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CLUB INFORMATION

MEETING DATES:

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

*BOARD of DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 14th, 2022
@ 6:00pm*

*NEXT CLUB MEETING
Thursday, April 14th, 2022
@ 7:30pm*

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MY THOUGHTS by Dan Burback

Here we are at the close of our season and the start of spring; funny thing about this time is it is snowing outside! And it is April. That is why we live in Wisconsin!! Welcome to Spring!

There are a few items on our list to take care of this spring. We will need help during the month of April to pull our trail markers as the weather warms up and the ground dries out. Due to the farm land we cross, we need to get our markers out before the farmers start to work their fields. Please remember when pulling trails, leave little to no trace of us crossing that land. This goes a long way with our landowners!

Another item we are pursuing is getting our Tucker spruced up! We have contracted with Ziebell Truck Painting to give our groomer a new coat of paint! (Yes, it will be Tucker Orange!!) There will also be two new engine compartment doors added as well as fenders on the doors of the cab. Once we get it back, we will have our logo and lettering re-applied as one would figure, since all decals and lettering were removed during prep. Our goal is to have our Tucker shining like brand new by the time the Ozaukee County Fair hits this summer.

Now that brings me to this summer's Ozaukee County Fair. Last summer, we had one heck of a fair and this has allowed us to finish the maintenance on our Tucker as well as get it re-painted this spring. With this in mind, we will need all the help possible at our annual fund raiser as we need volunteers again to help us at our food and beer tent. Please mark the dates on your calendar for the Fair: Monday & Tuesday, July 31 & August 1 is set-up; Fair starts on Wednesday, August 2 and runs thru Sunday, August 7th.

Keep reading to see what we have been up to when snow was on the ground as well as our elections this month. Till next time, remember to wash and wax your sled, change the oil, toss a bag of moth balls in the bellypan and then cover it up or put it on your trailer until next fall!! Thanks for reading!!

ELECTIONS

We are holding elections to our Board this month. Our Board rotates three (3) directors each year so there is always consistency and as well as experience on our Board. So last month, when we asked for nominations, the three (3) directors up for re-election were nominated and all three (3) accepted. They are as follows: Chris Habich, Bob Vanderloop and Dan Burback. We will re-open up nominations this month before we hold elections. If you or someone you know wishes to join our Board, stop in this month of April and have another Club member nominate you! See you there!!

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APRIL MEETING FOOD

The April meeting will feature pizza from Circle B and Ice Cream

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR

Mark your calendars now, we will have sign-up sheets at the April meeting. Remember there is a job for everyone and we need all club members to help make the club's only fund raiser a success. See you at the meeting and at the fair. P.S. It's ok to sign up for more than one shift

BECAUSE WE LOVE SNOWMOBILING

Fellow club members, as winter ends, many of us feel sad that the season is over and maybe frustrated that our trails were not able to open. Each year, we go into the season with great hope that we will have a long winter with lots of snow. We spend hours brushing and installing trails, we hope to enjoy. Unfortunately, in southern Wisconsin, we get good years and bad. This was one of those years that could leave you wondering, "why do we invest so much energy into this sport and club"? Because of this, I thought I would share with you a list of all the good things that have happened in the club this past year. They give me reason to keep working to have the best club in southeast Wisconsin and definitely in Ozaukee county.

This past summer, we had a very successful 2021 County Fair. We gained access and installed a trail across the St. Francis Borgia property. Hopefully, this will be a long term east-west route for us. In several areas, we installed new culverts to improve trails and landowner relationships. A gate was installed on the east end of Pleasant Valley park to keep non-snowmobilers off a landowners property. With great success at the county fair, we are able to invest in our Tucker groomer. Many repairs have been made and it is currently getting rust repaired and a brand new paint job. We had a fun club/Packer party again this year. We continued our support of the Pink Ribbon Riders with matching funds from the club. Our first ever trail workday followed by a Chili dump took place this year and was lots of fun. Club meetings included a new 50/50 raffle. The club made donations to Wally Thill for his work to represent Ozaukee County at AWS. In memory of Mel Trapp, we made a donation to the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River.

(Because we love snowmobiling cont'd) Finally, with no snow in our area, many of us organized rides with friends in northern Wisconsin and even the UP. While not official club sno-safari's, they were a chance for us to do what we love, ride with friends. As you can see, the club is doing great things, even when there is a lack of snow locally for us to ride. If you are like me, you are already thinking about next year, praying our trails can open, and wondering how many suspension adjustments your friends will make in one day. Hahaha. Until then, I hope to see you at club meetings, and most importantly, working at the County Fair, so that we can continue to have a great club. See you on the trail. The Snow Hunter.

KEWEENAW TRIP

Hello again sledders, Looper here. Like the rest of you, we needed a trip. With the substandard winter in progress, it was decided to go where the snow was, the Keweenaw Peninsula, and boy was there snow. By the time we got up there the Keweenaw had experienced almost 300 inches of snow! So, it's a trip of about 5 to 6 hours / 700 miles by truck, depending on weather. We stayed at the Centennial Cottages in Calumet. There were 6 guys in 3 cabins. A spur trail from resort to the main trail makes getting out and back easy.

We left on Wednesday morning, got settled into the cabins and then dressed for a ride. Some of us rode sleds up to Eagle Harbor Inn for a meal. The rest joined us by truck. I had the Lobster pizza and a salad. Highly recommend this place and meal. Thursday, we took off and rode the trails for a few hours. Sweet trail conditions everywhere. About mid-day we hooked up with a local we know, Matt Downy. Matt is an Ambassador for Ski Doo and knows all the back country trails in the Keweenaw. We followed Matt around on the trails and logging trails for a couple hours. Only got the heavy machines stuck twice. Matt took us up to a hard to access scenic overlook, high up on the cliffs by the Cliff View Bar. It was a one-track trail most of the way thru the deep snow, including a creek crossing where Downy went thru first and then helped us get across by grabbing our right ski's and lifting them over the water to the bank as we crossed. Our knowledge of snowmobiling is always greater after riding with Matt.



To make things more interesting, the Copper Dog 150 Sled Dog Race was being held the same weekend. The start finish line and race party were in Calumet on Thursday night. We waded into the party and watched the teams start out of town. There was food, beer, and large bonfires. Very interesting to see and the dog teams used the snowmobile trails as their racecourse. The groomers were very active and keep the trails groomed perfect the whole weekend. For the most part we adjusted our rides to stay away from the trails being used by the racers. On Saturday we shared trail 134 with the race teams. The snowmobiles did not bother the teams, we just slowed down as we passed them. Again, the dog races were a cool thing to see.



On Friday, Paul and I took off early for a trip to the south. We went back down thru Hancock/Houghton, across the channel and down to the South Range mountains. South Range is a

destination for boon dockers, you can ride anywhere you think you can. We heard from the other riders and decided to turn around and head back up the peninsula to catch up to them. On the way down we crossed the channel via the lower level of the bridge, on the way back we took the channel trail across. By the time we could catch up to the group, Keith's sled had a problem with a broken chain. His sled was towed to the Cliff View Bar and Tom went back to get a truck and trailer. That's where we caught up to the crew. Just in time for a foot long hot dog with Relish made from a recipe that is over 150 years old. Yum Yum! A little more riding before we finished up for the day. Keith was out looking for parts when we got back to the cabins. We then feasted on Lasagna and Burgers with a Salad.

On Friday, Keith went to get his sled from the power sports guy that fixed it. I will let you ask Keith why the chain failed. Pauly and I took off before the rest of the crew and headed for the tip. Freezing rain was moving in. Our first stop was down in Gay at the Gay bar. We had a ¼ in of frozen rain on our windshields and top of our helmets. The bartender asked us to go back outside and get more of the ice off our jackets and such. After some soda, a candy bar, and a check of the radar, we headed out again. Now we were on Trail 133 heading for Lac Labelle. Caught a groomer coming from Lake Labelle right away. We did a lap around the lake before getting off and finding the Trail 132 thru downtown. We ended up taking the old trail 132 / logging road out of town up to Trail 134. Trail 134 takes you up to the tip and Fish Cove. On the way back here is where we watched and passed some of the dog race teams. It was a straight shot back to the cabins on perfectly groomed trails. We put the sleds in the trailers and went out to eat at Carmalita's.



It snowed again Saturday night, which always makes you feel worse when leaving. The truck was in 4 Wheel Drive for the first hour and a half of the trip home. It's quite a drive up there, but what I found out is that you can get a lot of riding in, on and off the trails. Paul and I got just over 400 miles in, but its not the miles, it's the smiles! Until next year, remember, watch out for the idiots, and don't be one!