



# B&B NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026 VOLUME 59 ISSUE 5

## CLUB INFORMATION

### MEETING DATES:

All Club meetings held at Circle  
B Rec Center in Cedarburg

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
@ 7:30pm at Circle B

### CLUB OFFICERS

President: Dan Burback  
Vice President: Dennis Guttman  
Secretary: Jake Publitz  
Treasurer: Patty Kison

### BOARD MEMBERS

Matt Geszvain  
Chris Habich  
Katie Rae Publitz  
Ken Seidel  
Eric Graves

### TRAIL MASTER

Randy Kison

Editor: Sam Chase

Publisher: Mike Mueller

Distributor: Mary Demler

Send all items for the B&B  
Newsletter to:  
Sam Chase

Monticello Sno-Mobile Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 717  
Cedarburg, WI 53012  
[www.monticellosnowmobileclub.org](http://www.monticellosnowmobileclub.org)

## My Ramblings by Dan Burback

Happy New Year!! We are off to a better start than the way 2025 ended for us! Yet we did open up our trails for a couple of days in early December and we did roll our trails first to get them to set up correctly. And the roller worked ideally! I discussed this with Randy Kison, our trailmaster, and with the weight of the frame and tires, our trails packed down and froze tight. This helped us get an ideal base for our trails and given it stayed cold and we received additional snow, our trails would have been flat and quick! Moving forward, we will do this again to get the ideal base set up to keep our trails in the best shape possible and as long as possible.

Otherwise, we are now moving into our peak season and if anyone wants to head up a Sno-Fari, please contact one of our Board Members and let them know your plan. Or even a local trail ride when we have enough snow and conditions to open them. So until next month, let's fuel up our sleds and keep your hand either by the ignition or on the pull rope!

## December Guest Speaker

Last month, after our newsletter was sent out, we were asked by ABATE of Wisconsin if they could be our December guest speaker and we said yes. The reason they wanted to talk to our membership was to let us know what our governor is planning to do with gasoline as well as internal combustion engines. For the fuel, ABATE stated that our governor is planning to increase the alcohol content in our gasoline to 25% which will definitely harm any recreational vehicle as well as tractors, lawnmowers, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, etc. Plus, he will attempt to reduce the usage of internal combustion by limiting what is available to consumers as well as the repairability of said vehicles. I know I had no clue on any of this so having ABATE stop in was ideal; bottom line, the consumer still needs the right to choose (vehicles or fuel) as well as the right to repair their vehicles. So to wrap this up, we'd like to thank Steve Panten, legislature chair for ABATE, as well as members Keith Hamilton and Jen Abraham for stopping out to our meeting!

## Trails

Well, it was a great start to the season. We got all the trees cut and the swamps froze. Thanks Ken and everyone else who put in a lot of hours to get this accomplished! We were able to level all the banks at the road crossings and roll the complete trail circuit with the new roller, which worked awesome!!

If anyone has trail work documented, please be sure to turn it in to Dan or Dennis as soon as possible, so they can submit it.

## Whats Cookin Corner

Hope you all had a good & healthy holiday. Here we are in 2026, a new year! Well we will have food at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting but not sure what to be honest. I'm still full from 2025 holidays, haha. So come to the meeting and find out for yourself. Mystery Month Meeting! Hope to see you there! Nesco Queen

## Christmas Parade

Hello fellow snow chasers and parade lovers. We had to wait another week for this parade due to the winter storm on the original date. The following Saturday was a beautiful sunny day with temps in the mid 20's and a light wind.

Monticello had two truck drawn floats in the parade this year. The first was led by Jeff Bykowski with Eric and xxxx Graves as Co-Pilots, in a new RAM 1500 from 5 Corners Dodge pulling a Utility Trailer with a new Lynx 600 Crossover sled from Cedar Creek Motor Sports on it. The second float was piloted by me, consisting of the old "Bar" trailer with my 76 Merc Snowtwister, a John Deer, a Mot-Ski an Arctic Cat and another Mercury. Thank you, Jeff Bublitz for resurrecting and letting me use the "Bar" trailer. Thank you, Drew Nelson, for the Snowtwister. Thank you, John Henning, for all the other sleds.

We have fun 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 Lily and Addie. They safely distributed 10 five-gallon buckets of candy/trinkets/pencils to kids along the parade route and refilling the snow machine. Thanx all who donated candy and supported our efforts for the parade this year.

It was a big parade with over 120 entries. The crowd was only about 50 to 60% of the normal crowd, due to the re-schedule. It is important for the float drivers to be aware of what and who could be in front of their truck. The kids were darting out from the curbs for pieces of candy and dancing in the snow from our float.

In closing, the parade is a positive event, and I am glad to be a part of it. It's nice to see, and now talk to, all the friendly people along the way. Per the parade announcer, we are a perennial favorite float. The looks on the kid's faces when the snow machine's snow, driven by the wind, falls all around them, is just precious. The commentary from the crowd is great, and the Rupp guy was missing this year, and of course the many Merry Christmas greetings!

## What to do in Calumet MI / Keweenaw Peninsula on a rainy day.

Well, Matt Geszvain and I snuck up to the Keweenaw Peninsula to see if we could get some early season riding in. We left on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, it takes 5 to 6 hours to get up there. We got into the house, unloaded the sleds and got ready for a "Shake Down Cruise". Time enough to run up to the Cliff View Bar. This bar recently was sold and partially remodeled, the bar area looks like it belongs in Cedarburg. Kind of a weird vibe for up there. We had a few drinks and then headed back to the house. The trails were crazy flat, hard with little loose snow and fast. Speeds exceeded 100MPH on the way home.

Unfortunately, the forecast for Thursday was grim and bleak. It started raining before we got up and it rained the whole day. So, we thought about what to do. Let me set the stage for you. The resort we stay at has a spur trail, about a ½ mile long, from the main trail to the cabins and houses. It tends to be rough and tight from overgrowth. We had joked, many times, about how the resort needs a "Drag" for its trail. Guess what, today's the day! We consulted with the resort owner; he was good with the idea and supplied all the lumber we needed. I won't lie; Matt and I had talked about this before we left. Matt brought his Skill saw, drill bag and screws. We drew up some initial designs, consulted the World Wide Web and agreed on a design. The owner let us use his shed/shop. After about 2 hours the drag was complete and the mess cleaned up.

We went into town to get lunch and a quick connect link, hoping the rain would maybe stop. We got back with full tummies and the part we needed, only to find the rain was heavier. They were forecasting a flash freeze about 8 o'clock that night. With the snow being wet and heavy, we knew we had to groom now, before the freeze. We went out with sleds, loppers and a non-functional chain saw. The tight spots were beaten back, and the trail was run down by our sleds. With that, the drag was hooked up to Matt's sled and the grooming began. To our amazement the drag performed very well. The rough areas were filled in and the trail smoothed out. We went back to the house, stored the drag, covered the sleds and retired for the night. Everything we had on out there was soaked. Our gear was laid out all over the house and dried good overnight. By 8 that night it was snowing... hard.

Next morning there was 5 to 12 inches of fresh snow, depending on where you measured. We gathered our gear and took off on the sleds to the north. Flat hard base with fresh snow on top. Snowed on us the whole day. Like heaven. Only a couple of bad bumps on way up to Brockway Mountain and Copper Harbor. Did you know that Copper Harbor is 1990 miles, down highway 41, from Miami, FL? Took the outer loop back, trail to the point was still closed due to large water puddles in trail. What a day and ride!

It snowed all night. Got up and then headed south. Drove thru Lake Linden, across the snow bridge in Houghton/Hancock and down to the southwest along lake superior. Turned around by Twin Lakes. Except for the trail going up the hill (whoops) out of Houghton, the trails were stupid good. Even thru Hancock. As the day went on, the temperature was falling and the winds were growing. By the time we turned around we were driving in and out of complete white out conditions. Very dangerous. Our plan was to ride back up past Calumet up to Eagle Harbor to get some lobster pizza. We decided to stop in at the house, warm up, nibble on some food and rehydrate. Meanwhile the weather continued to get worse. The wind was still getting stronger and white outs were almost all the time now. We decided to go out and groom the spur trail once more. Matt was out first and hooked up the drag and groomed the trail. Drag worked awesome again. Back at the house, my sled would not start. Even with a jump, no dice. At least it was parked next to the trailer. It was time for feats of strength. (2) guys pulling a heavy ice laden Yamaha up the trailer ramp and into position on the trailer. We put Matt's sled on the trailer and brought an end to our riding. We did take the truck up for pizza.

We packed and organized our gear when we got back from pizza. The next morning, we were on the road by 8:10. Back in Grafton before 1PM. Another chapter written in our snowmobile trip adventure book.

## For Sale

2000 Ski-Doo 700 MXZ 4,500 miles, 1 owner, clean, yellow, R+R track bearings \$1000 Call Bob Habich

2008 Ski-Doo 600 MXZ X 6,600 miles, New track, Yellow/Black, New carbides, one owner, garage kept, mint cond, see to appreciate adult driven. \$2000 Call Bob Habich