

# B&B NEWSLETTER

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#### CLUB INFORMATION MEETING DATES: All Club meetings held at Circle B Rec Center in Cedarburg

BOARD of DIRECTORS Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:30pm

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# MY RAMBLING THOUGHTS by Dan Burback

You just have to love the weather here in Wisconsin, as winter is finally here yet somehow we forgot to order frost first! So before we get the "Big One" of snow, we definitely need the ground and the swamps to freeze tight. Minor yet major issue yet good thing it is early in December. One other trail issue is the dead Ash trees that keep dropping after we've brushed and logged the trails. Please keep this in mind and let us know when you see downed trees so can get in there and cut them up before it snows.

At our past Club meeting, we had our second consecutive motion and vote in favor of the changes made to our Club's By-Law to bring them up to date. Next, we need to send it to the State to put on file for us. Took us little while to get this task completed, yet we are done.

Please keep reading as we have more to come; Chris has an article regarding "finger food" type meal for December; Bob recaps the Grafton Christmas Parade; and Randy has an article on our progress on trail work. So until next month, get your boots on and sharpen your snow shovel!!

# THANK YOUs

A couple of thank yous from November's Club meeting for desserts that we enjoyed after dinning on the polish sausage. Thanks goes out to Jeff Bykowski (actually, his wife Carole made them) for bring bars and Julie VanderLoop for baking cookies and sending them along with Looper. Thank you to both for your help.

# **GUEST SPEAKERS**

For December, our own safety guy Dennis Guttmann, is giving us a refresher on snowmobile safety as well as how our season turned out last year. Stop in at our Club Meeting for this as I know we all can use reminders and a heads up on safe snowmobiling! Remember, we are never too old to learn something new. I know I do every day!

We are working on speakers for January and February at this time, yet we have March booked with Wally Thill and he is bringing along our new AWSC president Lori Heideman!! We will have more on this as March gets closer, so mark your calendars!

### TRAILS

As of Saturday December 2nd, the trails are about 95% completed. A big thank you goes out to all who have helped cut down trees, brushing, and signage. Now we just need SNOW!

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# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

To all of our members renewing on or before Thursday, November 30th, we thank you!! This helps keep our records as well as the AWSC up to date. Thank you again for helping us by getting your renewals in by November 30th!!

Moving Forward, please note that if you have not renewed your Club membership by now (November 30th), you'll need to add an additional \$5 making your total \$30 (active) and \$45 (non-active). This was part of updating our By-Laws as well as having our members toe the line in getting their renewals in on time so we are able to process them in a timely manner.

### **HOLIDAY FOOD**

December's meeting will be our "Holiday appetizer night". All of you who are never sure what to bring, here is your chance to bring your favorite appetizer or chirstmas cookie. If you don't cook, you could pick something up at the deli. Please let Chris Habich know what you plan on bringing, so far we have

- Ham sliders
- Sausage Tray
- Raw beef
- Deviled eggs

Everyone loves to eat so we need a few more things. Thank you! See you December 14<sup>th!</sup> Ho-Ho-Ho!

2023 Grafton Christmas Parade Report

Hello fellow snow chasers. Once again Monticello participated in the parade with two truck drawn floats. The second was led by Matt Stonestreet, in a new RAM 1500 from 5 Corners Dodge pulling a Utility Trailer with a new Polaris 850 Crossover sled from Cedar Creek Motor Sports.

The first float was led by me, consisting of the club's open 4 up trailer with an assortment of sleds from multiple people. Thank you, John Henning, and Drew Nelson. We have fun collecting the different sleds, hanging the club banner, hanging lights, stapling the snow down and wiring the snow machine, PA system and generator. With the microphone up in the cab of the truck, for commentary purposes. I instructed the crowd to join a club, support our tent at the fair and of course Think Snow! My ground crew consisted of my wife Julie, daughter Madison and her friends Addie and Lily. They safely distributed 5 five-gallon buckets of candy/trinkets/pencils to kids along the parade route and refilling the snow machine.

While at the staging area, someone noticed a flat tire on the quad trailer. One of our neighbors had a Hallow air compressor / jump starter. Pumped up our tire in about 10 minutes and we were good to go. I put one on my Christmas list.

It was a big parade with over 120 entries. The day and the crowd were both nice. The big crowd makes it even more important for the float drivers to be aware of what and who could be in front of your truck. The kids were darting out from the curbs for pieces of candy.

In closing, the parade is a positive event, and I am glad to be a part of it. Its nice to see, and now talk to, all the friendly people along the way. The looks on the kids faces when the snow machine snows, driven by the wind, falls all around them, just precious. The commentary from the riders in the crowd, "my dad had one just like that!", "the float is great, but where are the Rupp's?" and of course the many Merry Christmas' greetings!

We went to Mel's Charities Party at the Bridge afterward. Two patrons there grabbed me and told me "Your Float Was the Best One!" I appreciated their comments. Until the next time, keep the R's up and take the Jumps! Looper



**FOR SALE** Nothing at this time