

# **B&B NEWSLETTER**

### February 2021 VOLUME 54 ISSUE 6

## CLUB INFORMATION MEETINGS DATES:

All Club meetings held at Circle B Rec Center in Cedarburg

BOARD of DIRECTORS Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 7:30pm

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#### MY RAMBLINGS IN SHORT FORM!!

Well, its February and our trails have been open! We got off on the wrong foot early on, yet we have recovered and are plugging forward! And due to two (2) submissions, I will be keeping my thoughts shorter than usual. So on to a few items that we need to cover; until next time, enjoy our local snowmobile trails!!

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

This month, Wally Thill will be stopping in at our Club Meeting to discuss the current events within our sport of snowmobiling as well as happenings within the AWSC. Stop in at our February's Club Meeting and let's see what Wally has for us!

#### **THANKS**

Goes out to Bob & Chris Witte for their donation to help cover our food and drinks at January's Club meeting. Usually we give gifts to our landowners for the use of their land and here Bob & Chris step up with their donation! Thanks again for your continued support Bob & Chris!!

#### PINK RIBBON RIDERS

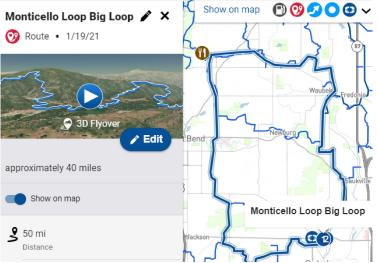
We got a strong showing and support for the Pink Ribbon Riders at January's Club meeting as Lisa Stahl was blown away by our generosity! With roughly twenty (20) or so members in attendance, we were able to raise a total of \$660 that broke down into \$250 in 50/50 raffle, \$160 from eight (8) raffle tickets and our Club matched with \$250. This makes another year we were able to raise enough to provide a \$500 gift card given to an individual in our fine state, suffering from or recovering from breast cancer. Thank you to all for your generous donations! By the way, Cal Cummings won the 50/50 raffle!

#### KEWEENAW SNO-FARI by Bob Vanderloop

Our crew went up to the Keweenaw Peninsula looking for snow to play in, and for the most part we did. The weather up there has been far from normal and to be honest all of us were surprised at how little snow they had. Normally the banks are huge and the homes are buried under large amounts of snow. Luckily snowmobilers are very adaptable and optimistic people. So with breakfast done we packed up and left the house on sleds for the first time on Wednesday. The trails going into town and for the most part 10 miles to the north were frozen hard with very little loose snow. As we hoped the trails to the north were better and the off trail riding was available. With the low snowfall totals this year, riding "off trail" this year was different. Normally we can drive around and only worry about getting stuck in the snow, this year we needed to be careful of buried obstacles. So, why the locals call this snow "Hero" snow, because everyone can drive everywhere, we needed to be careful and even avoided the "High Lines" or riding down power line easements. They don't remove stumps there! The locals told us that there was a bunch of snow just south of Houghton in a mountain range called South Range. So we thru the sleds in the trailer and drove down there, picking Chad up some scratchers at the dealership along the way. After installing the scratchers the riding was awesome, the main trails were smooth with plenty of loose snow. As long as we stayed up in the mountains the trails were good and this place has plenty of off trail opportunities. The time got late so we headed back to the truck. Of course I blew a belt 5 minutes away from the truck. Both groups of sleds that passed stopped to offer to help and the belt was changed and we made it back to the

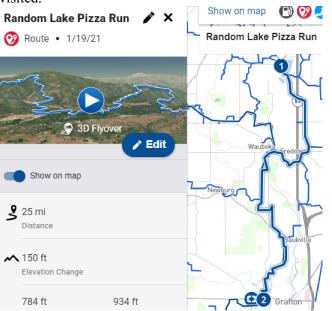
truck. The next day was a cruel rainy day and we left the sleds in the trailer. We took the opportunity to tour the peninsula by road in my truck, sure looks different than by sled. Stopped at the Eagle Harbor Inn and tried their world famous lobster pizza. Its as good or better than what people tell you! We ate in the truck and watched a few water logged snowmobilers come and go. With the sleds on the trailer we drove up the peninsula and parked on a side road close to a mine we like to play in. There we ran into a large group of guys / bachelor party on off road vehicles. They came up all the way from calumet and made a fire and ate lunch in the mine. We hung for awhile and then went out riding. A beautiful day of riding was clipped a little short by some freezing rain that moved in about 4 o'clock. By the time we got back to the truck the sleds and riders were full of ice. The last day was an awesome day of riding were we all got enough riding in to be tired. So we retreated to the house, began packed up and enjoyed a home cooked meal of Reuben Casserole. Because of the good weather, the trip up and back were uneventful and took less than 6 hours. We brought food up and made breakfast and supper at the house (MI lock down). We got a lot of good riding in by being smart and look forward to sharing some video with you at the club meeting. Keep the Faith. Looper

**Ride Idea** – **Loop or Destination** By the Snow Hunter If you are like me, the Snow Hunter, you spend lots of time thinking about where to ride. Many times this involves making a big loop, stopping at our favorite pit stops along the way. When the trails open and we get to ride, these loops help us to see many of the trail sections where we work hard to maintain every fall and spring. One example of a loop is a ride starting Circle B, heading up to Waubeka, then towards West Bend, down to Jackson, a little stop in Kirchhayn and back east to Circle B. A total of about 50 miles using the Ride App. You might ride similar loops at a cottage up north or any other place you like to ride.



This year, I want to challenge you to do something else. This year, ride to a destination and then back to your home base. By doing this, you can take yourself farther away from your normal route and still ride the same number of smiles (miles). For example, a ride to Random Lake is 25miles one

way and 50 round trip. Yes, you will be on the same trail for the trip, but we always tend to see new things when you travel a different direction. You might also find some new pitstops along the way that you may have never visited.



Since no ride is a bad ride, I will let you choose what you would like to do. Ride the Loop or Pick a Destination. Either way, the Snow Hunter says get out and ride around home or where every you can find snow. Enjoy!!

#### **MEETING DATES FOR NEXT SEASON:**

(subject to change)

#### February 2021

Club & Board Meetings
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.

Washington Cty. Assoc.

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>
Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

#### March 2021

Club & Board Meetings
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.

Washington Cty. Assoc.

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

#### April 2021

Club & Board Meetings
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.

Washington Cty. Assoc.

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
If Needed 4/31/21

#### **SNO-PHONES**

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

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