

Fall

# 2025

# Cato Trail Blazers

## Respecing Landowners

Without the blessing of landowners we would not have snowmobile trails. If you recognize one, please thank them.

So how do you respect a landowner? There's a few basic ways.

1. Don't ride when there isn't enough snow. Damaging property doesn't make anyone happy.

2. Stay on trail. Trails are marked for a reason.

Sometimes we have to go exactly where a landowner allows us.

3. Keep it as quiet as possible. Loud pipes are not only illegal, they upset people living close to the trail.

4. Clean up after yourself. Litter left on trails is disgusting.

Not following the four simple steps above has resulted in many trail closures throughout the state.



## Important dates:

Groomer Maintenance 12/2/25

Meeting 12/11/25

Trails Open 1/2/26

Safety Course 1/4/26

Meeting 1/8/26

Meeting 2/12/26

## Getting ready for another season.

Greetings from the Cato Trail Blazers. I know it's been a bit since we've sent a newsletter, with social media and the website, most folks get your updates there. However, it seems more people (adults) are getting off social media so I figured it was time.

With that said, active members are hard at work behind the scenes. Getting the trails ready takes lots of phone calls, house visits and manual labor. We are always looking for help, just contact any one or come to a meeting.

There will be some significant trail changes this year. We recognize some will be very happy and for others may not. We can only go where landowners allow us.

To get to Speedway on 370, the trail will likely come from the north instead of from the south.

Just north of the Village of Cato, where the trail crosses Rt 34 by Cali Collision, look for a trail re-route there due to winter crops planted.

Years ago this didn't matter, but with less snow, people get the 'itch' to ride when it does snow, and unfortunately too many people ride when they shouldn't.

Our board will try and keep the NYSSA Web Map updated, but board members work too. Usually, if you have to ask yourself if there's enough snow to ride, there isn't.

You'll notice an expansion to our groom building on the right. See photo above. We expanded to make room for new machinery we purchased. These are your registration and membership dues at work. Come check it out at a meeting or groomer work day.



### NYSSA Reminds Riders that Snowmobile Trails are Closed During Hunting Season

Do not ride before clubs announce their trails are **OPEN**.

Respect Our Landowners!

## Groomer Work Night – Dec 2

On Tuesday, December 2 we'll get together and perform routine maintenance on machines as well as a track repair.

We can use folks to operate grease guns, clean, help change oil, hold lights, etc. So anyone can help. Dinner provided. At the clubhouse, 5-6pm start, work as long as you can.



## Vintage Snowmobile Bill

We bring you great news from our state government. The Vintage Snowmobile Bill has passed. This bill was sponsored by Senator Christopher Ryan. It allows for special registration numbers and a vintage registration sticker and discounted registration fees for snowmobiles 30 years of age or older. It will work for in and out of state residents. Exact fees aren't known at the time of this article.

Trail Signing last season via UTVs



## SAFETY COURSE

January 4, 2026  
Pre-Registration Required!

Tim and Eric will be educating another group of riders. You must be at least 10 years old. Link on our website, or call/text Tim @ 246-2144 and he'll get you in. There's only a few seats left. Unlike other recreational safety courses, the snowmobile safety course must be taken in person.

This is required for riders 10-17. Maybe someday it'll be like boating, where everyone must take it. If you haven't, even if an adult, you are encouraged to attend.



## Support our Partners

The club works with a few area businesses to benefit the club.

Cato NY Pizzeria – 626-6662  
- They sponsor our web cam

Mad Moose Design – 370-8543  
text – 920-5885

Bibbens Sales- 834-6500

They make our building and trail informational signs

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## Meetings

Club meetings are generally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from September to April. They start at 7pm and end around 8pm.

You can learn how the club operates and how to become an active member. We're always looking for new ideas.