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

NEWSLETTER - January 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2025! I hope everyone entered the New Year with a positive wish for snow and cold weather.

It has been cold since the first of the month. However, that little bit of warm-up started to have heads shaking. But the cold has returned and we recently got a tease of snow. Our groomer drivers are like horses at the beginning of a race. They're anxious, kind of snorting, and all talking about when the next snow will be here. We're at mid-January while I'm writing this article and we've panned our trails in anticipation of more. Sadly, the trails are still not open, but we are keeping our fingers crossed for more snow and that the cold remains.

I always seem to circle back to the level of devotion our members put forth to keep the trails prepared. Thanks to the groomers, the mechanics, and the whole grooming team for being ready to respond when a strange occurrence happens (meaning snow)!

Not to be out done are all of the other volunteers that help to raise always needed funds to keep our club in the black. There are ***hundreds*** of man hours that take place in the first few months of each year. Like working concessions at the World Champion Derby Track for the Vintage World Champion Snowmobile Races (1/9-1/12), the 62nd Annual World Champion Snowmobile Derby (1/16-1/19), Our 1st Annual Trailside Campfire (1-25), USA Pond Hockey at Dollar Lake this year thanks to cold weather and about 13-15" of ice (2/7-2/9), the World Series of Snowmobile Racing (2/21-2/23), the AMSOIL National Sno Cross (3/14-3/15), and finally our annual Groom To Ride Raffle (3/15). **And this is just January through March**!

To tell you how important it is to have members and non-members volunteering for our fund-raising events the numbers are in for this last weekend. Total of 330+ hours with 36 volunteers with many working different days to fill in the sign up sheet. This equates to just under 10 hours per volunteer. That's a lot of hours on a single weekend. And that's only the 1st weekend. ***Talk about dedication!!! My hat is off to you all!!!***

Thank you to all for you continued membership, and to those members that have also donated to our Sno-Eagles Champion Donation Campaign and groomer replacement fund.

Roger

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

- **January 16 - 19, 2025 - 62nd World Championship Snowmobile Derby @ WCDC**
- **January 23, 2025 - General Meeting 7 pm @ LP Pizza & Pasta (Buckshots Downtown)**
- **January 25, 2025 - Trailside Campfire 11-3 @ Peaceful Pines**

- **January 31, 2025 - February 2, 2025 - Weekend Away - Mercer WI**
- **February 7, 2025 - February 9, 2025 - USA Hockey Pond Hockey National Championships**
- **February 13, 2025 - 3rd Legend Laps @ WCDC**
- **February 20, 2025 - General Meeting 7 pm @ Chanticleer Inn**
- **February 21, 2025 - February 23, 2025 - World Series of Snowmobile Racing @ WCDC**
- **March 4, 2025 - BOD meeting 6 pm @ World snowmobile HQ**
- **March 14, 2025 - March 15, 2025 - AMSIOL National Sno-Cross @ WCDC**
- **March 15, 2025 - Groom to Ride at the Derby Complex - Drawing at 5 pm**

NOTES:

DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS

>Wednesday rides will be held weekly throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 10 AM. The group will pick a destination and lunch stop location for the ride. All are welcome at this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** leads this group.

The Thursday Scenic Route ride also will meet at the Train Station at 10 AM. **Scott Fruhwirth** will lead the group.

NOTE: If the Wednesday or Thursday ride is cancelled for any reason, a notice will be posted on the club website Events page.

>Board of Directors Meetings are held at the World Snowmobile HQ at 6 PM.
>Monthly Membership Meetings start at 7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Upcoming Membership Meeting will be held at LP's Pizza & Pasta (Buckshots Downtown)

January 23 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

LP's will be offering its regular menu, and some specials may be offered the night of the meeting. Note that there is a NEW menu, great food, great prices, and many options under $15.00.

Arrive about 5:30 pm if having dinner.

RSVP by Tuesday, January 21st so LP's can plan accordingly. Keith@snoeagles.org

TRAIL UPDATES

The trails in Vilas County opened on January 17 but are listed as early season riding conditions. A recent snowstorm brought us a few inches and some grooming has been done, but we're hoping for more snow soon.

CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report page on our website: sno-eagles.org or to our Facebook page.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not ride on lakes that have not been marked with barrels or other snowmobile markers. Always ride close to those markers or barrels. Conditions may not be safe for riding elsewhere

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Join us for a cozy Trailside Campfire at Peaceful Pines Resort, right off Trail 1 near Eagle Lake's boat launch. Hope to see you there!

WEEKEND AWAY

The 2025 weekend away is still on for
Jan 31 to Feb 2 in Mercer WI

Join us in person or via Facebook at the Membership Meeting for more information.

Time to Sign up has been set up for Pond Hockey February 7-9

The club will be serving food and bartending

More information is listed on the Time to Sign up site, click box below.

Time to Sign Up for Pond Hockey

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

2025 Sno-Eagle Board Nominations

Nominations are open for the positions of vice president, treasurer, and for three director positions. These positions are currently held by Doug Miller (vice-president), Dave Cyrtmus (treasurer) and Dan Dumas, Mark Heeren, & Carole Linn (directors). These are two-year terms which begin with the next scheduled meeting after the March election.

Candidates must be current members of the Sno-Eagles, maintain a primary residence in the Eagle River area, and not be an officer or board member of another snowmobile club.

To submit a nomination, or if you have any questions including details about the position responsibilities contact Cindy Fruhwirth. Cindy@snoeagles.org You can self-nominate. Nominations will remain open through February 20, 2025.

GROOM TO RIDE

Get in to Win!!!

Look at the attached poster to see all of this year's great prizes. Tickets are available at establishments throughout Eagle River. Please support this fundraiser.

NOTE: The drawing on March 15 will be at Trackside – not the WCDC

HELP WANTED

Two club jobs need to be filled soon:

1. **Someone to fill the role as Teller's Committee Chair for the club elections in March. Judy Pacanowski has done this for many years but has stepped down. This position involves facilitating the annual elections in March. Details of this position can be found in the Duties of Officers, Directors, and Committees. Contact Cindy for this document at cindy@snoeagles.org**
2. **Someone to run the club cash raffle held at Buckshots this fall. This is an important fundraiser for our groomer program.**

Contact Roger Rosenthal if you are interested in either position (Roger@snoeagles.org)

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Because we've had so many new members this year and interest in our club, we're going to fill you in on some important information regarding membership in Sno-Eagles.

To become a member of Sno-Eagles and the AWSC, log on to our website: snoeagles.org and fill out our application online and pay with a credit card. The membership fee is $50 to cover your member dues in both organizations.

There are lots of good reasons to join including becoming a part of a friendly club with caring members who share your interest in snowmobiling. You will receive communications from Sno-Eagles about the club & trails, the monthly Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine, and the opportunity to buy discounted trail passes (see below). Sno-Eagles publishes a monthly newsletter from September to April that is posted on our club website. Our goal is to keep our membership informed of important club news through this publication. In addition, emails are sent to the all members weekly throughout the snow season and less frequently during the rest of the year. The emails are sent on Sunday evening through Constant Contact. Look for them in your email inbox.

Using Constant Contact, we will be sending members an automatic reminder about June 15 before your membership expires. Carole Linn will start processing new and renewal memberships in mid to late July.

TRAIL PASS 101 or TRAIL PASSES FOR DUMMIES

The trails are open and your sled is ready to ride, but you forgot to buy a trail pass!! It's not too late. Here is what to do:

1. **If you are a CURRENT member** of the AWSC and a local snowmobile club (like Sno-Eagles), you can buy discounted price trail passes from the AWSC. NOTE You don't need to be a Wisconsin resident. You need your AWSC member number from the label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine or go to awsc.org and click on membership inquiry under the quick links on the home page.

2. You also need the **CURRENT** Wisconsin registration sticker numbers for the sleds registered in your name. Now, log onto www.awsc.org and go to the section about ordering trail passes. Follow the directions, submit payment, and print a receipt. You can ride on that receipt until your stickers arrive in the mail from the DNR. These discounted trail pass stickers are $10 per sled. NOTE: Do not try to buy stickers for anyone else using your AWSC number. The DNR will cross reference the sled registration numbers with your name. If they don't match, you can't buy trail stickers for those sleds.

3. **If you aren't a CURRENT member** of AWSC or a club, you need to join or renew your membership before you can order discounted trail passes. To do so, go to www.snoeagles.org and click on the Membership tab. Complete the on-line form or print a member app to mail in with your $50 dues. After your app is processed, you can purchase your trail pass stickers.

4. **If all of this is too hard** for you or you are not a member of AWSC or a club member, you can purchase regular $30 Wisconsin trail stickers. Also, anyone (member or non-member) with sleds registered out of state must purchase $50 Out of State trail stickers. These stickers are for sale locally at the Holiday South station in Eagle River or at the DNR office near St.

Germain on Highway J. Once again, you will get a receipt to ride on until your stickers are mailed by the DNR. Michigan trail stickers are available at the Krist Oil station in Eagle River. Michigan stickers cost $52 for everyone.

5. **NEXT YEAR**: Buy your trail passes in the fall when they go on sale – usually about September. Put them on your sleds when they arrive and you'll be all set for the riding season. That will avoid the stress of trying to get your stickers before your first big trip to Eagle River for the season and they stick better in warm weather.

BOTTOM LINE: Don't ride without the correct trail pass sticker on your sleds. Tickets for no sticker are REALLY EXPENSIVE!. Don't chance it.

MORE NEW MEMBERS

William Currier	Eagle River, WI
Michael Kunstman	Palatine, IL
Mark Stonski & Lunn Kenniug	Eagle River, WI
Mike Winter	Eagle River, WI

We are welcoming these new members this month. Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family!

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, contact me at (715) 479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com

Ken Storms, Newsletter Editor

NOTE: There are no Membership Meeting Minutes in this newsletter, because there was no Membership Meeting in December. Don't forget to attend the next meeting on January 23 at LP's Pizza & Pasta (Buckshot's Downtown)