



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, November 14th, 2024
@ 6:00pm at Circle B

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday, November 14th, 2024
@ 7:30pm at Circle B

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MY RAMBLING THOUGHTS...AND THANK YOUs by Dan Burback

If you haven't been outside lately, it is November and this is a much different fall than previous ones. We have had a very dry fall and most, if not all of our brushing trails is done. We are up to a few cornfields, yet this is minor compared to the past. Most that is left is signing and we have a few more weekends to wrap this up! I have heard that the Jackson Moonlighters even have their swamps on both sides of Division Road cleared and marked! We all have been using the weather to our advantage!

Our Packer Party - Thank You party was another success this year!! The Packers won, we had awesome heavy appetizers during the game and awesome BBQ pork and beef sandwiches at half-time! There were 44 members and family in attendance and all had a blast! Thank you to Chris Habich for putting this together for us and thank you to Edgewater for hosting our Party once again.

At this point, I need to put down my pen as others are adding their take on Club functions. Enjoy the balmy fall and let us all look forward to the start of our snowmobile season ahead!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES are DUE!

Thank you goes out to those members renewing their membership already! Katie has sent in one batch of renewals to the AWSC during the last week of October and we are looking at another batch going in after November's Club Meeting. We still need quite a few members to renew and I know I'm one of them. Join me at November's Club meeting and turn in your application as well as your dues!

Remember, we accept new membership applications all year long, yet if you renew your membership and pay your dues on or after December 1, 2024, you will be subject to a \$5 late fee!

We thank you in advance for renewing your membership with our Club!!

HALLOWEEN CANDY

Once again, we are looking for donations of bags of Halloween Candy at November's Club Meeting that we will use for this year's Grafton's Christmas Parade. Each year, it seems we always need more candy than the previous year; so we decided to add a little extra bonus this fall. If you donate an 8 ounce or larger bag of Halloween candy and purchase at least \$5 worth of 50/50 raffle tickets, you will get six (6) additional tickets! So help us out and get a little something in return! Thank you in advance for bring us bags of Halloween candy! We can use them!!

REMEMBERING DICK (With insight from Dave Helm)

Dick Larson's funeral was held last month even though he passed away this past August at 91-1/2 years old. For those who knew Dick, he joined our Club back in the mid to late '70s and by the time I joined our Club in '83 or '84, he was active in our Club as a Board member as well as working on trails which is how I first got involved (even though I had my parents to join for me). I still remember that cold fall Saturday morning with my brother and I suiting up in cold weather gear and Dick picking us up in his early '80s blue & white Ford F150 Super Duty pickup to go and work on trails. We brushed a good many miles of trails and put in many trail markers (as a teenager it seemed like miles) before we stopped at The Black Wheel for burgers at lunchtime (which was Dick's treat!!). That was an awesome way to get your feet wet with trail work!

What I didn't realize was how "weak" our Club was at that time; our Club had gotten as low as 25 memberships and our sport of snowmobile was in a decline in the early '80s yet we were fortunate enough to have him encourage us to keep on going. Plus, the fact that Dick got into the game and immediately showed his ability of leadership and was instrumental in helping us keep our club together in some difficult times. Under his leadership, our Club started to come back and by the time he hung up being president in the late '90s, we had over 185 memberships (approximately 100 Club memberships and 85 landowners). Plus, we can chalk up our growth of trail equipment under Dick's advisement as our Club purchased a 1977 Tucker followed by a 1990 Tucker, our current Arrowhead drag, our Honda ATV, and our first brusher. We did not have the funds like we do today making this a difficult feat even harder considering we were in the "red" by the time the Fair arrived each summer. Dick still managed to pull this off and keep our Club moving forward.

Dick's enjoyment of being a leader was quite evident from the beginning; Dick led questions and decisions into a group discussion/debate, like unification. His encouragement motivated many people to be active in the club. Plus, he was always attempting to add a bit of humor and witty content to the club where we all enjoyed it and laughing along with him. We admired him for his dedication and commitment to our club and Dick was fair with all people and situations. No doubt he was a man of endurance and faith which is what we all can cherish in this case, whether or not you knew him. We meant a lot to Dick as did our Club and Dick meant a lot to all of us as well. Rest in peace Dick!

WHATS COOKING CORNER

It's been a beautiful fall, now its already November. We are having the last of the fair leftovers! Burgers – grilled by Drew Nelson. Thank you for doing that. We still have cheese so we will get French fries from Circle B and have seasoned cheesy fries. Katie's favorite, ice cream for dessert. So we have everything!

I will have the Dec 12th "Christmas Appetizer" sign up sheet at November's meeting. This is open to all club members to bring your favorite holiday treat!. Please sign up ahead or call Chris ahead so we don't have 5 taco dips. See you at the meeting!

TRAILS

At this point, all the trails are brushed other than a few fence lines. We had some trees down off of Granville Road and in the Pleasant Valley Park, one which landed on the gate, going into Gary Habersetzer's property.

Next week we will attempt to get more markers in as we only have a few more weeks till deer hunting. Thanks to Ken, the trail to the Hub is almost completely done!! Depending on the weather, we will get the cultipacker out to do some leveling.

Saturday November 9th and 16th are trail work days. If you're able to help, please meet at the Kison farm, 929 Elm Rd at 7:30 a.m.

Any questions or concerns please let me know.
Randy Kison

FOR SALE

If you want to list your snowmobile or related item(s),

Contact Sam Chase

WANTED

Older leaf spring style front suspension Yamaha snowmobiles, such as the Exciter 340, 443 or 440, SRX, or the SS440. Mostly made from 1976 thru 1983 or so. Contact Dave