



Washington County Snowmobilers SHINE at the 2011 NYSSA Forum April 16, 2011 – Liverpool, NY

The New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) held its Annual Forum in Liverpool NY on April 15-17th, 2011. It begins on Friday afternoon, with safety courses, social activities and networking opportunities in the evening, informational courses all day Saturday, with an Awards Luncheon, and a Banquet on Saturday evening. The NYSSA Super Raffle Winners are drawn Saturday evening where 3 snowmobiles are given away with over \$50,000.00 in addition merchandise. Trade shows with snowmobile industry vendors available are held in conjunction with these events. There's allot to see and do - and every club considers sending its full cadre of delegates each year. The weekend is capped off with its Annual Meeting on Sunday.

This year's forum brought in over 575 snowmobilers from all over NYS. NY has over 10,500 miles of funded trails with another 2000+ miles of unfunded trails. 230 snowmobile clubs made up of 70,000 NYSSA members maintain these trails on State and Private land for recreational snowmobile use. Over 130,000 snowmobiles were registered in NYS in 2010.

Washington County had a magnificent showing at this year's forum taking home 3 of the 6 awards presented as shown below:

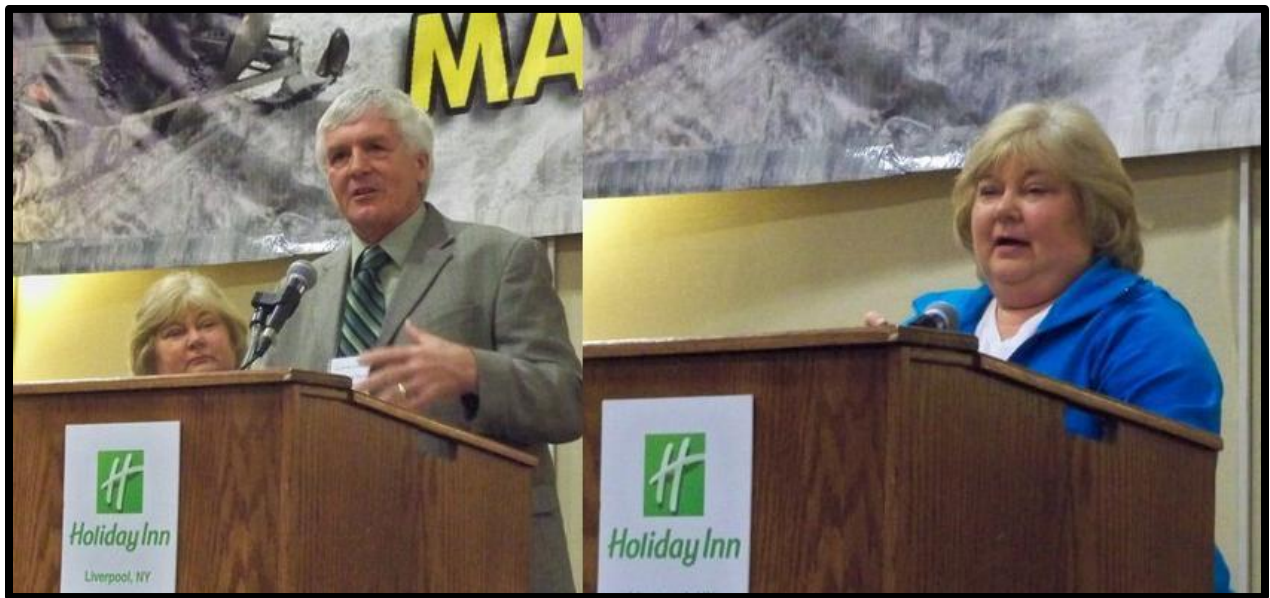
2011 Dealer of the Year was awarded to Country Power Products of Greenwich, NY. John, Millie & Julie Rieger pictured below were on hand to receive this prestige's award. The Rieger's have operated their Farm Store/Arctic Cat dealership for over 40 years and have always had a passion for snowmobiles, safety, family and community. The NYSSA Board picked Country Power Products out of dozens of nominations submitted from all over NYS. Julie can be seen on the trails knocking off 120 mile rides in a day while John and Millie are fixtures in their store and happy to talk to everyone who visits. John founded the Greenwich Trailblazers in the late 1970's. *Please Note: The 2009 Snowmobile Dealer of the Year was Progressive Motor Sports, Hudson Falls, NY another Washington County business. Thanks for keeping the tradition going John!*



2011 Snowmobiling Family of the Year was awarded to Hank and Judy Dashnaw pictured below. The Dashnaw's have been a fixture in Washington County for decades working as officers for the Barnstormer's Snowmobile Club in Kingsbury as well as with the Washington County Association of Snowmobile Clubs. Hank and Judy love to snowmobile and this honor makes them the best at their sport in 2011. When asked; What would like to do next? They responded in unison, "Go Snowmobiling!"



2011 NYSSA Presidents Award went to Dave & Debbie Perkins pictured below. Dave has been the NYS Trails Coordinator for over 25 years retiring this year and Debbie has been an officer at NYSSA and past president of the Washington County Association of Snowmobile Clubs. The Perkin's have been long time members of the Hartford Ridge Riders and live for the sport and love to ride. Dave and Debbie are looking forward to a quite retirement spending time with friends, family, children and grandchildren and...oh yeah they said they might go for a snowmobile ride from time to time also.



The Washington County Association of Snowmobile Clubs which is comprised of the Kingsbury Barnstormers, Battenkill Snow Drifters, Granville Border Riders, Greenwich Trailblazers, Hartford Ridge Riders, New Adirondack Riders, Sno-Kats, Northern Washington County Trail Blazers and the Hoosic Trailmasters would like to send a very sincere Thank You all the Landowners in Washington County who made our season a success for the clubs, riders and business's. Landowners YOU made these awards possible.

Everyone should be proud of the wonderful people we have representing our county whom take tremendous time out of their lives to give us a great source of recreational activity. As we all know the snow never seems to stop so Join a Snowmobile Club and you'll be Joining a Family.

Please help support the Washington County Association of Snowmobile clubs by attending their annual Golf Outing on June 4, 2011 at Pole Valley Players Club in Hartford, NY. Visit the website at <http://wcasc.snowclubs.com/> or contact Dave Linendoll at 518-854-9556 - dlnxz@verison.net to register your team now. Thank You.