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CLUB MEETING Thursday, Feb. 10, 2010 @ 7:30pm

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STARTING WITH A BLIZZARD...

What a way to get February started by getting hit with a blizzard. As Channel 12 dubbed it, it is the "Blizzard 2011". Supposedly, it is the strongest blizzard our area has seen in over a decade (I'm actually watching the morning news while I'm writing this). I would tend to agree on the blizzard since I get to stay home today due to my work being closed. I can't recall my work ever being closed due to a blizzard and I've been working there for over 24 years. Another reason for me to stay home today is that when Kewaskum schools are closed, they don't plow out our subdivision until noon. So, no matter what, I'm here stuck at home in the snow. What a better way to spend a Wednesday in February. I wonder what I will do today.....besides catch up on writing our Club's newsletter.

Anyway, back to our Club and snowmobiling. Our Club has finally entered the electronic age!! Check out our Facebook page. Since the January Club meeting, we have nine friends and sixteen people that like our page. Let's get these numbers up now that the word is out that we have a Facebook page. Also, an ad for our Club has been created on Craigslist which will give us another avenue to bring in members. It is good idea to take advantage of the internet and its free applications. Plus, it gets the word out there on snowmobiling and our Club.

And February is looking to be a very full month for us with trails being open, a guest speaker lined up for our meeting this month as well as next month, local trail rides taking place on the weekends, Pink Ribbon Ride (weekend before Gwinn Sno-Fari), and then our Sno-Fari. I have a feeling that March's B&B will have plenty of info to fill this space.

That is all I have at this time for this month; until next time, keep your track on the snow and ride safe.....

GUEST SPEAKER IN FEBRUARY

We have invited Wally Thill to stop in this month to fill us in on the activities of the AWSC plus how the new legislature is working with us and snowmobiling. Stop in this month and check out Wally's report. I know he always enjoys stopping in and visiting with us. See you on Thursday.

THANK YOUs

First off, we need to thank John Haen for his generous donation that covered our Italian Bombers and fixings that we all enjoyed after our Club meeting in January. We had plenty to go around and all enjoyed them. Right now, we're fixing to have brats following this month's Club meeting. Stop in and have a brat with us. Thanks again, John, for your generosity.

Another thank you goes out to George Houle for setting up our Club's **Facebook** page. He just finished it up before January's Club meeting; more below on it. And thanks goes out to Andy Malsom for setting up an ad for our Club on **Craigslist**. Just type in "snowmobile club" in the search box and hit return. Thanks, guys for bringing our Club up to speed on the internet.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

If you have a Facebook account, log into your account and type in Monticello in the search box on the top of the page and then click on the Monticello entry that shows up. Otherwise, go to our website and click on the Facebook button. Be sure to "like" it and also "friend" it. Also, we are looking for any Club photos that can be uploaded to our Facebook page. It can be from the County Fair, local trail rides, meetings, Sno-Faris, trail work, and grooming. Anything Club related we'd love to have out there.

TRAILS

Mid-way thru January, we got more snow and we have opened trails. Riding was pretty good right out of the gate, yet as the days moved on, the trails got beat down and some were brown. Now with the Blizzard 2011 (as reported on TV), we have additional snow and trail conditions will definitely improve. Plus, we have been out grooming, trying to keep everything in good shape. Draw back to this light fluffy snow is that it doesn't stay on the trails too long.

Remember to call the Sno-Phones daily to check out the trail conditions in and around our area. Quick note for Washington County, ATVs are allowed to ride with us on the Eisenbaum Trail from Lighthouse Lanes in West Bend (Barton) to Eden in Fond du Lac County. They are not allowed anywhere else on snowmobile trails in Washington County. ATVs do have a speed limit of 25 mph in the Town of Kewaskum and 10 mph in the Village of Kewaskum. Snowmobiles have a speed limit of 25 mph only in the Village of Kewaskum. If and when you come up on an ATV, please be courteous and if you need to pass them, do it safely. Here is a list of our local Sno-phones:

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Ozaukee County	262-284-8259			
Washington County	262-334-6061			
Sheboygan County	920-457-8810 ext 2990			
Fond du Lac County	920-929-6840 #3			
Dodge County	920-386-3705			
Calumet County:	920-849-1494			
Remember to call daily and call often. Thanks.				

CLOTHING

If you have ordered clothing this past December or January, we should have it available at February's Club meeting. Please stop in and pick up your items. Also, if you need some Club clothing, stop and talk to Patty Kison. She is taking care of orders and has a cataloge of items available that we can have made up with our Club logo.

SNO-FARIs

Well, our January Sno-Fari to Land 'O Lakes was a bust due to poor trail conditions as well as a few other factors. The plan was changed to head further north to Lake Gogebic and ride in the UP of Michigan. There were five of us that were to do that, yet three of the five had family issues that kept us at home. Conditions up there sounded really good as compared to our area or anywhere else in Wisconsin. Next year, we'll have to look closer at where January's Sno-Fari will take place. We haven't had a good trip work out for us in January in a number of years. February always seems to get better.

The second Sno-Fari is approaching fast for Gwinn Michigan. Some are planning on heading up on Thursday, February 24 while the rest are arriving on Friday, February 25. We are staying again at the Red Fox Inn on the former KI-Sawyer Air Force Base (their website is www.redfoxinn.net and their phone number is 866-369-0096). If you still want to go, yet haven't called up there to get a room, give them a call to check availability; mention Monticello Sno-Mobile Club when calling in an attempt to have our rooms in the same vicinity. Otherwise, we're planning on having the hospitality party in the same condo as last year. The plan is to start around 5 or 6pm given we all get back into the area around the same time. At our Club meeting this month, we will pass around a signup sheet for items needed for the hospitality party. If you can't make the meeting, please give me a call or email me to find out what we need or with what you would like to bring for the party. The major items right now (burgers and buns) are covered. We do need all the extra items like side dishes, munchies, and deserts. Looking forward to another awesome and safe Sno-Fari. (I will need to know any good stories and where you rode on this trip for the next newsletter; last year we had a cliff diver. This year, who knows....)

FOR SALE

Nothing at this time.....