



SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB Eagle River, WI



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down and reflect on what I should scribble down as a Christmas message I find myself thinking of what Christmas means to us. Certainly, Christmas means different things to different people. For kids Christmas means being on our best behavior, trimming a Christmas tree and getting presents. For Christians, it is a time when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. It is a time of God showing his great love of us. For the shop keepers, it is the biggest shopping season of the year. Time for huge sales and advertising. Then for us who suffer the sickness of snowmobiling, the Christmas season is the season of joy and getting out on the snowmobile trails. The sheer beauty of snow hanging from the tree branches along the trails. If you have not experienced the beauty that is the Northwoods during the winter, you are missing out in life. I suffer from the snowmobile illness, and I have been observing the beauty of the snowmobile trail riding since 1960. Yes, we did not have trails back then, we basically drove all over the place. My message this year is that I am hoping more and more people, can enjoy nature, the snowy beauty of the Northwoods and the enjoyment of snowmobiling through the trails of the Northwoods. I am not the Speed Racer of the snowmobile speed demon set but rather the Sunday driver who can enjoy a relatively slow pace of driving a snowmobile in the woods. I do look forward to this season as a Christian and as an avid snowmobiler. How about starting the season by attending the Sno-Eagles Christmas Party Friday December 13 at Catch 22 Supper Club. This event should be entertaining and a chance to meet other "sick people", I mean other snowmobilers to have a good time and enjoy the season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. "Let it Snow"

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Jortiz, Marv Radloff,

Trail signs, gates, fences: Jerry Lathrop, Ron Engels, Bernie Pacanowski

Saturday Night Out: Cheryl Storms

Trail Maps: Steve Linn and his group of volunteers.

Trail Brushing: Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop, Brian Scheid, Deana Jansa, Chuck Bodie, Scott Priesler, Marv Radloff, Charlie Check, Dan Lynch, Gary Jacobs and Brian Scheid

Weekly Constant Contact: Carole Linn

Newsletter Publisher: Ken Storms

Trail Boss Brian

We are still looking for more volunteers. Go to our website and sign up to help, or contact president@sno-eagles.org or trailboss@sno-eagles.org to volunteer.

Howard

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

Over the next several months the Sno-Eagles will be very involved in community events. The sponsoring entities of these events make monetary donations to the Sno-Eagles in appreciation of our efforts. These donations are an important source of revenue for the club.

The major upcoming activities we'll be helping with in the near future include working the food concessions at both the Vintage and Derby weekends, and clean-up at pond hockey. We will need **MANY VOLUNTEERS** for these events.

Each activity will be announced in our electronic News of the Week (which you are reading). We are now using an electronic sign-up service called TimeToSignUp. Just click on the link and it will take you to the sign-up form where you will see all the shifts we need help for. It also shows who has volunteered for a shift. Once you sign up, you'll receive a confirmation email. Prior to the event, you'll be notified of pertinent information. TimeToSignUp is very easy to use.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

?????????– Trails Open – Conditions permitting

12/13 – Sno-Eagles Christmas Party – Catch 22 Supper Club

January

1/ 7 – Board of Directors Meeting

1/10-12 – Vintage Derby Weekend

1/16– Member meeting at VFW Post

1/17-19 – Championship Derby Weekend

1/20 - 2020 Military Ride

1/24-26 – Women on Snow

1/25 – Saturday Night Out – location TBA

1/31-2/2 – Weekend Away to Super 8 Motel in Tomahawk, WI

February

2/4 – Board of Directors Meeting

2/11-12 – Weekday Getaway to Florence, WI

2/20 – Member Meeting – Eddie B's White Spruce

2/29 – Groom to Ride Raffle Drawing – Track Side

2/29 – Saturday night Out – location TBA

March

3 – Board of Directors Meeting

19 -Member Meeting at Eagle Waters Resort

28 – Saturday Night Out – location TBA

April

7 - Board of Directors Meeting

16 – Member Meeting at Chef Rene's Eagle River Inn

25 – Saturday Night Out – location TBA

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

SNOW! We have it!

However... we are lacking the COLD and we need it. Our trail system is roughly 40% swamp and marsh land and it's not frozen. I'm concerned about safety if we don't get the cold and open the trails too soon. My opinion to be patience is around safety. We have good snow to start. A trail opening date has not been set by the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance and Vilas County Parks & Recreation. You should hear an announcement soon.

Back to back sister snowstorms delivered 20+” of snow before and after Thanksgiving. The first storm dropped heavy wet snow and the second storm was much drier than expected. The result is we have hundreds of downed trees that we are clearing & moving off the trail before the county can inspect. It has been a very busy week for us. Again, the club is very thankful to our volunteers and our groomer operators who have put in so much time and effort.

We have a great group of groomer operators again this year. They are ready to pan the white gold. Again, I want to personally thank all of our volunteers who helped brush trails this fall. To accomplish what we did and to have the trails ready is truly a group effort. The club is ever so grateful as I am.

Now it's time to enjoy it. SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS, real soon!

Brian Scheid

Trail Boss

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WANT CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS????

Trail Boss – **Brian Scheid** (715) 891-2332

Sno-Eagles Trail Conditions **Hotline** – (715) 479-5185 or www.snoeagles.org

MEET OUR NEW MISS SNO-EAGLE



Kortnie Volk was crowned Miss Sno-Eagle 2019-2020 at our November 21st meeting. Kortnie is from Three Lakes and is a senior at Three Lakes High School.

Snowmobiling is one of the activities she and her family enjoy together. The love for snowmobiling was instilled in Kortnie when she received an Arctic Cat Kitty Cat for Christmas at age three. She and her family spend most winter weekends snowmobiling. The importance of snowmobiling to the Volk family is evident as they allow snowmobile trails through their property and have done so since trails have been in existence in the Northwoods.

As Miss Sno-Eagle, Kortnie will represent the Sno-Eagles at events throughout 2019-2020 some of which include the World Championship Snowmobile Derby, Derby Vintage Weekend, Groom to Ride Raffle, the 4th of July Parade, and membership meetings.

Kortnie is featured on the Sno-Eagles 2019 -2020 trail map cover. A \$500 scholarship donated by Boat Sport will be awarded upon completion of Miss Sno-Eagle responsibilities. In addition, she will receive a custom embroidered snowmobile suit donated by Boat Sport. Hair and makeup for the trail map photo was donated by Synergy Salon and Spa. TJ Gaffney Photography donated the map cover photo shoot.

WEEKLY CLUB RIDES

Wednesday & Thursday Club Rides will begin in January. Meet at the old train station at 9:00 am. The group will pick a destination for the day's ride & lunch. Everyone is welcome! **Ron Engels** – 715-479-5322 will lead the Wednesday rides and **Rusty Wolf** – 262-442-4876 will lead the rides on Thursday. Now you really need to start thinking cold, snow & frozen swamps!

WOMEN ON SNOW 2020

Since 1986 a great riding event for women snowmobilers has taken place in Eagle River. This year's ride will be held on January 24-26. Many Sno-Eagle members have attended these events over the years. Just think – no men to tell you how to ride or give you directions.

Go to www.womenonsnow.org for complete details. - or contact member and organization director **Judy Pacanowski** at woserjudy@aol.com.

TWO CLUB SNOWMOBILE TRIPS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

As we told you last month, this winter you will have two opportunities for club overnight trips. Both are filling up but it's not too late to sign up.

#1- Weekend Away – January 31-February 2 – Destination – Super 8 Hotel in Tomahawk, WI

This was the destination several years ago for a Weekend Away.

Audrey Stearns and Linda Brunswick are planning the details now for the trip. Audrey & Linda were the hosts also for the first trip to Tomahawk.

Call **Audrey Stearns** for more information at 715-479-8890 **Super 8 Hotel** – 715-453-5210

#2- Weekday Getaway – February 11-12 – Destination Doll's Lakeside B&B in Florence, WI

This will be our 2nd Valentine's Getaway snowmobile trip to this location

Enjoy the snowmobile trails during the week when they are at their best and safest for a group ride.

Call **Marv and Carol Radloff** at 715-479-5153. **Doll's Lakeside Bed and Breakfast** - 715-528-3259

CORRECTION FROM NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

In the article about the Sno-Eagle Safety School, there were two mistakes that need to be corrected. The snowmobiles for class instruction were furnished this year by **Boat Sport**. The beverages were donated by **Pick & Save**. We apologize for the errors in reporting.

GROOM TO RIDE FUNDRAISER

Groom to Ride, a major fundraiser for Sno-Eagles, is underway. As in the past, the beneficiaries of the raffle will be Sno-Eagles, and the clubs in Conover and Three Lakes. Tickets will be available at the Derby and at many area businesses. Because of postal regulations, we will not be sending tickets out to members, but we urge you to stop at Trackside to buy your tickets. The prize drawing will be at Trackside on February 29 at noon. Miss Sno-Eagle will be there to draw the winning tickets.

Sales People Needed!

The Sno-Eagles are selling **Groom to Ride** raffle tickets at community locations.

Here's an opportunity to volunteer!

We're selling tickets at Trackside and Pick n' Save on multiple dates between now and

February. The shifts are only 3 hours long, you will be seated at a table indoors.

WE NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH SHIFT

Please give a little of your time to help make Groom to Ride a huge success. The more tickets we sell, the more we profit. All the proceeds go directly to maintaining our trails.

It's fun, it's easy. Please sign up!

You can view the schedule and/or sign-up by clicking the **TimeToSignUp** button below

[TimeToSignUp](#)

For questions contact Volunteer Coordinator [Sandy Lathrop](#)

MORE NEW MEMBERS

We have lots of new members of our Sno-Eagles family this month. Welcome to all of you!

Nick Briski & Randy Peterson	Omro, WI
Julia Brost	Eagle River, WI
Erik & Laura Dunklau	Eagle River, WI
Eric & Michelle Eswein	Eagle River, WI
Scott Ferrero	Eagle River, WI
Mike & Tonya Hoppe	Eagle River, WI
Chris & Karin Kieta	St. John, IN
Andy McQuestion	Butler, WI
Jim & Jennie Militello	Lake Geneva, WI
Greg Newman	Howards Grove, WI
Tom & Janet Nowicki	Plainfield, IL
Kim Riemer & Jeff Swanson	Green Bay, WI
David & Sharon Rindfliesch	Asbury, IA
Jon & Angie Rothmeier	Eagle River, WI
Brian & Gail Schroeder	Madison, WI
Bill Schumann	Eagle River, WI
David Strickland	St. Charles, IL
Amanda Thacker	Eagle River, WI
Jerry & Linda Tyrrell	Green Bay, WI
Jack & Sharlene Waskow	Eagle River, WI
Mark & Liz Wendelberger	Brookfield, WI
Thomas Wildt	Menomonee Falls, WI

REMINDER ABOUT WISCONSIN TRAIL PASSES

All snowmobiles operating in Wisconsin are required to display a Wisconsin Trail Pass (purchased separately from your snowmobile registration). Members of the AWSC and a local club (like Sno-Eagles) will be able to purchase these annual passes for \$10 instead of \$30 for each of their personal sleds registered in Wisconsin. We have been told that no warnings will be given this year – ALL NON-COMPLIANT RIDERS WILL BE TICKETED. Don't take a chance by not spending the \$10 for a trail pass

If your membership is current, you are all set to buy your discounted trail passes. Do it now – the trails will open soon! Contact the AWSC at www.awsc.org to purchase trail passes. Don't go to the DNR or a local gas station to purchase these discounted trail passes. They will only sell you the regular \$30 stickers. You must purchase them through the AWSC.

**Happy Holidays to all of our Sno-Eagles family!
Enjoy your time with family and friends and be safe on the trails**

Ken Storms - Newsletter Editor

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2019 held at WCDC.

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Rusty. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Chuck lead a prayer also. Rusty introduced Russ from WCDC and thanked him for hosting our meeting and he said a few words and thanked the club for its assistance and support
2. Rusty introduced current Officers and Directors and welcomed new members, Andy, Charlie and Kari (Kortnie's parents). Rusty announced there is a Suggestion Box at every meeting so if you have any suggestions they can be put in the box and they will be taken to the next Board meeting to review and discuss. Backpack donations were collected and will be collected at every meeting for donation.
3. Secretary Report: October minutes distributed via email. Motion to approve Bugs M. second Ken Lambrecht. Motion carried
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow gave the October 2019 financial report. We refinanced our groomer loan to add 10,000 for the brush cutter. One drag had the pan repaired. Chuck made a motion to accept the Treas. report, Steve Linn seconded the motion and motion carried.
5. Crown Miss Sno-Eagle 2019-2020, Kortnie Volk was crowned by Jessica, after Cheryl shared a few words about Kortnie. Kortnie has been snowmobiling since she was three years old. Congratulations Kortnie—We are excited to have you represent us.
6. Trail Boss Report - Trail brushing and equipment maintenance is nearly complete. Big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with brushing, especially Jerry Lathrop and Ron Engels for leading on Thursday's. Jim Joritz and Marv Radloff for the equipment maintenance. Trail inspection will occur the first week of December and then all the Vilas County clubs determine the opening date and open at the same time.
We are awaiting the arrival of the brush cutter at this time. There is a possibility of the sale of the Tucker to clubs who is interested in it and have looked at it. Will report again on this next month

7. Fundraising Committee Reports:

- a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now, check it out.
- b. Groom To Ride Raffle ticket sales are underway. If you are interested in helping with sales at Trackside, Trigs, Pick and Save or at the WCDC during the races you can sign up from the link in your weekly email. Or contact Sandy Lathrop or Rusty.
- c. WCDC concession sign up- Sign-up sheets at the meeting today or contact Sandy Lathrop to sign up for times both Vintage and Derby weekends in January 10-12 and 16-19. WCDC pays us 2500 for this volunteer effort.
- d. Trail Map Update- Maps are being distributed for sales at local establishments. The proceeds from the map sales usually cover the cost of printing the maps.

8. Activities Committee Report:

- a. SNO (Saturday Night Out) Cheryl Storms organizes these dinners. Next one is in January, location to be determined and will be announced in the weekly email. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
- b. Weekend Away—Audrey Stearns and Linda Brunswick are organizing weekend away Jan. 31-Feb 2 in Tomahawk this year. There are 24 rooms at the Super 8 hotel, 715-453-5210 for reservations. Ron will lead the group with planned stops along the way. More details to come in the weekly email.
- c. Weekday Away trip will be held Feb. 11-13 in Florence at Dahl's again. Carol Radloff is the contact for this trip if you are interested.
- d. Christmas Party will be Dec. 13 at Catch 22, Italian buffet theme. Please RSVP ASAP Cost is \$30.00 per person, send check to Sno-Eagles P.O. Box 866 Eagle River, WI 54521

9. New Business

- a. Newsletter/Weekly email – watch for both of these in your InBox. Correction on the last newsletter, Boat Sport donated the snowmobiles for the safety class rather than
- b. Rusty has asked the HS principal if there are students who may be interested in assisting with groomer maintenance and with food concessions at the WCDC.

Member Comments: Holly T. gave a report from the Vilas County Alliance meeting, they met Wednesday Nov. 20. Discussed the trail opening process. The Military Ride will be held this year January 2020 and Sno-Eagles will assist where they are able.

50/50 Drawing was completed.

Adjourn: There being no further business Steve Linn, made a motion to adjourn Fred R. seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary

