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FUTURE MEETINGS:

*All meetings held at Circle B
Rec Center in Cedarburg*

BOARD of DIRECTORS

6:00pm March 12, 2009

CLUB MEETING

7:30pm March 12, 2009

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MARCH MELTDOWN

March is upon us and our season is getting close to the end. If the warm temperatures they are predicting actually happen, we'll definitely lose any snow that is left. Plus, the rain is being forecasted which will take care of the snow as well. The only good thing from this is if the temps actually drop and then the rain will turn to snow. Now that is a positive thought!!! Anyway, we can't stop time, so we must keep plugging along. At this point, I'm going to cut myself short and move on our Sno-Fari to St. Germain. So til next time, keep your track on the trail, stay warm, ride safely and we'll see you on the trails.....

SNO-FARI to ST. GERMAIN

The Sno-Fari to St. Germain started off very well with awesome snow conditions temperatures. Five of us arrived mid-day Thursday and rode south towards Rhinelander and then west towards Lake Tomahawk. We then took the trail 47 north thru Tomahawk, which was the old railroad bed, and kept going north due to it being light outside. We finally hit Mercer to get gas and look for a place to eat around 6:30pm. We got a little mixed up and since we couldn't find the Pea Patch, we opted for Ding-A-Ling's supper club. This was a little more than we wanted to do for dinner that night (we just wanted burgers) plus it took a long time to get our food. We got back on the trail around 8:30pm and headed to Manitowish Waters (found out why we didn't find the Pea Patch - Manitowish is different than Manitowish Waters) and then followed trail 51 south back towards St. Germain. Made it back to the Hearthside by midnight. We had logged almost 150 miles with only stopping for fuel and dinner.

Friday had us starting out a little later due to the late night before. After breakfast, we met up with two more members (they just arrived) and headed north towards Boulder Junction area. We made it up there by early afternoon and stopped at JJ's for a pit stop while waiting for another group to meet up with us. Since we were early for dinner, we took off and rode that loop going north and east from Boulder Junction on trail 8 and 6. One draw back was we spent a little more time on Plum Lake earlier (and burned up some fuel) and that loop had a couple of machines on fumes when we hit the junction of trail 8 & 6. We had to limp a few sleds into the Star Lake area and fill up at a bar where they got you on the gas price. After that, it was back into Boulder Junction for a fish fry at JJ's. From there, it was back to the St. Germain area to relax and meet up with three other guys who were having sled issues and didn't make it to JJ's (kept going thru \$70 belts every ten miles or so).

Saturday, we headed out towards Sugar Camp, yet when three of us hit Dam Lake, we were missing the other seven sleds. Found out that the sled going thru belts on Friday, was still going thru belts and had to be towed back to the Hearthside. Fortunately, there were two other two up sleds that allowed this guy to double up and still get out and ride. So we headed back out towards Sugar Camp and made it further this time.

We actually went around Sugar Camp and then north towards Eagle River. The trails

in the woods had gone from white to brown-gray in color and got a little worse as we headed into Eagle River. When we stopped for lunch in Eagle River, we saw the temps were at 37 degrees Fahrenheit. Was getting a little warm compared to the Thursday and Friday. After lunch, we rode north and then hook west towards Sayner and then back south towards St. Germain. Trails conditions got better as we got away from Eagle River area. We missed Big St. Germain Lake (wanted to

blow off a little steam), yet made it to Pickerel Lake where some one had knocked down the markers showing where the trail crossed. After finding where the trail crossed, two of us headed back to put the markers back up so the next group across could find their way. Finally made it to the Hearthside around 6pm. Another good day of riding and we put on roughly 135 miles.

Sunday had everyone going different directions; one couple headed north to the UP for a guided trip, while the rest packed up to come home. Overall, we all had a great weekend of riding (except the guy tearing up drive belts) and look forward to doing this again.

TRAIL REMOVAL

As the weather gets warmer and the rains wash off the salt and sand from our roads, we need to face the fact that the end of winter is close. With that in mind, please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 4 as the day we remove our trail markers. We will meet at Ma Kison's at 7:30am. You'll need boots that can handle water and mud, cause we'll find some on the trail. See you there!!!

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

We are offering two - five hundred dollar scholarships to the top two senior's that apply from the seven high schools. The Board has submitted our requirements to seven local high schools (Kettle Moraine Lutheran, Living Word Lutheran, Homestead, Cedarburg, Grafton, Port Washington, and Ozaukee). If you have a senior at one of these schools, please encourage them to apply. A portion of our Board will be given these applications in early May and will decide on the top two. Of the Board, two members have excused themselves from choosing the winners due to a conflict of interest. Winners will be acknowledged in the early summer edition of this newsletter. So if you know someone that fits the criteria, have them contact their high school for the appropriate paperwork. Good Luck, Seniors!!!

TUCKER STATUS

Our Tucker has performed well this season yet has had a few minor issues. The engine rebuild has given us plenty of power and has been ready to go each time we have gone out. The new air horn that has replaced the rusted up one has kept traffic clear when we are grooming the trail and can be heard in the next count north of us. One of the minor issues has been the belting from one of the rear tracks had a tear in it; yet with our stock of extra belting, we we're able to replace the entire belt in short time. The other minor issue which will continue happening, is the cleats are cracking due to the hard packed trails due to no new snow. We have gotten used ones from two other clubs in the area, yet we need to look down the road to see how we want to handle this issue. This issue has at least three options to correct it that range from inexpensive yet more volunteer time to very expensive and a moderate amount of volunteer time. Currently, there is a five year plan in place right now to upgrade the Tucker, yet a decision needs to be made as to how much to invest in our current Tucker at the present time.

GUEST SPEAKER

Wally Thill, our AWSC director, stopped in at February's Club meeting to fill us in on the current happenings in our sport at the state level. He discussed with us the \$1000 the AWSC donated to the prosecution of the deer killers from Waupaca. Plus, how the DNR is putting pressure on us regarding the total number of snowmobilers killed and by the ones drinking and being killed. Right now the DNR is talking with Minnesota regarding their 55mph speed limit and putting tickets against your driver's license. The AWSC's position is against both topics. Also, Thursday, March 26th is Snowmobilers In Madison Day, to show our legislators we are a force to reckoned with. Last but not least, he suggested we start working on the Snow Patrol, which we did earlier that evening. Thanks again, Wally, for the job you do for us snowmobilers. Keep up the great work!!!

NOMINATIONS

We will be looking for nominations at March's Club meeting. Three Board Members have their terms expire this August and are up for re-election. These three members are Kathy Kison, Chris Habich, and Dan Burback. At March's Club meeting, we will seek nominations from our club members as to whom they want to see on the ballot.

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