



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 9, 2020
@ 6:15pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2020
@ 7:30pm

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MY RAMBLINGS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! And it snowed! Can't beat a white New Year given we had a warm and brown Christmas yet a white Halloween! And with it having snowed, our trails are all set as you'll read about later on. I did look at the forecast today and unfortunately, the temps will be unseasonably warm for our area over the next week or so, yet just wait, it will get cold again.

Remember, we live in Wisconsin where we could have up to all four seasons within 24 hours!

Couple of items for January's Club Meeting, we welcome Lisa Stahl of the Pink Ribbon Riders; Lisa and the PRR raise money to help those suffering or have endured breast cancer. Plus we are having tacos and nachos for our food, yet need help with the fixings as well as desserts. More on both later in this newsletter.

Thanks to all our trail workers for getting our trails brushed, marked and culmulched before the end of the year. There may be some minor brushing to do when we start grooming, yet for the most part, we are ready! Bring on the SNOW!!!

So until next time, keep your track on the trail and headlight pointed down the trail!

TUCKER UPDATE *by Jake Bublitz*

We have wrapped up the maintenance and repairs on our Tucker to get it ready for the season. It seemed like every time we disassembled something, we needed to order another part that we weren't anticipating being bad. We ended up replacing both rear tracks, all eighteen (18) rear idler wheels, two (2) front idler wheels, three (3) idler wheel shafts that had bad bearing or seal damage, one (1) hub, several sets of idler bearings, all four (4) plastic track frame bushings and installed all new axle seals.

All of the idler wheel bearings were previously lubricated with grease have now been cleaned out and the grease has been replaced with an extreme pressure gear oil. Now when we do a pre-trip inspection on the Tucker, we can verify that there is oil in each and every idler wheel through the sight glasses.

We also gave it an engine oil and filter change plus changed the transfer case fluid. The brush guard was previously damaged and was held together with a strap so that was addressed as well. We were able to straighten the side guards and weld reinforcing steel over the weak points to prevent it from breaking again. It turned out great!

Finally, the new electronic Groomer Tracking System is installed and ready to use. This system is wired into the Tucker and we will be one of the first in our area to see how this works!

Thanks to all the volunteers that worked long hours helping to get all of this done so we are ready for snow!!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Thanks goes out to Dennis Guttman and Nathan Matter for stopping in at our December's Club meeting. Dennis discussed safe snowmobiling as well as the fatalities last season as we need to look at those to review what happened and moving forward, what we need to do to stay safe on the trails. It is unfortunate that we tend to learn from others mistakes even when fatal. Dennis also covered pre-ride and pre-season checks on our snowmobiles. These tips, even the minor ones, will go a long way to enhancing the enjoyment of our sport of snowmobiling.

Nathan Matter stopped in to discuss SNARS and the benefits it provide for us regarding trails. SNARS allows us to record our trail work, such as brushing, marking and removing our trails, and grooming via a website in a uniform fashion and this makes less work for each county in order to submit it to the DNR. In addition to creating SNARS, Nathan and his company created a grooming tracking system where we mount a device in our Tucker that will record us when we are grooming our trails and submit this data directly into SNARS. This will save time having to enter this data; we will still record the data by hand to make sure it is accurate. One other benefit is our trail master will be able to log into a website to see where we have groomed and where we need to groom. Snowmobilers will be able to see where we have groomed (Travel Wisconsin website?), yet there will be a five (5) hour delay so we don't have trouble with "groomer chasers". Pretty intense program, and I've already seen the benefits this makes for recording our work much easier and quicker.

January's guest will be Lisa Stahl of the Pink Ribbon Riders. For those who don't remember or have not heard of the Pink Ribbon Riders, they are an organization that uses snowmobiling to raise money in order to support those men and women going thru or have gone thru a battle with breast cancer. Last December, we were able to raise over \$700 at our Club meeting, which included \$250 match from our Club; our members donated the rest! Stop in at this month's Club meeting and help us match or exceed last year's total!! Lisa will have raffle tickets and other items along with to help us raise funds to support the Pink Ribbon Riders!

TRAIL REPORT

All the trails are in in all four of our trail sections. The last Saturday of December had Bob and Matt checking our trails for proper trail marking and if any trees needed to be removed before we opened our trails. These two made some changes and added additional signs in order to make our trails as safe as possible. Right now, there is one tree that needs to be removed, yet we'll be able to do that when we have access to it with snowmobiles.

TACOS & NACHOS in JANUARY

We are planning on having tacos and nachos at our Club meeting, yet we need volunteers to help with the fixings as

well as desserts. If you are able to help us out, please call or text or email Chris Habich.

Thanks in advance for your help!!

SNO-FARI

Right now, we have one planned for January 17 thru 20 to Florence County. Kurt Person has volunteered to head this one up and has provided a link for lodging and trails: www.exploreflorencecounty.com Due to a business trip, Kurt will be up there on Saturday thru Monday; if you are interested, please contact Kurt.

UPCOMING DATES FOR WINTER 2019-2020

JANUARY 2020

Saturday, January 4	Nabob's Winterfest/Fisheree House of Heilman's on Big Cedar Lake
Sunday, January 5	Kohlsville Brat Fry & Fishery at Jugs Hitching Post Board & Club Meetings
Thursday, January 9	Ozaukee Cty. Assoc. Mtg, 7pm, RR Station in Saukville
Monday, January 13	Vintage Show and Ride at Richfield Historical Nature Park, 1896 State Road 164 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday, January 18	Washington Cty. Assoc. Mtg at 7:30 at Mueller's Linden Inn on Big Cedar
Wednesday, January 29	

FEBRUARY 2020

Thursday, February 8 th	Board and Club Meeting
Monday, February 12 th	Oz. Cty Assoc. Meeting
Saturday, February 17 th	Winterfest Parade 1pm
Wednesday, February 28 th	Wash. Cty. Assoc. Meeting

MARCH 2020

Thursday, March 8 th	Board and Club Meeting
Monday, March 12 th	Oz. Cty. Assoc. Meeting
Thursday, March 15 th	Trails Officially Close
Wednesday, March 28 th	Wash. Cty. Assoc. Meeting

LOCAL SNO-PHONES

Please call before you ride (or go online to check conditions)!

Ozaukee County	262-284-8259
Washington County	262-334-6061
Dodge County	920-386-3705
Fond du Lac County	920-929-6840
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