



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, January 14th, 2021
@ 6:00pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING
Thursday, January 14th, 2021
@ 7:30pm

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MY RAMBLINGS - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We have had an interesting start to our season this year. With the high velocity winds late that hit us this fall/early winter, we have had to get our trail work volunteers to go out and remove downed trees in some areas two to three times! It doesn't help when the Ash borer has killed off the Ash trees and they are now at that weak and rotting stage which in turn allows them to fall down at short notice. (Just ask Hibber!!) Yet we do have all ready to go when our next snow hits!

And we were able to open our trails on New Year's weekend for at least thirty-five ish (35+) hours. Our trails did hold up well for the first day and as it got a little warm on Sunday, some of our watery areas opened up and caused a few problems (just ask Jake or Katie!). Unfortunately, we did have an issue with the pond north of Western Ave. late Sunday evening. A snowmobile getting stuck crossing the 18"-24" deep open water and then an SUV got stuck trying to pull it out! This all finally got resolved Monday evening with the help of a wrecker. We have discussed this with the landowner and are working on a solution to keep this from happening again as it usually happens at the start of our season.

On a sad note, a former landowner (owner of the farm where we store our trail equipment) and Randy's mom, Mrs. Lorain E. Kison, has past away peacefully on New Year's Day at 101 years and seven (7) months old. She has been a resident of Lasata for the past number of years and was there when she died. Fortunately, Lasata allows more family in to see loved ones as they are in failing health and are near the end of their life (compassion care where covid restrictions are reduced), so Mrs. Kison had plenty of her family stopping in daily. From what I've experienced over the years and discussed with her family, Mrs. Kison enjoy a good life and now is in heaven surrounded by her loved ones! Visitation is Saturday, January 9 from 11:00am to 12:45pm with the service at 1:00pm and takes place at David Star Lutheran Church in Kirchhayn.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Kison's family and friends.

GUEST SPEAKERS

In December, we had two (2) guest speakers at our Club Meeting. Both are Club members and each covered very important topics. First off, thanks to Cal Cummings for covering the Polaris RideCommand app for our "smart phones" (a phone is termed smart, really?). This app is designed to be your trail map using GPS for snowmobiling, ATVing, UTVing, etc., and especially if you do not ride a newer Polaris snowmobile with this built in to the dash. The app is very user friendly and besides showing you the snowmobile trails where you currently are riding (plus city streets), you are able to save your trail ride, see mileage, gas stations, save a map offline (in case you lose the GPS signal) and even find Polaris dealers. (Note: there are more features than what is listed; download it and check it out for more info.) The only issue is this app is only as accurate as the Clubs providing trail info to Polaris. We are fortunate Cal has agreed to keep this app updated (with the rep for this app) so our trails are accurate as possible. It is a free to download from your phone's app store.

Secondly, thank you goes out to Dennis Guttman for speaking on snowmobile safety.

We can never have enough safety coverage as well as refreshers to help keep us safe while snowmobiling! Dennis covered the basics from going over your sled before starting it each time you ride, hand signals, trail etiquette and trail related deaths from last season. It is surprising what you learn from another person's unfortunate mistake. Plus, as we all age, we all need reminders of the do's/don'ts when snowmobiling!

Thanks again Cal and Dennis for your presentations at our Club Meeting!

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Lisa Stahl will stop in to once again talk to us about her group, the Pink Ribbon Riders (PRR). The purpose of the PRR is to raise money thru snowmobiling in order to help a person in need as they are fighting or have fought breast cancer. In past years, we have raised over \$700 from our membership as well as our Club donating a match of \$250!! The funds that they raise in each state stays in that state for the patients residing there. Each patient that is helped is given \$500 gift cards that are used to cover a portion of their expenses. Please stop out to our January Club meeting to help raise funds to fight breast cancer!

SNO-FARI

Matt Geszvain and Bob Vanderloop have a trip planned for snowmobiling in the Keweenaw Peninsula. They are leaving when the last person in their group is done with work [on Tuesday Jan 12th](#). They plan on riding Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coming home on Martin Luther King day [Monday the 18th](#)?

They are staying in the Centennial Cottages in Calumet MI, about 17 miles north of Houghton/Hancock. Our crew is still coming together and we have not decided upon a cabin or a house for lodging as of yet. There are houses and cabins for rent at the Centennial. They have a private spur trail that runs from the houses and cabins to the main trail. Here's the link to the Centennials website. [Centennial Cottages – Calumet Michigan Hotel Motel Cottage Rent?](#)

Michigan currently has an indoor eating ban in place (until Dec 20th) for Bars/Restaurants. The houses / cabins are all equipped with kitchens and such. We eat breakfast before riding, pack a lunch to eat out on trail or in the bush, and eat supper at house when we get back.

These trips are a blast to go on (Epic). Our crew likes to goof around in the back country "Boondocking" as well as cruising around on the trail system. We plan on paying a guide (local friend we know up there) to show us around the back country for one or two days. A trail riding day is planned as well, riding to the Lake of the Clouds (Porkies) and back. Of course riding the trails all the way to the tip of the peninsula as always cool!

Let us know if anyone is interested in going with us, in our lodge or in your own. With us on the sleds or on your own.

MEETING DATES FOR NEXT SEASON:

(subject to change)

January 2021

Club & Board Meetings	Thursday, January 14 th
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.	Monday, January 11 th
Washington Cty. Assoc.	Wednesday, Jan. 27 th

February 2021

Club & Board Meetings	Thursday, February 11 th
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.	Monday, February 8 th
Washington Cty. Assoc.	Wednesday, Feb. 24 th

March 2021

Club & Board Meetings	Thursday, March 11 th
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.	Monday, March 8 th
Washington Cty. Assoc.	Wednesday, March 31 st

April 2021

Club & Board Meetings	Thursday, April 8 th
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.	Monday, April 12 th
Washington Cty. Assoc.	If Needed 4/31/21

TRAILS

Our trails are ready to go so when we received two snowfalls at the beginning of January, our groomer crew got out there early and panned the trails to give us a good base. Our Tucker performed very well panning our trails and we were able to get a few hours of grooming. This helped the second snowfall as we were able to open up our trails for the first weekend in January. Unfortunately, there were some water areas that really didn't freeze deep enough and they became an issue as the weekend went on. So after opening them on Saturday, we had them closed Sunday evening just to preserve our base as well as our landowner's land. Hopefully the warm temps during the day are past and winter is here with more snow on the way!

SNO-PHONES

Please call daily (between December 15th and March 15th) and often once we have at least 6 - 8" of snow and 32 degrees and colder:

Dodge County	920-386-3705
Fond du Lac County:	920-929-6840
Ozaukee County:	262-284-8259
Sheboygan County:	www.nkmsnow.com
Washington County:	262-334-6061

LOST PART

Saturday evening, January 2nd, a Black Side Panel with Red Flames for Yamaha Apex was lost between Circle B and Paradise in West Bend. Reportedly seen in a snowbank, yet could not find when riding this area on Sunday. If found, please call Craig.