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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS DATES:

All meetings held at Circle B
Rec Center in Cedarburg

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Thursday February 8, 2012

@ 6:15pm

CLUB MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2012

@ 7:30pm

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IS IT STILL WINTER??

I'm not sure where this season is going or how it will end, yet all I can say is we haven't had this poor of a season in a long time. Due to the poor snow conditions, I was interviewed by a News Graphic reporter named Jim back in January on how this lack of snow affects our Club. The article appeared on the back page of the main section on Thursday, January 19, 2012. (A copy is also posted on our website.) Jim was surprised to hear me say "we need more snow to open our trails". He was under the impression that when we got snow and the ground was covered, we rode our trails. Informing him of our trail open requirements and once I told him of the possible damage that would be caused when we have too little snow, he got a better understanding. Since Jim had never been on a snowmobile, he got a crash course on the ins and outs of our sport. Especially with our volunteers and what we do each fall with trail work, each winter with grooming and then spring when we remove our trails. Hopefully, his positive spin of our sport will give us a boost considering how our winter is going.

And talking about our sport of snowmobiling, I have heard that the conditions of the trails up north are not too bad considering the weather. One couple had gone up to their cabin in Elcho to go snowmobiling this past weekend. From their discussion, they stated as long as you stayed north of Antigo and Elcho, you had good riding. Trails and the lakes they crossed were decent and they had put on 120 miles on Saturday. Even on Sunday when they went out for breakfast and rode around, the trails were still in good shape.

Another couple went up on the Ski-Doo weekend (thru dootalk.com) to the Minocqua area and were on their own on Friday, so they hit St. Germain and the surrounding area. Trails were also in pretty good shape, yet the weekend was still young. Saturday, they headed out with a group of 47 Ski-Doo snowmobiles and 51 riders, and they headed north and west of Minocqua. Trails were in good shape on Saturday as well and they put on 125 miles. The railroad grade was probably the worst section of trails; the groomers had enough snow to keep the railroad grade in good shape, yet the traffic kept the gravel churned up in the snow. Sunday had just the two of them and they headed out and put on 80 miles. Light traffic on Sunday lead to decent trail conditions.

If anyone has gone up north snowmobiling, I'd like to let our Club members know via our newsletter or Club meeting. Let me know where you went, number of sleds and riders, mileage per day or total, where you snowmobiled plus trail conditions. Any good areas to pass on to our Club members is a definite plus for snowmobiling. Especially with the unusual winter season we are currently experiencing.

As of now, I have used up my allotted space once again and need to wrap this up and move on. So, till next month, keep your track on the snow and remember, "United We Trail, Divided We Fail".....

Guest Speaker

This month, we have invited Wally Thill, our AWSC Director, to stop in at our Club Meeting and fill us in on the happenings of our sport at the state level. Since there is legislation on the floor in the capital regarding the CAP/STEP program, Wally will have quite a bit to relay to us as well as his insight to the possible outcomes of the legislation. So make plans to stop in at February's Club Meeting and say "Hi" to Wally.

Food for February's Club Meeting

We have been given a donation by John Haen to be used for food at our February Club meeting. Chris (our Nesco Queen) is working up some good eats for us to enjoy. Stop in and see what we have for dinner that night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Landowners Are Welcome

As a landowner for our Club, we consider you a Club member as well. Either way, you are always welcome to stop in and attend our monthly Club meetings. Stop in and meet some of our members and socialize with us. We always offer something to eat after the meeting as well as some refreshments during our meetings. If you're free on the evening of the second Thursday of each month September thru April, stop in and see what is happening.

Sno-Fari's

For February, we have planned a trip to the Wetmore/Munising area of the UP of Michigan. Chris Bumpke has come up with two places for lodging: Super 8 Motel in Munising (906-387-2466) and the American (906-387-2000). The Super 8 has 20 rooms (\$74.99/night) under Monticello and will release them as of February 8 (Club meeting) and the American has 10 rooms (\$89.99/night) that will be released by February 3. If you are going, please call up there to reserve a room and then please give Chris a call (262-707-9542) so he has an idea who is staying where in order to plan the rides.

Since January's Sno-Fari didn't pan out, Deanna Einwalter has planned a trip for **March** 1st thru 4th to the western part of Upper Michigan (this is in addition to the Michigan trip on Feb. 24 – 26). We will be going to **Parkview Lodge & Grill** (906-288-3288, located at 32433 N Hwy M-26 Toivola, MI 49965, their website is: <http://parkviewtwinlakes.com>) in Twin Lakes, MI (which is 26 miles south of Houghton/Hancock). They

currently have 10 out of 13 rooms available (as of January 20). Please call Deanna at 262-227-3227 if you will be joining us as well as call them to make a reservation. See you in Michigan.

Sno-phone Numbers

Now that it is technically time to be out riding our trails, we are hurting due to the lack of snow (like I had to tell you that). When conditions are right, please remember that we need at least 6" of snow on the open fields and 32 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. Plus, remember to call the snowmobile sno-phones before riding. Also, please play it safe and stay off lakes and rivers until they are frozen; we need more nights with colder temps in order for the ice to freeze nice and solid (remember, if there are no tracks on the lake or river, there is a good reason why).

Here is a list of our local sno-phones:

Ozaukee County	262-284-8259
Washington County	262-334-6061
Sheboygan County	920-457-8810 ext. 2990
Fond du Lac County:	920-929-6840 #5
Dodge County:	920-386-3705
Calumet County:	920-849-1494

Remember to call daily and call often. Thanks.

FOR SALE

1972 Rupp American 40hp wide track. Roughly 20 hours of run time; asking \$850 or best offer. Please call Don @ 262-782-6213

2000 Polaris Indy 600 XC with variable exhaust, low miles, excellent condition. Asking \$2300.

2002 Polaris Indy XC Edge Chassis 500 with variable exhaust, low miles. Asking \$2300.

2003 Suzuki Quadsport ATV Z400; Asking \$1850
Caravan Trailer 8'6" wide by 10' long, steel frame.

Asking \$325. Call Jimmy for the **above four items** at H: 262-377-1955 or C: 262-305-6824.

1995 Kitty Cat. Good shape, clean with wheel kit. \$725 O.B.O. Call Matt @ 414-640-7012.