competitors. This impressive engine is also very smooth when compared to other large singles and quiet compared to most other quads.

Power is delivered seamlessly through a QuadMatic™ continuously variable transmission (CVT) with engine braking and a two-gear sub-transmission with reverse. The easy-to-use automotive-style shifter is located on the left front fender. The full 5-gallon gas tank isn't the biggest out there, but it is a bit bigger than the tank in many of its direct competitors. Combined with this engine, it provides very good range even if the mechanical gas gauge is somewhat pessimistic. But that is normal on most recreational vehicles.

Underneath, the Vinson has a dual A-arm front suspension with 7.1-inches of travel. This is a more sophisticated set-up than the struts found on some competitive models. In back, a dual-shock swing arm with 7.9-inches of travel locates a solid rear axle. All four shocks have five-position pre-load adjusters to tune the suspension for the rider and conditions. Cast aluminum wheels reduce unsprung weight and look great as well. Ground clearance is a very decent 9.8-inches, and tough polyethylene skid plates protect the under side. Although this set-up isn't going to win any marshmallow ride competitions, it does function quite well over a very wide range of conditions. One key point is that the solid rear end isn't going to get twitchy or wash out or handle funny at higher speeds like many of the independent rear suspension quads will do. In fact, riding the Vinson can be more like riding a pure sport quad because it handles so well. The ergonomics are great so you have good leverage on the handlebars and good balance on the foot pegs, the steering is quick and accurate, and you can slide the rear end around to your heart's content. An experienced rider can put this quad exactly where he or she wants it without working up a sweat. The handling simply can't be matched by most other utility quads, yet still provides very acceptable ride quality in most conditions.

Hydraulic discs provide independently controllable stopping power front and rear. Our only real beef with the Vinson is the lack of a parking brake on the left handlebar. You have to use the shifter to put the sub-tranny into park.

When conditions get tough, push the red button on the right handlebar and four-wheel drive is engaged automatically. The superb Suzuki torque-sensing limited-slip front differential makes steering easy and accurate even in four-wheel-drive. Overall, this quad is really fun to ride, whether it is on a fast fire road, a rocky and rutted woods trail, or a deep and slimy water hole.

The Vinson's instrumentation is as good as it gets in four-wheeling. A large readout on the back of the headlight pod includes digital speedometer, odometer, dual resettable trip meters, gear indicator, clock, hour meter, and five indicator lights.

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5. Would you object to a small tax or fee which would be used for new trails and for maintenance?

Yes (I object) _____ No (I don't object) _____

a) If you do not object, in what manner should such be collected?

Registration

Purchase

Gasoline

Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No _____

6. What township and county do you primarily use your ATV?

Do you use your ATV in the

Adirondack Forest Preserve _____ Catskill Forest Preserve _____
Long Island Central Pine Barrens _____ Albany Pine Bush Preserve _____
Other State Lands _____

COMMENTS

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

This survey will become the property of the NYS Conservation Council. Results will be made public, especially as much as possible to the NYSCC members. You need not include your name, but we would like it in case we need to make further contact with you as more information becomes available on this issue. Your name and address will remain with the NYSCC and will not become any part of public disclosure.

PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS SURVEY AND DISTRIBUTE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE.

Please return all completed surveys to the NYSCC Office at 8 East Main Street, Ilion, NY 13357. All surveys should be returned to the NYSCC Office by March 1, 2004.

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Government Relations News & Notes newsletter:

The Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) recent report on ATV Safety shows a 5% decline in the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) injury rate from 2001 to 2002; 31% decline in the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) injury rate from 1988 to 2002; 14% decline in the fatality rate for the period of 1999 to 2001; 15% decline since 1997 in the proportion of total ATV-related injuries that involve children under 16.

The CPSC report states that its latest findings are based on "New risk estimates (for injuries and deaths) that make use of improved estimates of the numbers of ATVs in use." The CPSC prefaced its report with the observation that, "This year we made several changes to the report to bring it more in line with the current ATV market and to aid in its readability."

More than 15 million Americans ride ATVs in a safe and appropriate manner every year. ATVs have become an essential tool for ranchers, law enforcement, the armed forces, recreational riders, handicap accessibility to remote locations, and others.

In the United States, sales of new ATVs have increased steadily since 1991. Sales figures for 2002 were 5.6% over those of 2001. Even with this increasing popularity, the CPSC's data shows that the number of injuries is growing at a lesser rate in proportion to the ATV population itself -- in fact, the ATV injury rate actually declined 5% from 2001 to 2002, the same year the ATV industry saw over 5% growth in new unit sales.

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NYSOCC Ammunition 12-03

NYS Conservation Council, NY's statewide association representing sporting interests (hunting, fishing, etc.) is conducting a survey to gauge the interest in ATV issues. They would like responses from as broad an audience as possible including individuals and industry. To that end they have asked us to send along a copy of the survey for your review and response.

Respond by either e-mail or paper mail: You can forward the text below, editing in your answers and comments in the body of the message, to nyscc@nyscc.com. Or send off the attached survey. Fill in, and mail to the address listed on the survey.

Thank you for helping NYSCC in its research efforts.

Alex Ernst
www.nysorva.org

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ATV Survey

1. Do you support responsible use of ATVs on all lands providing reasonable guidelines are imposed in order to safeguard those lands?
 Yes _____ No _____ Comments _____
2. Do you currently own an ATV?
3. If you own one, how many years have you had an ATV?
 - a) What type of activity do you use your ATV for?
 Hunting _____ Fishing _____ Trapping _____
 Recreation Observation _____
 Other _____
 - b) Approximately how many hours of use per year?
 - c) Approximate dollars spent on ATV use per year, other than upkeep?
 - d) Approximate cost per year for upkeep?
4. Do other members of your family, ride or own an ATV?
 Ride _____ Own their own _____

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