

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 12th, 2024 @ 6:00pm at Circle B

NEXT CLUB MEETING Thursday, December 12th, 2024 @ 7:30pm at Circle B

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

When I noticed the temps going into the teens lately, that told me we are finally in winter. We did get snow flurries over Thanksgiving and the forecast keeps teasing us on snow! The ground is freezing well and most water holes should be doing the same; next is snow then we get to hit the trails! By the way, I talked to Randy regarding our trails and they are almost completely in with the exception of a few corn fields that still has standing corn. We will get to those once deer hunting is over.

As you will read further below, we have invited the Next Gen riders to put on a presentation at our December's Club meeting. There is an article in the November 2024 Wisconsin Snowmobile News that tells about them and their purpose, yet we will find out additional info in December at our meeting. Please bring your questions! Plus, if you have young adults in your family that enjoy snowmobiling, are looking to be more active with those in their age group and are between 21 & 35, bring them along to get more info regarding the Next Gen riders! Our young adults are our future, and the Next Gen Riders are playing that part!

Time for me to cut it short and move on to others; until next month, start dusting off your sled and charge up battery! And in case I don't see you at our Club Meeting, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!!

LANDOWNER GIFTS

Are included in this newsletter! We have included your \$25 gift card for your local Piggly Wiggly stores, as a small token of our thanks and gratitude for allowing us to install our trails across your land last season. Your permission to allow us to cross your land each season is awesome as well as a major asset to our Club. With this, we are able to maintain our 20 miles of trails as they wind throughout Ozaukee County and two (2) miles in Washington County! Thanks again for your permission and supporting our sport of snowmobiling!!

GUEST SPEAKERS

We hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with family, friends, and maybe even a chance to bag the 30-point buck! At our December meeting, Lynsey and Rachyl Burzinski, former AWSC Miss Snowflakes, will present on Next Gen Riders, a group of young adults (ages 21–35) dedicated to promoting snowmobiling. Next Gen Riders, transitioning from the K.A.O.S. program, work to support the sport at all levels—local, county, and state. Come to the meeting to hear their insights, ask questions, and see how they're shaping the future of snowmobiling. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A big thank-you to everyone who has already renewed their membership! For those who haven't, please note that as of December 1, 2024, your dues are late, and a \$5 late fee will apply. It's important to adhere to the renewal deadline to keep our records current, especially with the AWSC.

As of this newsletter, Katie has submitted all new and renewal memberships received by our last club meeting to the AWSC. If you mailed your application and dues to our PO Box after November 15th, processing may still be underway.

To check your AWSC membership status or retrieve your membership number, visit AWSC.org and use the "Membership Inquiry" under Quick Links on the main page. Be sure to use the name you submitted on your application (e.g., if your legal name is "Daniel" but you go by "Dan," use your legal name). If it doesn't work the first time, try again before panicking!

If you have any questions, please reach out to our membership chair, Katie Bublitz.

Remember, we accept new membership applications year-round, but renewals submitted on or after December 1, 2024, are subject to the \$5 late fee. Thank you for supporting our club, and we appreciate your timely renewals!

GRAFTON CHRISTMAS PARADE HIGHLIGHTS

Monticello participated in this year's Grafton Christmas Parade with two truck-drawn floats. Matt Geszvain led one float, showcasing a new Polaris 850 Crossover sled from Cedar Creek Motor Sports, pulled by a RAM 1500 courtesy of 5 Corners Dodge. The other float, led by Looper, featured vintage snowmobiles, including a '71 Ski-Doo 440 TNT, a '74 Arctic Cat Panther, and Drew Nelson's '76 Merc Snowtwister—thanks to Drew for lending his sled!

The floats were decked out with lights, a snow machine, a PA system, and the club banner. Along the parade route, Looper shared messages encouraging spectators to join a club, support Monticello at the fair, and, of course, "Think Snow!" Candy distribution was handled safely by family and friends, including Julie, Madison, Lily, Melissa, Maddy, and Abby, who handed out 11 five-gallon buckets of treats.

With over 120 entries, the parade was a big success despite the cold and windy weather. The snow machine delighted kids as they danced under the falling snow. Per the parade announcer, Monticello's float remains a crowd favorite. Thank you to everyone who donated candy and supported this year's efforts—it was a joyful day filled with smiles, snow, and holiday cheer!

WHATS COOKING CORNER

The holidays are here, and it's time to celebrate! Join us on December 12th for our annual Holiday Appetizer Night during the club meeting. We're still in need of appetizers and desserts to make the evening festive. So far, we have meatballs and a Reuben casserole lined up, but we'd love for more members to contribute.

If you're planning to bring something, please let Chris know ahead of time by calling. This helps ensure we don't end up with too much of the same dish. The club will also be providing some appetizers, so there will be plenty to enjoy.

Come and celebrate the season with us—we can't wait to see you there!

Ho-Ho-Ho, Nesco Queen

TRAIL STAKE UPDATE

Every year, we rely on hundreds of wooden stakes for trail signs, many of which need replacement due to wear and tear. For over a decade, Dean Wandel, Washington County Director, has generously supplied thousands of stakes through his operation in Germantown. Recently, Dean's lumber source ran dry, but thanks to Josh Brown, VP of Bliffert Lumber, we received a generous donation of 378 weathered 2x6-12' SPF boards—enough to produce over 2,200 stakes!

With Dean's inventory and this donation, we're replenishing stock for area clubs. Stakes are ready at the Kison Farm, and we're close to opening the trails. A big thanks to Dean, Josh, and Bliffert Lumber for their support. Now, let's all Think Snow!

FOR SALE

2008 Ski-Doo 600 MXZ X, 6600 miles, New track, Yellow/Black, New carbides, one owner, garage kept, mint condition. See to appreciate, adult driven. Call Bob \$2500

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.