



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, March 13th, 2025
@ 6:00pm at Circle B

NEXT CLUB MEETING
Thursday, March 13th, 2025
@ 7:30pm at Circle B

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Mark Helm October 1, 1961 to February 25, 2025

In remembrance of Mark, this month's newsletter is dedicated to him. Please keep Lisa and Mary along with the rest of his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. He will be missed!

NOMINATIONS

We will be looking for nominations for our Board of Directors at March's Club Meeting. As of August 31st, the three-year terms for Chris Habich, Bob Vanderloop and Dan Burback will be up. This doesn't mean they are done, it just means they could be nominated again for the Board of Directors (given they accept the nomination). Plus, other nominations from the floor are always accepted. Stop in at March's Club Meeting and nominate your fellow Club member! See you there!

THANK YOU

Goes out to Wally Thill for joining us at February's Club Meeting to be our guest speaker. And thank you Wally for being our AWSC Director for 56+ years and running!! He covered quite a bit of ground and as usual, the AWSC always has plenty going on regarding snowmobiling. One major item is dues collected for membership in the AWSC; currently our Club pays your AWSC dues and they are currently at \$12/year. Due to a shortfall of income from the previous season as well as this season, the proposal on dues is to raise them to \$15/year. Our Club has voted in favor of supporting this increase and Wally will take our vote to the convention at the end of this month. Thanks again, Wally for your continued support of snowmobiling.

TRAIL UPDATE

We did groom the circuit one time, including to Newburg and Saukville. It would have been another year that we could have used a roller, more details to come on that at our March meeting. Thanks to everyone involved to get it done!

March 15th is the "official" closing of our trails. Please keep in mind when removing trails to make sure that no debris is left on the trail and if any broken stakes are found to remove the broken off piece in the ground also. Please use caution on fields where crops are planted. Removal dates will depend upon the weather, please watch for emails or texts.

MY RANDOM THOUGHTS By Dan Burback

The End Is Near! Now that is an attention grabber and one can interpret that quite a few ways! And since I have limited space, I'll stick to snowmobiling this time. Many of you may know this, our snowmobile trails in Ozaukee County technically close on March 15th and need to be removed by March 31st. Please keep in mind, each county sets their own open and close dates, yet the snow conditions and weather will dictate how close they are followed. So you probably can see where I'm going with this; our snowmobiling season officially ends two (2) days after our next Club Meeting. We want to thank all involved with our trails this past season; when we had snow, our trails were clear and ready for snowmobiling! Thanks again to all for their help!

For other items happening within our Club or from those around us, continue reading. One last note, there is a data center being considered north of Port Washington that will have an impact on the Snow Runners snowmobile trail; they are in discussions to see what can be done to keep it intact. As we are entering the "off" season, we still need to keep our eyes and ears open regarding anything snowmobile related. Until next month!!

MARCH MADDNESS

Basketball, Shamrocks or maybe a big snow storm yet. We are getting to the end of our snowmobiling season and I'm running out of club meeting food ideas. So this month will be cold sandwiches, Ham, Turkey, Roast Beem, Maybe even PBJs.

Since we never know how many people will come to a meeting, food judging is hard. So please only take 1 sandwich when you go through the line. After everyone has gone though, you can return to the line.

Thanks for sharing the food!

March is the luck of the Irish, you could be a lucky shamrock 50/50 raffle winner! Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Happy Saint Patricks Day! Nesco Queen

SNO-DRIFTER TRAILS

In February, the Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club approached us about taking over their 7-mile trail section as they prepare to dissolve. Our club already grooms these trails, which connect with Monticello at Spring Hill Rd (Hwy 33 & Hwy I) and extend toward Newburg and Hawthorne Rd to meet the Schnee-Katzen trails.

(SNO-DRIFTERS CONT'D) If we take on these trails, we would receive funding for installation, removal, and grooming, adding resources to our club. Having former Sno-Drifter members join us would also help with landowner contacts and trail maintenance. If no one from their club takes the lead, we will need a Monticello member to step up.

We hope to have more information by the next meeting and will discuss the best course of action then. Losing this trail could make it difficult to re-establish in the future, so we encourage everyone to think it over.

An adventure on sled....Locally

A last-minute ride with John Henning, Anthony Reyes, and Austin Ryan turned into quite an adventure. I met up with the guys at John's, got the sled ready, and we hit the trails—crossing Highway 33, winding around a cornfield, and heading south through Pleasant Valley Park. The snow was light and dry, but it felt great to be out riding.

We followed the trails down Highway I before dropping onto Cedar Creek near the bridge, riding the ice south into downtown Cedarburg. After a quick stop, we decided to have a fire at our usual spot, picking up an old Christmas tree under Highway 60 for kindling. That thing lit up fast, and in no time, we had a solid fire going.

On the way back, we ran into trouble—a tight spot with open water and a fallen log. John and Anthony made it across first. Austin went around the log, while I went over it. Just as Austin's sled broke through the ice, I had no choice but to pin the throttle. I hit the water with a huge splash (sorry, Austin!) and somehow launched onto solid ice. Meanwhile, John and Anthony got a little wet pulling Austin's sled out of the creek.

With The Hub closed, we rode back toward John's. I took a frozen branch to the shoulder, sending me off-trail—luckily missing any trees! We stopped at Bob Dino's shop, where he was restoring a '67 Cutlass before wrapping up the day with venison chili and a couple of cold ones.

The next morning, my wife and daughter were laughing—Life360 had been pinging them that I was "Boating" on Cedar Creek!

More stories to come from our Keweenaw trip next month!

Looper out.