



SNO-EAGLES, INC.
SNOWMOBILE CLUB
Eagle River, WI
NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2019



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is certainly Fall in Northern Wisconsin as the leaves are turning and we are getting lots of rain, which we do NOT need. It has been a busy Fall for the club. We have had many members volunteering to help brush trails, install snow fence barriers and work in our cold storage building. For this we are so thankful and fortunate. On a personal note, I have been doing what snowmobilers always do in Fall. Preparing sleds for the upcoming season. Ski carbides, track tension, hyfax replacement and getting them running. We all do this as it is part of our snowmobile experience. As I think of this snowmobile preparation it does bring me to preparation of the trails, equipment and needed funds to get our snowmobile club ready for the season as well. If you have not volunteered for a project, please contact the club, or our Trail Boss Brian, or our Volunteer Coordinator Sandy to sign up for trail work and/or fundraising activity. Thank you in advance. As I mentioned last month the biggest news of the summer was that the Sno-Eagles have been approved as an IRS 501c3 charitable organization. In short what this means for the club is all monetary and in-kind donations are now Federal Tax deductions for the donor. This is fantastic news and we are hoping for more donations due to this status. I would also like to encourage more members and guests to attend our monthly membership meetings this year. We had a wonderful turnout of members at our September meeting at Sweetwater. Our monthly meetings now offer a 50/50 drawing, donated prizes as raffles and just a lot of good times and camaraderie. Our next monthly meeting is Oct. 17, at the Blue Heron restaurant at Wild Eagle Resort. "Think Snow" *Howard Wolf*, President

Recognize some Volunteers from the summer

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, Jerry Fancher, Dr. Scott Priesler, Dick Decker, Tom, Keith Nettesheim, Marv Radloff, Dennis J., Dan Dampitz

Our Garbage Crew: Jim Ehler and Jim Klug

Trail Easement Verification: Gary Voss, Holly Tomlanovich

Weekly Constant Contact: Carole Linn

Newsletter Publisher: Ken Storms

Trail Boss Brian

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to put these important activities on your calendar:

October

- 10/10 – Trail brushing
- 10/17 – Trail brushing
- 10/17 – Member Meeting – Blue Herron
- 10/19 – Trail brushing
- 10/18-19 -Snowmobile Safety School
- 10/24 – Trail brushing
- 10/26 – Saturday Night Out – Eddie B's White Spruce Inn
- 10/31 – Trail brushing

November

- 11/5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 11/7 – Trail brushing
- 11/9 – Trail brushing
- 11/14 – Trail brushing
- 11/21 – Trail brushing
- 11/21 – Member Meeting – World Championship Derby Complex
- 11/30 – Saturday Night Out – Agave Azul

These events and activities are also listed on our website calendar

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Club members have been busy busy...and tis' the season!

The 60 day countdown is on until we are under inspection to have the trails inspected by Vilas County. We have two Saturday brushing days scheduled coming up. October 19th & November 9th. If you can attend please join us at Sno-Eagles Grooming HQ. or call or email me with any questions. (Lunch Provided After!)

Club members are finishing the minor maintenance on the grooming units and drags to be ready for the snow. Thanks to Jim Joritz Marv Radloff for their continued time and effort. Grooming is obviously our #1 expense to maintaining our trails.

We continue to meet every Thursday at 8:00am for brushing and signing. We have spent a great deal of time and money updating our trail signs and new trail map boards. Once again you should notice continued improvement on the trails regarding signing. We are looking for more trail map board sponsors if you, or you know of someone with a business that would like to advertise. Please contact me for more details.

The season is quickly approaching!

See you on the trails.

Brian Scheid - Trail Boss

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS SET IN EAGLE RIVER



WDNR Snowmobile Safety Class

When: October 18 from 6-9
October 19 from 8:30-4

Where: Trees for Tomorrow

- In order to operate a snowmobile on public snowmobile trails you must be at least 12 years old and have passed a DNR snowmobile safety class.
- This applies to everyone born on/after January 1, 1985
- Cost \$10
- Must register in advance
- DNR customer ID needed
- Lunch provided
- Call Scott at 850-496-7324 for info

Sponsored by  register online for class & DNR customer ID at gowild.wi.gov

A WDNR Snowmobile Safety education class, sponsored by the Sno-Eagles, will be held in Eagle River on October 19th and 20th. The course will be taught by WDNR certified snowmobile safety instructors. The class will be held at Trees for Tomorrow in the large classroom. Trees for Tomorrow is located at 519 E. Sheridan Street in Eagle River, WI.

Any person who is born on or after January 1st, 1985 and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public trails in Wisconsin. There is no minimum age required to attend the safety course, but certificates are not valid in Wisconsin until the student has reached 12 years of age.

The snowmobile safety course consists of eight hours of basic instruction in the principles of snowmobile safety. It will be held Friday, October 19th from 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, October 20th from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory.

A Wisconsin DNR customer ID number is required before enrolling in any safety class. Students are encouraged to obtain a DNR customer ID and enroll online at <https://gowild.wi.gov/>. An ID number can also be obtained by calling DNR Customer Service from 7AM to 10PM at 1-888-936-7463, or by visiting a DNR Service Center during regular scheduled hours. The ID number must be provided to the instructor. In addition, once students have a WDNR customer ID number, they can enroll by contacting the lead instructor, **Scott Linn**, directly at 850-496-7324 or email scott_linn@hotmail.com.

The course fee is \$10 which covers all materials. A pizza lunch will be provided. A lot of students have registered already but there is still room for a few more. Act fast!

For more information contact Scott Linn at (850) 496-7324.

GROOM TO RIDE TICKET SALES CONTINUE

Ticket sales for Groom to Ride (formerly Ride with Pride), a major fundraiser for local snowmobile clubs, are in high gear! The event is co-sponsored by three area snowmobile clubs – Sno-Eagles of Eagle River, Sno-Buddies of Conover, and Northern Lights Snowmobile Club of Three Lakes.

Track Side of Eagle River has donated a 2020 Ski-Doo MXZ 600ES snowmobile OR a 2020 Can-AM Outlander 570 ATV, as the grand prize in the raffle. Second prize is World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission and parking donated by Russ Davis and the owners of the World Championship Derby Complex. Third prize is a guided fishing package for 2 including one day of fishing donated by Jason Pertiles Up North Guide Service, a two-night stay at the Northernaire Resort in Three Lakes donated by the Northernaire Resort Condo Association and dinner for two at Aromas Italian Restaurant donated by Bill and Karen Hren. Fourth prize is a Weatherby 30-06 rifle or a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and will be available at local restaurants, bars, resorts, marinas, businesses and at the World Snowmobile Headquarters. The drawing will be held at Track Side in Eagle River on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 12 noon. The winner need not be present.

IN MEMORIUM



Nancy Tahtinen passed away in late September at their home in Au Train, MI. Nancy and her husband Jerry were active members of Sno-Eagles for many years including the years when Jerry was president of the club.

One of Nancy's favorite Sno-Eagles activities was the Weekend Away events that included a costume theme. Many of our long-term members have fond memories of those events. She will be remembered for her great sense of humor. We will all miss you Nancy.

An obituary for Nancy can be found on the website of Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising, MI:
<https://www.bowermanfuneralhome.net/notices/Nancy-Tahtinen>

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Eighteen people attended last month's SNO at Pitlik's Resort in Sugar Camp including some old friends of the club and some first-time attendees from out of town. Everyone had a great time. This month's event will be at a club favorite location – Eddie B' s White Spruce on October 26. Cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner off the menu at 6:00 pm. RSVP to Cheryl Storms by October 25 at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com Hope you can join us. Those of you who have missed this event have missed the best stories from the past, the secret fixes to the latest mechanical difficulties, discussions of the best places to go and many more topics that interest everyone.

NEW SNO-EAGLES MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to our club:

John & Tina Entringer - Howards Grove, WI
Jeff & Johnna Noll - Mukwonago, WI

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Please wear your Sno-Eagles name tags to our member meetings. We have lots of new members and want everyone to know who you are. If you don't have one or can't find yours, we will have a new one for you at the meeting.

Reminder –your annual membership date and member number are shown on the label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine. We will send you a renewal a couple of weeks before your renewal date. We now have membership categories for both individuals and families. The \$35 annual dues include membership in both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. Please encourage your friends, family, members, and neighbors to join Sno-Eagles. We want to see our membership grow! We also have a category called Associate Membership for those folks who belong to another Wisconsin club and pay their AWSC dues through them but would like to show their support for Sno-Eagles. The dues for Associate members are only \$25. Membership apps can be downloaded on our website or you can join Sno-Eagles or renew your membership on line on our website. We have a secure server for paying dues. It's quick & easy. We have included a line on the application for making donations to our Groomer Replacement Fund. We want to thank those who have contributed and encourage others to do so. We are now a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible. We also have added a checklist for you to tell us what you would like to do to help your club.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

To submit contributions for the Newsletter, contact **Ken Storms, Editor** at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com The Newsletter is published monthly from September to April by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club.

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General Membership Meeting – Sept. 19, 2019 Sweetwater Bar and Grill

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by President Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.
2. The President had everyone introduce themselves. Reminder Suggestion Box is 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. There will also be a raffle/silent auction at each membership meeting this year. There is a bin at each meeting for non-perishable foods to be taken to the Back Pack Program.
3. Secretary Report: Deana discussed the April 2019 minutes Mark made a motion to approve, Ken Anderson seconded and the motion was accepted.

4. Treasurer's Report: Pres. Wolf reported for Fred Rockafellow and gave the August 2019 financial report and gave an overview of the Budget to the members. The budget was completed and approved by the Board for this year at the August Board meeting. Rusty made a motion to accept the Treas. Report, Edie Kukanich seconded the motion and motion passed.
5. Fundraising Committee Reports: The Chair of all Fundraising Committees is our VP Chuck Bodie.
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now, Last year sales \$1189.00, new knit cap is available. see website for clothing options
 - b. Groom to Ride Raffle will continue this year with a new name, the prizes have been secured including: First prize Sled/ATV, 2nd Prize, 4 Hot Seats for the 2021 Derby, Third prize, Guided Fishing trip, lodging at Northernaire Resort, dinner at Amoma's, Fourth Prize, Choice of Gun 30/30 Rifle or Winchester Shotgun. Tickets are for sale now at bars and restaurants, Will be selling at Cranberry Fest again. Looking for volunteers to sell tickets. Contact Rusty or Chuck if interested in volunteering
 - c. Trail Map Update- Trail map ads are all sold and map is at printer
 - d. Brat and Bake Sale- held July 3 net \$772.00. Will do again next year.
 - e. Beer Pong at Beer Fest in June net—\$421.00.
 - f. VFW Fish Fry and Breakfast Buffet – both events were successful and will continue. Breakfast net was \$1644, Fish Fry \$2000.
 - g. Sportsman's Pig Roast- June 2019 ~ \$3600.00 raised, will not be held in the future
6. Activities Committee Report: Club Director Carole Linn is the Chair to oversee the various Activity Committees. Pres. Wolf reported for Carole.
 - a. SNO (Saturday Night Out) Cheryl Storms organizes these dinners. Next one is Sept. 28th at Pitlik's, please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
 - b. Snowmobile Safety School will be held Oct. 18 &19th at Trees for Tomorrow. Carole Linn and Scott Linn will be instructing. You can sign up on the Wisconsin DNR website.
 - c. WCDC Food Concessions- We will be manning the food booth again for Vintage and Derby. Will be looking for volunteers for both weekends. Contact our Vol. Coordinator.
 - d. Nov. Meeting location will be at the Derby Track.
 - e. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping the club out throughout the summer season.
7. New Business
 - a. Miss Sno-Eagle for 2019 – 20 has been chosen, Kournie Volk was introduced. She is a senior at Three Lakes with a long history of snowmobiling in her family, she is pursuing college and plans to run track in college. Will be crowned at the November meeting.
 - b. Newsletter/Weekly email – Newsletter is sent monthly and Constant Contact emails are sent weekly
 - c. 501c3 - We have been approved for 501c3 status from the IRS, now financial and in kind donations are tax deductible.
 - d. Rusty had a discussion with the membership about the possibility of becoming a combined Snowmobile/ATV club. He wanted to know if the membership is interested in pursuing it. We have been approached by the Dale Mayo to determine if we are interested. Would be 6-7 miles of current ATV trails to start with. ATV miles are paid at \$700.00 per mile. Sayner Barnstormers is moving to combined membership and many clubs across the state have done this as there is synergy in combining. There was a general discussion with questions from the membership. Overall everyone agrees to continue to pursue becoming a combined club.
8. Trail Boss Report: Brian reported trail brushing began today and will continue every Thursday starting at 8 am at the Shed. There are also 3 Saturday trail brushing dates to accommodate out of town members who wish to assist. Dates are on the website and in the newsletters.
9. 50/50 Drawing was completed. Bugs Mathieu won the cash prize.

10. Member Comments — Ken Anderson let us know there is a new County Forest Administrator and welcomed us to stop by and meet him. He also mentioned that the county will be hiring someone to do brushing of fire lanes and trails for county. Our club will bid.

Holly provided an update from the Alliance meeting that was held on 9/18/19. The GPS system has uncovered 426 miles of trails that don't exist and are being taken back. The state is also looking to at 500 new miles. We have applied to add miles on the 9 mile trail and will find out in October if that is accepted. There are 6-7 counties that have not implemented GPS and they will not be getting paid unless they implement. The trail signing book is complete and there will be 22 hard copies ordered. There is also an online version. Holly also requests that the membership give donations of knit hats, socks, scarves, mittens in children's sizes mainly to be brought to the AWSC convention in October as the KAOS(Kids and Adults on Snow) group is collecting donations to be distributed to those in need.

Dick Decker announced -- There will be a celebration of Life for Audrey Decker this Saturday September 21 from 11-3 at the Derby Track. All are welcome to attend.

Adjourn: There being no further business Deana made a motion to adjourn Sandy L. seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary