



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



NEWSLETTER - January 2019

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Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please keep doing your "Snow Dance". The World Championship Derby Complex asked the Sno-Eagles for help during their Vintage and Derby Weekends. Our club responded with about 30+ volunteers. The club thanks each of you for your support. The WCDC will give the club a donation for helping them with the Food Concession and Hot Seats. Our Wednesday and Thursday guided rides are in full swing. Well except, Ron Engels, our Mr. Ironman had a pacemaker installed so he is taking a few weeks off. If you would like to do a weekend ride please let me know and we will organize a ride. We had a wonderful Christmas Party with about 50 members coming out to Catch 22 for a German Christmas and the members donated about 12 large bins of food for the School Backpack Program. Thank you. This program is such a wonderful program to provide food to children that go hungry when they are not in school. The club has decided to continue this program at each monthly meeting. Please bring in food items for kids, juice boxes, bars, fruit cups pudding and soups. We will collect donated foods at each General Membership meeting each month. The club is giving back to the community and that is a wonderful thing. I am so proud and happy to represent your club, that I must yell it out loud. I hope to see as many members as possible at our upcoming meetings and on the trails this year. Happy New Year and ride safe this year.

Let's Thank some Volunteers:

On behalf of the Sno-Eagles club, I would like to extend our thanks to the many volunteers that make our club great. I am sure I am missing a few names but the club thanks all of you that volunteer for the club. I have attended many of our events and have enjoyed talking to our volunteers. Please contact the club to volunteer this year. The Sno-Eagles want to thank:

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Joritz, Marv Radloff

Trail Map Sales Volunteers: Steve Linn, Bugs Mathieu, Jim Ayers, John Norman, Chuck Bodie, Fred Rockafellow, Dennis Kirby, Cliff Erickson, Elmer Jensen, Mac McCoy.

Ride with Pride Raffle Volunteers: John Norman, Rusty Wolf, Steve Linn, Bugs Mathieu, Chuck Bodie, Jerry Fancher, Jim Ehler and Glenn Dalton

Food Concession: All the volunteers for the Derby Food Concession this year.

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

January

8 – Board of Directors Meeting

17– Member meeting at VFW Post (Vote on Bylaws revisions)

25-27 – Women on Snow

26 – Saturday Night Out at White Stag – Sugar Camp

February

- 5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 12-14 – Weekday Ride Away to Florence, WI
- 21 – Member Meeting at Eddie B’s White Spruce
- 23 – Ride With Pride drawing at Trackside – noon
- 23 - Saturday Night Out at Twelve Pines

March

- 5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 - Annual Member Meeting at Eagle Waters Resort
- 30 – Saturday Night Out at Pine Isle – Three Lakes

April

- 2 - Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 – Member Meeting at Buckshots

NOTES:

>**Wednesday rides** continue throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will pick a ride leader and destination and lunch stop location for the ride. All are welcome to this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** will be back as leader in about a month. The Thursday Scenic Route rides also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. **Rusty Wolf** will lead the group. 1-262-442-4876.

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the World Snowmobile Headquarters at 6 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start about 6:15 PM for refreshments with the business meeting starting promptly at 7 PM.

>**Saturday Night Out (SNO)** is an informal club get together for dinner at restaurants that support our club with map ads or business support. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 to RSVP by 10:00 am the day before the event.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Trails opened on December 27th which is later than the normal. We really wished they could of been opened before Christmas but the lack of snow kept all 11 Vilas County clubs concerned to keep them closed.

Our club is ringing in the New Year with the newer Pisten Bully Trail 100 groomer. This unit has some modern operating features that will take some getting used to with a very comfortable operator cab. I am already seeing benefits to fuel savings with the few times it has hit the trail averaging 3.2 gallons per hour compared to 5-7 gallons per hour with the other units. We will also see considerable savings in operating maintenance.

So far the trail conditions are holding together pretty good all considering. We have had inconsistent warmer weather and the snowfalls have been less than exciting. The groomer operators are doing great with what Mother Nature is dealing us.

See you on the trails and send more snow our way!

Brian Scheid - Trial Boss

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CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report on our website: www.sno-eagles.org or to our Facebook page. Our Trail Boss, **Brian Scheid** posts that information. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. **Holly Tomlanovich** records a message daily. Get the latest conditions at **715-479-5185**

RIDE WITH PRIDE FUNDRAISER

Ride with Pride, a major fundraiser for the Sno-Eagles is underway. **Bugs Mathieu** will be busy selling tickets again at the Derby. Stop to buy your tickets while you are at the Derby. The winners will be announced on February 23 at Trackside

SPECIAL JOBS BEING DONE BY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Club Historian – Karen Engels (715)479-5322 or karon374@gmail.com
Contact Karen if you have photos (old or new) and article of current Sno-Eagles events. If she doesn't already have that information, she will be delighted to add it to the history of Sno-Eagles that she is maintaining.

We Care – Audrey Stearns (715) 479-8890 or audrey.stearns@yahoo.com

If you know of a member who is in need of encouragement, is ill or facing a difficult time in their life, or has lost a dear friend or family member, contact Audrey our We Care person. She has volunteered to extend the hand of friendship for all of us.

POND HOCKEY CLEANUP HELP NEEDED

Eagle River will once again be the site of the world-famous Pond Hockey Tournament. USA Hockey, the event sponsor, has once again requested the help of Sno-Eagles to help with clean-up at the event site on Dollar Lake at the end of each day's activities. Help is needed February 8 & 9 from 3-5:30 PM and February 10 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Our members have always been generous with their time. You're needed again this year. We need at least 6 volunteers per day. Sno-Eagles will receive a monetary donation from USA Hockey for its help.

To volunteer, contact **Brian Scheid** at brianscheid4775@gmail.com or 715-891-2332.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The following officers will be elected at the March 21 Annual Meeting at Eagle Waters:

Vice President, Treasurer, 3 Board Members.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, contact **Rusty Wolf** at 1-262- 442-4876 to get your name on the ballot.



MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Because we've had so many new members this year and interest in our club, I'm 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: www.snoeagles.org . Download our member application and mail it to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521 OR fill out our application on line and pay with a credit card. The membership fee is \$30 to cover your member dues in both organizations. There are lots of good reasons to join including communication 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 membership 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. NOTE: If you are using Gmail, we have had a few people who have received our emails in their Spam or Promotions Categories. If you aren't getting your Sno-Eagles emails in your inbox, look in those folders and let Gmail know that you want to receive them

Using Constant Contact, we will be sending members an automatic reminder 14 days before your membership expires. When you get that, send in your renewal or renew on line to ensure that your membership doesn't lapse

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 # from the label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine or go to www.awsc.org and click on membership inquiry under the quick links on the home page
2. If you can't find your member number, call **Ken Storms** at 715-479-5599. 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 "Become a Member". Complete the on-line form or print a member app to mail in with your \$30 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 for \$48.
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 will cost you a lot more. Don't chance it!

MORE NEW MEMBERS

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

Michael Asia	Antioch, IL
Jeff & Corrie Bodendorfer	Waterford, WI
Matt & Sarah Brenner	Eagle River
Joseph & Sharen Clark	Pleasant Prairie, WI
Greg & Arely Graves	Roscoe, IL
James Harn & Mary Golden	Eagle River
Timothy Johnson	Eagle River
Jeff & Jaime Kuratkowski	Oconomowoc, WI
James Losher	Benson, IL
Ben & Jill Lovinger	Libertyville, IL
Jen & Michael Murray	Eagle River
Brad & Cindy Olson	Rockford, IL
John & Carol Pill	New London, WI
Adam Reidel	Oconomowoc, WI
John & Deanne Rizleris	Marengo, IL
Steve Rojewski	Lake Villa, IL
Bert & Kim Seidler	Appleton, WI
Jeff & Chris Szczerbinski	Eagle River
John Waters	Salem, WI
Kristina Windisch & Troy Hermanson	Hartford, WI
Joe & Nicole Wipperfurth	Columbus, WI
Michael & Lisa Wolf	Cedarburg, WI

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

Ken Storms, Newsletter Editor & Membership Chairman