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CLUB MEETING 7:30pm March 6, 2008

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CLUB MEETING – THURSDAY MARCH 6th

Volunteers make it a Great Season for us.....

We have had an awesome year for snowmobiling in our area. I have lost track of how long our trails have been open plus how many times I have dug out my driveway. Everyone is saying this is a once in ten year event. Yet, this could happen every winter, and we will do our best to be prepared for this whenever it happens.

Being prepared this year is an understatement for us. We have been ready since the snow started falling. Our volunteers have spent countless ours getting our trails ready to go as well as getting our Tucker ready for snow. Because of this, we have been out grooming almost forty times since the trails have opened back in December and January. Yes, the trails did close a couple of times due to the warm up in January, but we have received enough snow to make up for it. And now we are reaping the benefit of having our equipment up and running. Our trails are reportedly in very good condition due to us grooming numerous times each week.

Yet it's surprising how many snowmobilers will complain about the trails when they are beat up or we haven't groomed them in a couple of days. We usually get these complaints from snowmobilers who don't belong to a club or are not active in their club. This got some of us thinking, and we're going to list the number of hours we have groomed our trails this season as well as what we have paid for fuel to run our Tucker. Here are our grooming numbers for our season through February 17th:

22 miles of trails in Ozaukee County
2 miles of trails in Washington County
Snow Drifters Trail east of Newburg
Snow Seekers Trail by Saukville
Cost of fuel (approximately):

70 hours
14 hours
12 hours
3.5 hours
\$1600.00

All this was done by thirteen groomer volunteers. Last year we had three volunteers and only groomed for seventeen (17) hours. Big difference our volunteers make for our club. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Until next month, keep your track in the snow and I'll see you on the

trails.

EARLIER CLUB MEETING

Due to Circle B having Beach Week during the second week in March, we have moved up our Board and Club Meetings to the first Thursday of March. Please make note of this so you won't miss the meetings. Also, we'll have something to eat at the meeting. Our food committee is working on something green.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have submitted the scholarship criteria to both Grafton and Cedarburg High Schools. Now we will have to wait to see who the scholarship committee decides is a good candidate for our scholarship. They usually announce the recipient in the spring at their scholarship banquets.

Remember, this scholarship is on a year-to-year basis. Next winter, we will revisit it; so those of you with other ideas, as we got feedback at the February's Club Meeting, we will take those ideas into consideration and see where to go next.

SNO-FARI to St. GERMAIN

There were ten (10) of us up in St. Germain this during the second weekend of February. There was plenty of snow and the temperature got colder as the weekend progressed. We didn't have any snowmobile breakdowns this year, which is a good thing. Yet we did lose one member to a work issue – he had to head back on Saturday morning after breakfast. What a bummer. We still had a good time and put on 240 miles between Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, we headed west towards Minoqua area and rode west for a while before heading to the 19th Hole for dinner. Saturday turned out to be the more interesting day for us. We headed east and south after breakfast and had intentions of Sugar Camp but ended up at Pitlick's for lunch and then some of us rode down to Rhinelander, rode around some large lake (still don't know the name) and tried to pick up a different trail to head back to St. Germain but ended up back on 15N. Riding back became real interesting when we passed Pitlick's and headed for Dam Lake. Just as we hit the lake, the sun had just set, it was snowing and the wind picked up and created a white out. You couldn't see ten feet in front of you; so you had to watch for the trail markers as well as the tracks from previous snowmobilers in order to follow the trail. We almost lost one of our group when he (my brother-in-law) got separated and headed into Pitlick's instead of following us. I couldn't leave him lost up north, especially since he was riding my other snowmobile, so I went back and caught up with him.

Sunday didn't leave us with an option to ride due to the wind chill so we all headed home early. The only problem was that I left my alternator in St. Germain and ran on battery power the entire 4-1/2 hour trip home. Got a little cold for the last eight miles, but we made it.

We have eight rooms reserved for next year if you are into planning this far out. Dates are Feb. 6-7-8, 2009.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL INFO

CALUMET (920) 849-1494 #1 FOND DU LAC (920) 929-6840 #5 MANITOWOC (920) 758-7669 SHEBOYGAN (920) 892-7455

TRAILS

Our trails have been used quite a bit this season. Unfortunately, our season ends on Saturday, March 15. Not sure if the conditions are still good, if the trail system will stay open or not. Regardless, continue to call the Snow-Phones to get the complete info on our trails.

We are planning on removing our trails at the end of March and early April, given the weather is good to us. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, April 5 for starters.

FOR SALE

2000 Polaris Touring Classic 550, 2-up seat, 1800 miles, Burgundy/Blue, very clean. Call Keith Scheer @ 262-364-8092

CMP Pro Shop Snowmobile Dollie, black, have two, need to sell one, seen little use, asking \$175, Call Dan @ 414-702-6188.

Land for Sale:

10 Acres prime hunting land Cedarburg/Town of Jackson; on the snowmobile trail. Wide variety of game. Deer stands included. Put a group of hunting/snowmobiling friends together and buy it. \$60,000. Call George at (414) 430-4000

3.1 Acres in the Town of Dunbar, 270' of lake frontage, secluded parcel on Williams Lake; close to ATV and snowmobile trails; electric service at property, and perk approved. \$43,000. Call Brian at (262) 305-1428