

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 February 14, 2013 @ 6:15pm NEXT CLUB MEETING Thursday, February 14, 2013 @ 7:30pm

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FINALLY, A WHITE CHRISTMAS

As I was heading to work one day, I went through one of the numerous round-abouts near Cabela's and thought to myself, would round-abouts be useful on a snowmobile trail? Continuing to drive, I put myself on a trail (not in reality yet in my mind) and tried to picture where one would find a good application for a round-about. None came to mind and the more I thought about it, it seems like more of a safety hazard than anything else. I could just imagine how many would go up and over it rather than around it; actually a few members names just popped into my mind that would rather go over it than around it. You're probably wondering where I'm going with these thoughts. It is safety on our trails.

Each fall we head out and brush out our trails so they are at least ten feet wide; this will allow two sleds to pass each other in opposite directions as well as our Tucker and drag to groom without getting scraped up. Also, we mark the trails with signs similar to what is seen on our roadways. Being consistent with marking between Clubs and Counties is always an issue. We have discussed many different ways trails are marked throughout our county and the surrounding ones. The biggest pain is when someone steals the sign(s) and puts them up on their dorm or bedroom wall and then are seen on Facebook by mistake. Missing signs are a safety hazard we face with our trails each season. So if you see signs that are missing or broken, please let us know so we are able to correct the situation before someone gets hurt. Or if you see them in a location other than on our trails or in storage, let us know that as well.

When we mark our trails, we try to put ourselves in the driver's seat as to what we would expect to see and also what the DNR wants to see. We will be working on a condensed sheet showing how the DNR states we should be marking our trails and we will review this next fall as well as have it along with when we start marking our trails.

So as I am wrapping this up, it is snowing outside my window and there is a white blanket covering the ground. It is still winter, so let's enjoy it while it is here. Until next time, keep your track on the snow ride safely.

TRAILS

Are ready and waiting for additional snow. We have brushed and re-brushed them once the first round of snow hit us. Plus, with the rain and warm temps in late January, we have had a few open water spots that haven't been there for over a year. So with our frigid temps since that warm summer day in January, everything should be frozen by now and even some frost has been put back into the ground. So hold tight and be patient; the possibility of getting additional

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snow and using our trails again this season is looking pretty good. Remember to call the snow phones daily to check trail openings and closures. (Quick note: we have put some pallets and planks over the water hole on the trail headed to PDQ. This is only a temporary fix for this season; we'll improve it for next season.)

GUEST SPEAKER

We have invited Wally Thill to be our guest speaker at our Club meeting this month. Wally is our AWSC director and represents us and fellow snowmobilers from Ozaukee County. He puts in countless hours dealing with snowmobiling on the state level. Because of this, he will be covering the current topics that the AWSC has on its agenda this year. Stop in and say hi to Wally and help us thank him for his generosity towards our sport.

FOOD FOR THIS MONTH

Not sure what is planned, yet our food committee is bound to come up with something good for us to eat. Stop in and see what we are eating.....

FOOD FOR CLUB MEETINGS

If anyone is interested in donating or helping prepare (such as heating or cooking or grilling) food such the main dish, side dishes or desserts, please give Chris Habich a call.

SNO-PHONES

Below are the Sno-Phone numbers for counties surrounding our trail system as well as the local Sno-Phone numbers. Please remember to call the snowmobile sno-phones before riding. This will ensure our trails will be used only when the trails are open.

Here is the list of Sno-Phones:

Dodge County	920-386-3705
Fond du Lac County	920-929-6840 #32
Ozaukee County	262-284-8259
Sheboygan County	920-892-7455
	920-533-5046
Washington County	262-334-6061

SNO-FARIs

Our first one for the season was cancelled due to poor snow conditions as well as lack of interest. Not sure if it was due to the date for this trip, or location or something else like Super Bowl Weekend? So at this time, we'll revisit this early next fall to see what we need to do to get us interested in this trip. Any suggestions are welcomed.

Our second trip is still on for February 21 thru 24, 2013 with the destination being the Lake Gogebic area. We'll be staying at the Root Cellar Resort in Marenisco, Michigan, with Tim and Deanna Einwalter heading up this trip. As of December's Club meeting, eight (8) members were heading up there and the rooms were going fast. Currently, there are three rooms still open; one has two double beds and two rooms have one double bed. Standard rooms are \$89 per night plus tax; there are also cabins for rent (click on this link to check out this resort:

www.rootcellarresort.com/index.html

Unfortunately, they will not hold any rooms for us so it is a first come, first serve basis. Since this trip is getting close and you want to join them, please call the Root Cellar Resort at 906- 842-3535 and then give Tim a call so he has an idea of who is joining them on this Sno-Fari.

Current conditions are pretty good as long as you stay on the West side of the UP. Yet with lake effect snow, conditions could very well improve for the UP.

FACEBOOK

Remember to check out our Club's Facebook page and click on "Like". You can post pictures or videos out there of your snowmobiling experiences. Check us out under Monticello Snow Mobile Club or use the search feature: http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Mon ticello-Snowmobile-Club/180200535344927

FOR SALE

Once again, the slate is cleared.....