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

***NEXT CLUB MEETING:***

Thursday, January 11, 2007

**Meetings:**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Thursday, January 11  
6:30pm @ Circle B Rec

**CLUB MEETING**  
Thursday, January 11  
7:30pm @ Circle B Rec

**Board Members**

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**Snow will be here, sometime in 2007...**

Well, I know it isn't a good way to start out a new year, with forecasts for our area topping 50 degrees in early January, but this is Wisconsin, so just wait patiently and snow will be here. I know that I'm not a weatherman, but if I was, I would probably have a new sled sitting in my shop waiting for the white stuff to fall. One can only dream.....

I'm going to keep this short as there are just a few items to report on and then I will turn you over to Dave Helm as he has written an article on our club's history and party that will appear in February's Wisconsin Snowmobile News.

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

**Forgotten Thanks...**

I forgot to mention John Haen for his help with our signs for the trails. He has repaired broken and damaged ones as well as set up new ones. And Dave Helm for his help with trails this fall as well.

Plus, Dave Helm has put time and effort into our club's scrapbook and has organized it chronologically for us. He also wrote an article about our Club's history and this was submitted by Wally Thill to the AWSC's monthly magazine. His article will appear in the February's edition along with some pictures from our 40<sup>th</sup> party. We currently have his article on our website under "Club History". Following is his article on our club's history. Thanks again, Dave and John.

Now, Read on and enjoy!!!

**MONTICELLO SNO-MOBILE CLUB'S 40<sup>th</sup>  
YEAR CELEBRATION!** by David Helm

The Monticello Sno-Mobile Club is kicking off the 2006-2007 season with a club party. The club is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year as the first incorporated snowmobile club of Wisconsin.

Back in 1965, local snowmobiling pioneer Tom Kacmarcik had the vision to create an organized club that would promote interest in snow-mobile activities. Originally, the intention was to become a purely social organization. And by November of 1966, Mr. Kacmarcik had enough people showing interest in committing to the creation of a snow-mobile club. Then, on November 30th, 1966, the Monticello Sno-Mobile Club was incorporated! The club held its first annual meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1966.

By the beginning of 1967, Monticello Sno-Mobile Club already had signed over 35 paid memberships. In November of 1967, Monticello Sno-Mobile Club joined the USSA and began sanctioned racing events. Along with racing events, the club planned weekend and overnight rallies/ outings at various resorts throughout the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Keep in mind, this is prior to any of the organized trail systems that we enjoy today! During the summer months, it was decided to create a Club booth at Ozaukee County Fair. The intent was to promote this new winter sport of snowmobiling and displaying the newest machines available from the local dealers. In addition, refreshments and food were sold as a club fund-raiser.

By 1969, Mr. Kacmarcik had shown interest in creating statewide organization for snowmobile clubs and thus was part of the creation of the AWSC. This was an event attended by Mr. Wally Thill, who is the long-term Ozaukee County AWSC representative. Along with Mr. Thill still being an active member and delegate in the Ozaukee county area, Monticello retains some of the original people with 20, 30, and even 40 years of continuous memberships!

Throughout the 1970's, the club enjoyed a strong membership with averaging over 130 paid each year! There were many reasons for fun-filled snowmobile outings. To list a few, there were fish fries, holiday parties, ladies rides, teen rides, family rides, chili dumps, family fun days, club dances (called snowballs), poker runs, and even a kids' Christmas party! There were even appearances by local TV celebrities at many charity events! Elijah Pitts, a former Green-Bay Packer, was a frequent participant in racing events! Often there were other celebrities attending and/or emcee at the outings for the club!

Although the racing days ended sometime in the 1970's, along with some of those early events, Monticello is still an

active and vibrant club that is 135 families strong. We still attend AWSC workshops, install and groom some state corridor trail and county/club miles of trail, plan overnight and weekend events, and have a food, music and refreshments tent at the Ozaukee County fair every year.

With some heartfelt thanks to the late Mr. Tom Kacmarcik, we of the original Monticello Sno-Mobile Club, Inc. wish to thank everyone that has made our club the success that it is and we hope to enjoy yet another 40 years as the Monticello Sno-Mobile Club! Have a great snowmobile season and enjoy our wonderful State of Wisconsin! *Happy Holidays to all!*

## **TUCKER WORK**

We have finally gotten our Tucker over to Dave Polzin's shop and we plan on working on it during the first weekend of January. Since the weather has been so mild, now is the time to go through it and get it ready so when we do get snow, it will be ready to groom.

We're only waiting for a few parts and are looking into a rear wiper. This will help definitely help out when grooming and the snow kicks up and covers the rear window. If you have time and are willing to help, please give Randy Kison a call at 262-677-2996

Also, we are looking into ways that we can mount some skis to the drag so when we groom the Pleasant Valley Park for the cross country ski trail, we will make tracks for their skis to follow.

## **SNO-FARIS**

For the St. Germain Sno-Fari, we have five rooms out of the ten spoken for at this time. If you are interested, the dates of this trip are February 9 & 10, 2007; Dan Burbach is heading up this trip and can be reached at the phone number and email listed on the front side. Room rates are \$89 per night for double occupancy (this is the weekend rate). The rate for Sunday thru Thursday is \$75 per night. If you want to get up there on Thursday or stay thru Sunday night, the rate drops and there are rooms available if you want to stay longer. I need to know on or before the January's club meeting if you need a room; otherwise, I'll turn the empty rooms back to the Hearthside.

There is also a Crivitz Sno-Fari if we have enough interest and if there is snow. Dave Helm has planned this trip and the dates for this are January 19 thru 21. We are looking for interested parties to contact Dave at [Sduffguy@aol.com](mailto:Sduffguy@aol.com), calling him at 262-376-0938 or stop in at January's club meeting.

## **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