



B&B NEWSLETTER

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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS DATES:

All Club meetings held at
Circle B Rec Center
in Cedarburg

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Thursday February 13, 2014

@ 6:15pm @ Circle B

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday, February 13, 2014

@ 7:30pm @ Circle B

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HAPPY FEBRUARY!!

This year, our season has been off to a good start when typical Wisconsin weather got our temperatures in the mid to high 30's and caused us to close our trails the weekend before the New Year. Yet since then, we have not had warm temps even close to 30 degrees; it has been unseasonably cold (like I had to tell you that...). We as snowmobilers can't complain too much; our trails have a real solid base caused by the cold, freezing temperatures. And we have had snow flurries off and on over the past couple of weeks which has kept our trails covered and allowed us to groom when the trails are open (call the sno-phones).

It has been a white winter so far and watching the forecast each morning is encouraging; listening for the snow accumulation, how much are we to get today or tomorrow, or how high will the mercury get today. With all the snow, I have been hearing how good the snowmobiling is up north this season and even in the UP of Michigan. This seems to be making up after the last couple of seasons where even our north woods were pretty grim when it comes to snowfall. Get out there while you are able to enjoy it; and yes, I need to heed my warning as well. The trails north of us are still white and in good shape; plus, the weekend is getting closer each day....

At this point, I need to put down my pen and get some beauty sleep. Read on for more Club updates and events. So, until next month, keep your track on the snow and remember, "*United We Trail, Divided We Fail*"...

GUEST SPEAKER

We have once again invited Wally Thill, our AWSC director, to stop in and fill us in on the current happenings within the AWSC as well as our snowmobile legislation. As you have been reading, the CAP/STEP program has been in the works for years and it is getting closer to being passed. Plus, other changes, such as the officers of the AWSC, will be shared at our Club Meeting.

Stop in at our Club Meeting and catch up with the AWSC activities with Wally. See you there!!

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE

In December, we had 16 students successfully complete our Wisconsin Snowmobile Safety course held at the Mequon Police Department. The students completed eight hours of class room study that included snowmobile nomenclature, riding positions and hand signals as well as being prepared clothing wise plus out on the trail, first aid, courtesy, ethics and snowmobile laws. A snowmobile was also brought into class for hands on training. Upon graduation the students can legally operate a snowmobile with parents permission (if a minor) and the certificate is reciprocal throughout the United States. Thanks to our instructors Dennis Guttman, Steven Graff, Kathy Monroe and Mike Wilhelme for conducted this class.

THANK YOU TO TONY YOUNG

We got a chance to meet and greet our new DNR Warden at our January Club Meeting. Tony is very down to earth and easy to talk to as we found out that evening. Plus, we gave him the opportunity to discuss with us his plans for our county as well as handling the snowmobiling program. Tony is looking to promote safe snowmobiling as well as enforcing the law; he is willing to help us out when we have trail issues such as trespassing, which has been one of our biggest problems. At the end of his presentation, he handed out his business card with his cell number and told us to keep it handy in the event we encountered a snowmobiler(s) that were operating in such a manner where their actions may cause either damage to the trail or possible loss of the trail. Bottom line, Tony is here to stay (just closed on a house in Port Washington) and is looking out for our Club's (and the other Club's) best interests.

Thanks, Tony, for taking time out of your schedule to stop in and spend part of your evening with us.

GROOMER SEMINAR

Back on January 11, we held a grooming seminar at the Kison Farm. This seminar was open to any member from our Club interested in driving and operating our Tucker. We had roughly eleven members show up that morning and they were shown the pre- and post-operating procedures, correct operation of our Tucker and drag, the ins and outs of grooming, and then actually got behind the wheel and groomed. Having a snow covered corn field was a perfect area to train our members. This allows us to have more than just a handful of qualified operators to lean on during our season to help us groom our trails as well as the trails of the Snow Drifters and Snow Seekers. With more snow on the way, we will be able to get all of these guys behind the wheel and head out on the trails. Thanks guys, for your willingness to help us out with our grooming.

TRAIL UPDATES

Please call the Sno-Phones daily and especially before you ride. Remember, the DNR as well as the Sheriff's Department go by the message on the sno-phones; if the trails are closed, please stay off them until the message is changed stating they are open. Listed below the local county Sno-Phones (with most having cell phones, please put these numbers into your contact list; you'll always be able to find out if the trails are open):

DODGE COUNTY 920-386-3705

FOND DU LAC COUNTY 920-929-6840

OZAUKEE COUNTY 262-284-8259

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 920-892-7455

WASHINGTON COUNTY 262-334-6061

UPCOMING DATES FOR WINTER

FEBRUARY 2014

Thursday, February 13 Board & Club Meetings
Fridays & Saturdays Local Trail Rides

Friday, February 28 (Given Trails are Open)
to Sunday, March 2 Sno-Fari to Boulder Junction

MARCH 2014

Fridays, March 7 & 14 Local Trail Rides
Saturdays, March 1 & 8 (Given Trails are Open)
Thursday, March 13 Board & Club Meetings
Saturday, March 15 Trails officially Close
(If conditions are still good, they may stay open...)

SNO-FARIS

Tim and Deanna Einwalter have planned our upper Wisconsin Sno-Fari for Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 2, 2014. Lodging will be at the Boulder Bear Motor Lodge (<http://www.boulderbearmotorlodge.com/>) located on the south end of Boulder Junction on Highway M. Originally, a block of eight (8) rooms were reserved and seven (7) are spoken for at this time. Deanna has discussed this with them and they are willing to hold these rooms until February 10; plus, there are more available at this time. If you are interested in going, please call up to the Boulder Bear (715-385-2662) and reserve a room using your credit card and then please give Deanna a call so she can plan on who will be on this Sno-Fari. Looking to have another awesome time snowmobiling in northern Wisconsin, so get your room reserved now.

FOR SALE

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