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CLUB MEETING 7:30pm December 11, 2008

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GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

The above picture is from this year's Grafton Christmas Parade. This rig belongs to Bob Thomas and the sleds in the front of the trailer are on loan from Cedar Creek Motor Sports. Right behind him is Bob Bruner's blazer and trailer with two sleds. If you didn't make it to the parade this year or saw it on cable access, we had two vehicles with trailers as our entry. From what I have been told, it was quite an impact having our Tucker (with the strobe light flashing) plus five or six sleds going thru the parade. Wally Thill even commented that it was real good that we put our equipment, such as our Tucker, out there for the public to see plus the snowmobiles.

We would like to thank the following for helping us out with the parade: Bob Thomas and his family along with his brother Jim Thomas and his family plus Bob Bruner and his grandchildren (and his snowmobile) and Lon Heller for loaning us his sled. Also, thanks to Cedar Creek Motor Sports for loaning us two brand new sleds (in front of Tucker). Thanks again for volunteering to help us out with the parade.

DEJA VU

It happened last year on the first Monday of December and it happened again this year (at least in the northern area where Lori & I reside). It snowed and schools were closed. What a way to start off December than with snow and plenty of it as well.

We received roughly ten inches of snow up north here and it was wet and heavy. Good base for our area and perfect for starting out the winter season. With more predicted, please note that our trails do not open until December 15. This is to allow each club in our county to complete their trail installation as well as allow farmers to get their crops picked; continu

to call the sno-phones to find out our trail status. There is a listing of the surrounding counties and their sno-phones plus website on the back side bottom of this newsletter. Call them before riding to ensure that all the trails are open.

Keep your eyes on our local newspapers – <u>The Ozaukee Press</u> and the <u>News Graphic</u> -- over the next week or two. We have submitted an article regarding snowmobiling, our club and how we, as volunteers, install and maintain our snowmobile trails. Chris Habich came up with this idea last season because of the snowmobile traffic she saw come thru PDQ. She was surprised how many non-club members believed that the county took care of the all the trail work. As many of you know, this is far from what actually happens. So, we as the Board, decided to help better inform the non-club members and the general public of what we do as a club, and that the trails don't just magically appear courtesy of the county. Since our purpose as a snowmobile club is to promote safe snowmobiling, using the local newspapers is the perfect tool. With an outstanding year last year, and this season off to a good start, putting this in front of snowmobilers is an ideal way to help kick off our season.

Another point for this article is that the DNR's rule of where anyone born on or after January 1, 1986 must successfully complete a snowmobile safety course before renting, purchasing, or just driving a snowmobile in the state of Wisconsin. Most rental places up north started requiring this last year and this year, all are requiring it before renting snowmobiles. Even snowmobile dealers are requiring this when selling new and used snowmobiles. We need to keep snowmobilers safe and informed and this is just one of many ways to do this.

With all this snow, please call the sno-phones often and daily to check trail conditions. Please help us by giving out thes phone numbers to those who do not belong to a snowmobile club. Till next month, keep your track on the snow, ride safely and we'll see you on the trails......

TRAILS

Saturday, December 6, was our final push to wrap up our trails. We did not have too much left, just some short stints that we couldn't do before deer hunting began. Even with the snow on the ground, we will still finish it up with ATVs. More details at this month's Club meeting.

Please be aware of some trail changes this season. First off, the dead end trail to PDQ has moved east to the tree line (where it ran up till four or five years ago). Second, on the north side of Hwy. 60 across from Circle B, the trail now runs parallel to Hwy 60 on the edge of the field, and then turns north and runs parallel to Hwy I also along the edge of the field. This replaces our trail that ran kitty-corner across the field. Due to the crops in the field this year and at the farmer's request, it was decided this was the best way to re-route our trail. Please help us out by following our trail markers and stay on the marked trail.

GUEST SPEAKER

We are going to try again this month to have John Jepson or one of his guys from Cedar Creek Motor Sports stop in and tell us about the new snowmobiles, winterizing your sled, and other stuff. At the time of writing this newsletter, we're still trying to get confirmation of who will be stopping to talk sleds.

SNO-FARIs

St. Germain -- We have all six rooms booked and are looking forward to a good weekend of riding. The dates for this trip are February 6-7-8, 2009. If anyone is still interested, there may be some rooms left at the Hearthside Inn. Let us know soon if you are.

Idaho – This trip is moving forward as planned. If you need additional information, please call Mike Mueller at 414-303-4909 or John Jepson at 262-377-5700. Dates for this trip are February 26 thru March 2, 2009.

CLUB CLOTHING

Orders have been taken for the black T-shirts and sweatshirts and we should have them by the Club meeting on Thursday, December 11.

FOR SALE

Full Size Air Hockey Table. \$100; call Chris Habich for more details at 262-387-1161

IMPORTANT SNO-PHONES

Ozaukee County:	262-284-8259	
Washington County:	262-334-6061	
Calumet County:	920-849-1494	#1
Fond du Lac County:	920-929-6840	#5
Manitowoc County:	920-758-7669	

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