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*40 Years of Snowmobiling
and We're Still on the Trail...
1966 - 2006*

Meetings:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 8
6:30pm @ Circle B Rec

CLUB MEETING
Thursday, February 8
7:30pm @ Circle B Rec

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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Thursday, February 8, 2007

More History...

I guess it doesn't surprise me to hear more regarding the start of our club since we have been talking lately about our past forty years. Plus, with Dave Helm writing up an article on our history and putting it in our newsletter last month that will bring up old memories. I received an email last month, which added more insight into our start which I read at our club meeting in January. What I did find out was that one of our current landowners was part of the start of our club. I have seen him in a few pictures we have in the scrapbook, which make more sense after reading his email. So according to Rudy Zarling, here is how the seed was planted: "Tom Kacmarcik and I were members of the Monticello Tennis Club. One fall day [we were talking] and we both had snowmobiles and were wondering how we could get some form of winter activity going at the club. [We] found other people who had also an interest [in snowmobiling], and convince the owners [of Monticello Tennis Club] to hold races at the club." What Rudy just mentioned was never recorded and would not have been known without Rudy's help. Now, that following December, our club held its first club meeting and in January, our club was incorporated.

Another interesting detail from Rudy is the origin of the Black and Blue newsletter. It turns out that his wife, Carol, was the brainchild as well as editor and writer, of our newsletter. She got the idea (now don't get ahead of me) from how you felt after riding as well as racing those early snowmobiles – black and blue. Pretty fitting.

Till next month, keep your track in the snow and I'll see you on the trails.....

40th ANNIVERSARY ARTICLE

Check out this month's AWSC magazine for the

article Dave Helm wrote up on our club's history. According to Wally, it should be in there. I imagine there will be a couple of copies at the club meeting

that night.

IT'S A GIRL!!!

Congratulations to Mark & Lisa Gall on the birth of their daughter. Makenna was born on Friday January 19th. She joins sister Kaylie at home and all are doing well. She'll be joining her sister on the Kitty Kat before long.....

TRAILS

Once again, we have snow and the trails have been opened for some time. Please remember to call the snow phones for both counties (Ozaukee & Washington) before riding to make sure they are open. Plus, use good judgment as well and follow these two criteria before riding: 32 degrees F or lower and at least 6" of snow on the ground. We have found that the Ozaukee County snow phone has not been updated very well and the trails are open but then snow is very sparse at some places. So please be responsible snowmobilers and help us keep our trails.

Also, we had an incident with a club member and a landowner during the last weekend of January. No one was hurt or land or crops damaged, but this situation should not have happened. Bottom line is we need to stay on the marked snowmobile trail. That is where we have been given permission to ride and riding outside the marked trail jeopardizes our trails and the relationship we have with our landowners. We lose enough trails to development; we don't need to hurt ourselves.

There is also an area on the west end where snowmobilers have gone off the trail and created a racetrack. Unfortunately, that field contains winter wheat (which has been marked again with signs) and we will be liable for any damage that occurred. Once again, snowmobiling off the trail will hurt our sport and us. Please stay on the marked trail.

CLUB TRAIL RIDES

For trail rides, please check out our club's website. Since the snow conditions change daily here in SW Wisconsin, we have decided to post the times and locations on the website instead of printing up a calendar full of rides each month. It makes getting

the newsletter out a little easier.

TUCKER WORK

Couple of Saturday's ago, Dave Polzin, Rick Dickmann, Randy Kison and Dave Pom got together and went through the tracks and greased up the bearings in preparation for grooming our trails. A few minor repairs were made as well such as the steering plate, which was cracked, and one of the side mirrors had shattered last season so it was replaced.

Since the above work was done, we have groomed our entire trail system at least twice and our Tucker is working well, just short of a cleat breaking. But all in all, we're doing well. Just need more snow.

SNO-FARIS

The St. Germain Sno-Fari will follow our club meeting this year. We have seven (7) of the ten (10) rooms booked and have a mix of couples and guys going up north. As of this writing, I have heard that there is snow and cold temps, but not sure of the forecast. We are planning a hospitality room in my room, number 123, starting around 6:00pm. The plan is to have burgers or brats plus munchies to go along the meal. Beer and soda will also be made available. For those going up, I will be in touch with you regarding what is needed for this get together. If anything changes, I will get in touch with you. Looking forward to putting miles on our sleds, so we'll see you up in St. Germain.

BRATS AT CLUB MEETING

We'll be having brats at February's Club Meeting.

There will be a couple of local samples to try out; we're looking to see what our members think regarding which brats we will cook this summer. Stop in and let your taste buds make a decision.

FOR SALE

2005 Polaris 550 Super Sport w/reverse, 400 miles, fan cooled, cover & oil & windshield bag included, asking \$4500. Call Jeff @ 262-623-0150

1999 Yamaha Phazer 500, 2100 miles, 2-Place Trailer w/salt shield, make offer. Call Marsha at 262-375-2179