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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETING DATES:

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

BOARD of DIRECTORS

*Thursday, March 10th, 2022
@ 6:00pm*

NEXT CLUB MEETING

*Thursday, March 10th, 2022
@ 7:30pm*

CLUB OFFICERS

*President: Dan Burback
Vice President: Cal Cummings
Secretary: Bob Vanderloop
Treasurer: Patty Kison*

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MY MONTHLY RAMBLINGS

Welcome to March! Yes, we've not had the season around our area like we would have liked, yet coming off an awesome year like last season, it is hard to take. Fortunately, through our volunteer efforts with our trail system (mainly brushing & cutting trails plus two (2) culverts), we have put in enough hours to get our allotted \$300/mile from the DNR. Even without grooming, we still will hit our maximum. That is a lot of firewood we cut up this past fall and winter!!

One item that will benefit from our shorter season is our Tucker Terra 2000. Since our Club has approved to repaint and do body work on our Tucker this spring (including the graphics), this will help us get it ready in time for this summer's Ozaukee County Fair. At least that is what I found in the silver lining of our shortened season.

For now, that is all I have until our Club Meeting. So remember to enjoy snowmobiling to the fullest and keep the rubber side down!!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Wally Thill from stopping by our February Club meeting. Wally has been the Ozaukee County Director for the AWSC for well over fifty-four (54) years and at this point, he would like to start grooming his successor. At our Club meeting, Wally hinted that he would like to retire at some point, yet wants to pass on his knowledge. If you think about it, Wally has been involved in the AWSC my entire life! His contributions to our sport are the reasons he was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River!



If anyone would like to entertain the idea of taking over for Wally, please contact me and I'll put you in direct contact with Wally.

NOMINATIONS

The month of March always brings up nominations to our Board of Directors. Due to our rotation schedule, there is always three (3) members with their terms expiring. This year, we have the following: Chris Habich, Bob Vanderloop and Dan Burback. So we will be taking nominations from the floor at our Club meeting and then we will repeat this in April and then we will vote. Stop in this month to help nominate our next three (3) Board Members.

MARCH FOOD

Brats, sides and dessert will be done by the club with the help from Patty Kison, Chris Habich and our griller, Drew Nelson

GROOMER SAFETY ON THE TRAILS

As a reminder, if you encounter an on-coming groomer on a trail, STOP. The groomer operator will signal you by shutting the main lights off (or flashing them) or hand signaling you indicating it is safe to pass.

Proceed slowly! NEVER pass a stopped or moving groomer on the trail in either direction unless the operator signals you to do so. If the trail is narrow and there is not enough room for the groomer and snowmobile(s) to safely pass, you may be required to turn around and move back to a wide enough area to allow the groomer to pass. The groomer will not leave the trail for safety reasons and you are required to yield the right of way.

If you ride up behind the groomer, never pass until signaled to do so. The groomer operator sees you and will proceed on until there is a safe area to allow you to pass.

Safety is the top priority for the groomer operator!

HEADED NORTH TO FIND SNOW! 2/4-2/7

This winter has been difficult for anyone in the southern half of Wisconsin that loves to ride. In anticipation of that, we got a group of friends and planned a trip to a place we hadn't been to. We found a rental property on the VRBO app in Pickerel, right across the street from Pickerel Lake. We rented the "Pickerel Bunkhouse" which is a former bar outfitted with 3 bunk rooms, with a sleeping capacity of 18, complete industrial kitchen, a large bar, dartboard, foosball table, pool table and more! One of the best things about this property for snowmobilers is that the walk-in cooler was set up with a timed heater to hang up all of our wet gear and shelves to dry out helmets. It was very reasonably priced and gave us the opportunity to ride all day, then come back to make dinner, have cribbage tournaments, and play more games!

(Headed North To Find Snow cont'd) We drove up on a Friday morning, which gave us the chance to put on some miles our first day up there. Once everyone had arrived, (10 people total) we headed up to Crandon. We stopped for lunch at the Hotel Crandon, then headed west on trail 8 to Monico. I used the Polaris Ride Command App to navigate our group to make a nice loop south and back over to our rental Bunkhouse. The following day a smaller group of us set out for Eagle River and made great time, but the closer we got to it, the worse the trails were. So, we opted to head East instead and make our way back away from the bigger cities. This gave us much better trails to ride on and better scenery. Once we got back, we got the rest of the group and rode to Lily, WI for the Lily Sno-Birds club fundraiser. They had a nice turnout with huge bonfires, raffles in the bar, and food and drinks.

On our last full day, we rode only a few miles out of Pickerel when my wife's Vector lost its driveshaft bearing and took out the speed sensor. But thanks to good friends we were able to swap out a spare sled with the truck and trailer, and meet the group at the next bar for lunch. In all for the weekend we put on about 230 miles and the trails were great! Club members Jake and Katie Bublitz, Evan Fischer and Rachel DeStefano.

50/50 RAFFLE

Club members, at this month's meeting remember to bring your singles as we are going to have a 50/50 raffle, tickets are \$2 each and hopefully you will go home with a couple extra dollars in your wallet than what you came with. Let's have fun with this and make a regular thing at our club meetings. See you all at the meeting.

GROOMER SHOW

On a cool and sunny February 2nd and 3rd Randy Kison and Dennis Guttman went to St Germain for the 24th annual groomer show at Walker Industries, the manufactures of Arrow head drags for trail grooming. The show had manufactures from Mogul Master and Snow Boss and Arrow Head drags as well as groomer units that consisted of tractors with tracks from John Deere and New Holland and a wheeled tractor from Fendt. There was also brushing units on the back of a tracked John Deere and a front mounted trimmer on a Massey Ferguson tractor. There were smaller drags and rollers on the back of UTV's. There were also units from Tucker, Piston Bully and Prinoth as well as a Ford F-350 that had Mat Tracks and a drag, sharp looking unit.

Randy and myself were able to operate many of the units on the one way trail that runs under the power lines behind Walker Industries in St Germain. It fun and interesting to run the different equipment on hand.

Wednesday night attendees to the show were treated to a nice complimentary dinner at the White Tail Inn in St Germain.

LAONA TRIP

Hey Sledders, Looper here. Jeff Bykowski found a house for rent on Silver Lake just west of Laona. We reserved it for Thursday thru Saturday nights. Paul Miller and I got up there about 10:30 am Thursday, thinking we would get in a nice afternoon ride in. Paul's Viper had a dead battery and would not stay running. After a trip down to Lakewood Motor Sports, it was determined that the regulator or stator were nonfunctional. Back at the house, Pauly's spare sled, an Apex started, and we prepped for a ride. We ran south of Laona, towards Pickerel, sweeping back east towards Townsend and back up to Laona for 40 quick miles. We stopped at the Wild Rose on Roberts Lake and seen a bad accident on the trail close to Wabeno. Jeff and (2) other riders joined up with us back at the house that night. Next morning, we gassed up the sleds and headed out. At the first stop/break, one of the riders noticed his sled had a gas leak. After removing panels and accessing the issue, a fix of tightening a collar around the fuel pump worked and stopped the

(laona trip cont'd) leak. With the Polaris put back together we were off continuing up the grade past Tipler and into Michigan. After buying passes and lunch at Kermit's in Iron River, we were back out on the trails in a decent snowstorm. We rode the Michigan trails west and south of Iron River, crossing back into Wisconsin close to Phelps. Working our way thru Alvin, we made our way south and east back to the grade Trail 7. We stopped for a break at the Poplar River Brew Pub before heading back to the house. A 140mile adventure. Saturday morning greeted us with -18 degrees at 6 am. Cal joined us for the ride up and into the UP. With no break downs and perfect trail conditions we found ourselves in Iron River again. Cal bought a pass, and we were off on an 80 mile loop. West of Iron River and then swinging north and east for lunch at the Saw Blade in Amasa, MI. From there we went further east and swung down south to Crystal Falls. We did some lake riding before taking the trail back to Trail 2 and the grade Trail 7 back south. We swung west on Trail 9 and stopped for some cocktails at Johnny's resort. From there it was only a few miles home and our day ended at 180 miles. Sunday was a quick ride down the grade to Wabeno for breakfast at Cassidy's. Took the woods trails back to Laona to end my weekend at 400 miles. The house was updated and decorated by an artist with eclectic taste in furnishings. Renting a house is nice for cooking, planning, and socializing with your group. Until next month, get out and drive to where you can ride!

