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FUTURE MEETINGS:

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CLUB MEETING

7:30pm January 14, 2010

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A BELATED MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR...

To one and all!!! When I was writing December's newsletter at the beginning of the month, Christmas and New Years weren't even on my mind at that time. So please accept my belated wishes after the fact...

If anyone caught this, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel had a short blurb regarding snowmobiling that was posted on December 19, 2009, under "On The Trail". I had contacted the Ozaukee County reporter, Don Behm, from the Journal about doing an article on our snowmobile club, yet he stated that wasn't possible due to the Ozaukee/Washington County section not appearing on the weekends anymore (they did an article on us about ten years ago and we were on the cover of this section). Yet he did ask me to let him know when the trails are open, what the criteria is that decides this, and where a snowmobiler can get information of the trails. After I sent him the info he requested, I kept my eyes open when going through the Journal-Sentinel to see if anything appeared. So you can gather my surprise when I stumbled across an article online when I was searching for the website for the Ozaukee County Association of Snowmobile Clubs. (Not sure if this was actually in the Journal-Sentinel or just an online blog.) The writer, Paul Smith, actually spelled it out for the readers the requirements needed for snowmobiling, especially drawing attention to the snowmobile safety course, the age requirement and the need for those born after December 31, 1984 to have a safety course certificate before riding. He also included both county snowmobile trail condition phone numbers as well as the website for the Washington County Association of Snowmobile Clubs. Here is the link to this article:

<http://www.jsonline.com/sports/outdoors/79685827.html> Word has gotten out there via the Journal-Sentinel and the world-wide-web. Any help we can get, we'll take it.

Once again, I have used up my allotted space and need to wrap it up. So, till next month, keep your track on the snow and remember, "United We Trail, Divided We Fail".....

CLUB TRAIL CARDS

We have included with this newsletter, our Club Trail Cards for you to keep in your wallet and to give out to your

help out when asked "Why aren't the trails open?". I can say that when I first started snowmobiling, I always thought that if there was snow, the trails would be open. And as a young teenager, how would I know to call on trail conditions? Even though I did eventually learn what is needed to open trails and that there were phone numbers to call on trail conditions, these cards will help the word get around to those who don't know or are new to our sport. Remember, a responsible snowmobiler is a safe snowmobiler, and we as a snowmobile club, represent and promote safe snowmobiling. Happy Trails!!!

SNO-FARIS

Snow is finally here and the two Sno-Faris are approaching

friends and family. Thanks goes out to Mike Mueller for taking the time to make these up and print them for us.

The Sno-Phones are printed on the front for easy access as well as our Club information. The back of each card has the criteria for opening and closing trails. This information will

quickly. **St. Germain** is up first and is planned for the first weekend in February (February 5 thru February 7, 2010) and we're staying at the **Hearthside Inn**. Out of the eight rooms reserved, we have filled five rooms at this time. We have until the January Club meeting to fill the three remaining rooms; after the meeting, what rooms that are left, will be released. For those interested in going on this trip, please call up to the Hearthside and give Dan Burback a heads up. Right now, all going up are planning on arriving Thursday, February 4. Otherwise, if you arriving on Friday, we'll met up with you and head out for a fish fry.

The second trip is set for **Gwinn, Michigan** to the **Red Fox Inn**. It is an old Air Force base and the rates are very reasonable and the trail runs right past the place. Currently, we have three units booked for this trip. And, they still have ample room available. The dates for this trip are February 19-20-21, 2010. They have one, two, and four bedroom suites still available. If you are interested in this trip, please let me (Dan Burback) know at this month's Club meeting. I will have their information along with me, yet you'll find the same at their website: www.redfoxinn.net Right now, those going up are planning on arriving on Thursday, February 18.

GUEST SPEAKER

We have invited Wally Thill, our Ozaukee County Representative for the AWSC, to stop in at January's Club meeting to fill us in on the current issues the AWSC is tackling this year. He will have just attended the board meeting for the AWSC the weekend prior to our Club meeting, so he will have plenty of information to share with us. See you there.....

TUCKER

"What a smooth ride" and "it rides like a Cadillac" are some of the phrases we are hearing when talking about our new Tucker versus our prior Tucker. With the smoother ride and added comfort, grooming our trails goes quicker and easier. When the trails were open in mid-December, we were able to groom our entire system as well as the Snow Drifters and Snow Seekers sections as well. Even with the blade in front, our Tucker has made it through all the swamps and wooded areas of our trails. The additional brushing in mid-December has helped open up our trails. On to the next snow fall and happy trails!!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Right now, we have just sent in 146 memberships to the AWSC, which is up from 133 from last year. This means that we have gained many new members this year (and we still have a few unpaid from last season). This is good for us and our sport. More members in our Club means more informed snowmobilers. Thanks for your support...

SNO-PHONE NUMBERS

Ozaukee County: 262-238-8259
Washington County: 262-334-6061
Sheboygan County: 920-892-7455
Fond du Lac County: 920-929-6840 #5
Dodge County: 920-386-3705
Calumet County: 920-849-1494

For other conditions throughout the state, check this site:

www.travelwisconsin.com/snow_report.aspx

TRAILS

Since our last newsletter, our trails went from being ready to "where did the trail go?" condition. Due to our first snow fall of real wet snow, our trails that run through wooded areas got covered up by brush that wasn't there this fall. Sad part was, you couldn't even get a snowmobile thru or even walk through these areas it was so dense with brush held down by the heavy wet snow. We got a crew together on Saturday, December 12 and went to work brushing as if we never brushed these areas before. Pretty crazy having to brush out these area twice between October and December of the same fall.

We'd like to thank those helping us out getting these areas brushed out so we could open trails later the following week: Chris Bumpke, Matt Geszvain, George Menos, Tim & Deanna Einwalter, Jeff Kaul, Mel Trapp, Bob Denow, and Dan Burback

On the north end, thanks to Bob and Bobby Thomas for re-routing our trail so we could still make it to the Country Keg. We needed to go around crops that were still in one of the fields and this was the easier solution. Thanks, guys.

Also, thanks to all those who have helped this past fall with brushing and trail installation: Randy Kison, Jared Kison, Austin Kison, Brian Kison, Bob Thomas, Bobby Thomas, Jim Thomas, Rick Dickmann, Mike Dondlinger, Mel Trapp, Carol Beyer, Dan Burback, Bill Ladwig, George Menos, Matt Geszvain, Tim & Deanna Einwalter, Jeff Kaul, Cal Cummings, Kirk Nimtz, Mike Brown, Bob Bruner, Chris Bumpke, Jeff Habermann, Toli Lemberskiy, Tony Lore, Andy Malsom, Keith Martin, Dave Pom and those that I may have forgotten to mention, I apologize . And thanks to John Haen for fixing trail signs as well as our small engines and ATV. Without a crew like this, we would not be able to handle our twenty-two miles of trails. Thanks again to all.

BRIDGE REPAIR

One Saturday, December 5, we rebuilt the bridge in Jenior-Olsen's woods. We had a very handy crew and thanks to prep work that had been done previously (hauling the telephone poles from my house to the bridge location, dismantling the broken bridge, setting the ground work for the new bridge), we would not have completed the construction in four hours as we did. Thanks goes out to Matt Geszvain, George Menos, Tim & Deanna Einwalter, Tony Lore, Cal Cummings, Keith Martin, Dan Burback, and Chad Plater. Given no one drives a full-sized blazer across it this time, we will be good for many years to come. Thanks again for the help!!!

FOR SALE

1971 Johnson Skee-Horse with matching sleigh. Has reverse, wide track, electric start and is trail ready. Asking \$500. Call Lynn at 262-637-3651

2003 Yamaha Banshee Quad 350 twin. Low hours, mint condition. Asking \$2950. Call Hibber at 262-387-1161