



SNO-EAGLES NEWSLETTER

September 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this message, I find myself feeling lucky to be entering my fourth year as President of the Sno-Eagles and looking forward to another snowmobile season in Eagle River. Last year was an awesome year for snowmobiling and for the Sno-Eagles. Old Man Winter blessed us with lots of snow in late January and all of February. Our Groomer Operators gave us wonderful groomed trails throughout the season. Jim Joritz and a handful of volunteers gave the club a year of trouble-free equipment issues. Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop and other volunteers worked hard to maintain trails with brush clearing and signage. We are all so thankful for our volunteers. Over the summer the club was busy with fundraising and working on our equipment. Some highlights were the June Beerfest, June Pig Roast, July Brat & Bake Sale, July Breakfast Buffet, the August Fish Fry combined to bring the club over \$7000 in funds for the club groomers. 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 like to encourage more members and guests to attend our monthly membership meetings this year. The club conducts very little business at the monthly meetings. We basically give the membership an overall update as to the functions, events and equipment of the club. Our monthly meetings now offer a 50/50 drawing, donated prizes as raffles and just a lot of good times and camaraderie. Snowmobiling is sometimes referred to as an illness or disease. I know I caught this illness in 1959 and I still suffer from its effects. Some of the signs that you have the disease are, you enjoy the snow and cold of winter, you enjoy a cocktail or beer while talking about snowmobiles and finally you wear clothing with snowmobile logos all over. If you suffer from this illness, please come to our monthly meetings or our trail rides to bond with other sick people. I hope to see you all this snowmobile season.

"Think Snow"

Howard

MONTHLY MEETINGS START IN SEPTEMBER

Our monthly membership meeting will be held September 19, at 7 pm at Sweetwater Bar & Grill. We will be talking about our activities and the success of our summer fundraisers. We will also be voting on the 2019 club budget. We will have the refreshments available prior to the business meeting at 6 PM. The business meeting starts at 7 PM.

UPCOMING SNO-EAGLES EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

September

9/19 -Trail brushing
9/19 Member Meeting - Sweetwater
9/26 - Trail brushing
9/28 – Trail brushing
9/28 - Saturday Night Out – Pitlik's

October

10/3 – Trail brushing
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

11/7 – 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

Hope you've had a great summer, but for me fall is my favorite time of year. The leaves are just starting to change color and that means we are preparing for the snowmobile season

Trail Brushing begins Thursdays September 19th and goes for 10 straight weeks. The first of three Saturday brushing dates is September 28th. The brushing schedule is posted on the website and through Facebook. We will have trail work and building maintenance projects in preparation for the season so please just show up at the grooming headquarters.

Thank you to all our volunteers all who have worked all summer on groomer maintenance and various projects. Without the dedicated volunteers we would be at a significant disadvantage going into the season. If you have the time to volunteer at any point please send me an email or call. Jim is always looking for help in the shop and often times we have scheduled projects and maintenance.

I am looking forward to starting my fourth year as Trail Boss, see you on the trails soon.

Brian Scheid

Trail Boss

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

This is a transition year for membership in Sno-Eagles and AWSC. Both groups are moving to a set membership year. Your current membership will expire 12 months from when you joined. However, when you renew your membership this year, the expiration date will be June 30, 2020. In subsequent years, everyone's membership date will be the same. Confused????? Don't be. It will work itself out. Membership in both clubs is needed to qualify for the discounted trail pass program. (see below) You will receive an email reminder 2 weeks before your membership expiration date so you can renew in plenty of time. We want everyone back as a member in 2019/20. You will find the membership application on our website: www.sno-eagles.org. NOTE: the AWSC accidental death insurance policy is no longer a membership benefit.

REMINDER – You can join or renew and pay your dues on our website

Encourage your non-member friends to join and become part of the Sno-Eagles family. Our family membership dues are \$35 which includes both the Sno-Eagles and AWSC memberships.

If you know someone who would like to join Sno-Eagles, they can download an application on the club website. Copies of the application can also be found in map boxes. If you have questions about your membership status or other questions about membership – call Carol Linn at 715-479-6873

We have added a new individual membership category in addition to the family membership. Both of these have an annual membership fee of \$35. This includes both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. We also have an Associate Family Membership. This is for those folks who are current members of another Wisconsin snowmobile club and pay their AWSC dues through that club. In this case we won't collect dues for AWSC and only charge the \$25 Sno-Eagles Dues. On the application, you must provide the name of your other club and your AWSC number. **Associate members must buy their trail passes through your other club.**

There is a place on our application to indicate areas of interest. We encourage everyone to check at least one item. There is also a place for a groomer fund donation. NOTE: Sno-Eagles is now a 501c3 organization and donations to Sno-Eagles are now tax deductible. There is also a place for a voluntary \$10.00 donation if you choose to get your newsletter via USPS mail. Our newsletter is posted on the club website and you will receive an email with a link to the new newsletter each month to alert you that it is now posted. **All other club mail is only sent by email**

DISCOUNTED TRAIL PASSES

Trail Passes for 2019/20 are now available. ALL sleds (except antique sleds) need a trail pass sticker in Wisconsin. As a current member of both the AWSC and Sno-Eagles, you can purchase stickers for your personal sleds registered in Wisconsin at the discounted rate of \$10 for each sled. Go to www.awsc.org for more information. Our website also has information on trail passes.

The process is very easy:

- 1.You do need your AWSC member number from the address label on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine or the AWSC website. Call Carol Linn at 715-479-6873 if you can't find your number.

- 2.You also need the current Wisconsin registration sticker number for each sled. (go to the garage and look at your sleds or go the DNR Go Wild page on your computer.

3. You must buy them directly from the AWSC either on line, by phone, or by mail. On line purchases are preferred and are encouraged by AWSC.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

Here are the dates & locations for our monthly membership meetings this year:

September 19	Sweetwater Bar & Grill in Eagle River
October 17	Blue Heron Restaurant in Eagle River
November 21	World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River
December 13	Christmas Party at Catch 22 in Eagle River
January 16	Eagle River VFW in Eagle River
February 20	Eddie B's White Spruce Inn in Eagle River
March 19	Eagle Waters Resort in Eagle River
April 16	Chef Rene's at the Eagle River Inn

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)

Sno-Eagles hosts a social outing each month called Saturday Night Out. The purpose is to thank those restaurants that advertise on our Trail Map or donate to our club in some other way. Cheryl Storms has been arranging these events since 2011. They are usually held the last Saturday of the month and are listed on the website calendar page, in the newsletter, and on the Sno-Eagle News of the Week email. Come and join the group for a SNO event. No business meeting, just a great relaxing dinner with other Sno-Eagles members.

This month we will enjoy the beauty of Sand Lake and the wonderful menu at Pitlik's Sand Beach Resort. Pitlik's overlooks Sand Lake, one of five lakes in the Sugar Camp Chain. The menu includes a wide variety of choices in dinners and sandwiches. Favorites are Catch of the Day, Ribs, and Buffalo Burgers.

Pitlik's Sand Beach Resort is located on Hwy D about five miles west of Hwy 17. Turn right on Hwy D at the White Stag. Or Take Hwy 70W to Hwy H and turn right on Hwy D. You're close.

Please join us to thank Pitlik's for their support of Sno-Eagles on September 28th

5:30 pm Cocktails

6:00 pm Dinner

RSVP by Friday September 27th to Cheryl at 715-479-5599

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY SCHOOL

A WDNR Snowmobile Safety education class, sponsored by the Sno-Eagles, will be held in Eagle River on October 18th and 19th. The course will be taught by WDNR certified snowmobile safety instructors.

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.

The school will be held on October 18 (6-9 PM) & 19 (8:30 – 4 PM) at Trees for Tomorrow. Last year we had 35 students and all of them completed the class successfully. **Scott Linn** and **Carole Linn** will be the primary instructors. Cost is \$10. Participants can sign up now at <https://gowild.wi.gov>. For more information contact Scott Linn at (850) 496- 7324. The class will fill up fast.

GROOM TO RIDE IS HAPPENING NOW!

Groom to Ride (formerly Ride with Pride), a major fundraiser for local snowmobile clubs, has been launched. 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.

Let's Thank Our Volunteers:

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club want to express their sincere "Thanks" to our many volunteers over the summer, to include:

Beerfest: Rusty & Cheryl Wolf, Jim & Mary Ehler, Sandy Lathrop

Breakfast Buffet: Rusty & Cheryl Wolf, Jim & Mary Ehler, Steve & Carole Linn, Fred & Kathy Rockafellow, Sandy Lathrop

Brat & Bake Sale: Fred & Kathy Rockafellow, Elaine Kloiber, Rusty Wolf, Gary & Sue Voss.

Fish Fry: Rusty & Cheryl Wolf, Jim & Mary Ehler, Debbie Klug, Sandy Lathrop, Fred Rockafellow, Brian & Deana Scheid

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Jortiz, Marv Radloff, Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop

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

A special thanks to all the volunteers at the Eagle River VFW and American Legion for putting together the Breakfast Buffet and Fish Fry.

Saturday Night Out: Cheryl Storms

Trail Maps: Steve Linn and his group of volunteers.

Now it's your turn! Please go to the website or contact Sandy Lathrop, Volunteer Coordinator, to sign up to volunteer on one of the many committees of the club. We need help with trail brushing, working special events, making phone calls, groomer barn cleanup, and many other activities. Any time you can spare to help YOUR club will be greatly appreciated. You can reach Sandy at 319-360-1274

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If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, these are the people to call!

AWSC FALL WORKSHOP

AWSC will hold its 50th Annual Workshop at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on October 25-27. Download a registration form at www.awsc.org. The fall workshop features several sessions on Saturday with timely topics related to Wisconsin snowmobiling. Miss Snowflake is also crowned at the Fall Workshop.

SNO-EAGLES WEEKEND AWAY

Make your plans now for a big adventure. Weekend Away Jan 31-Feb 2 to the Super 8 Motel in Tomahawk. Come by sled or car. This will be an easy ride. Audrey Stearns & Linda Brunswick are busy planning pit stops, food, hospitality, & entertainment. More details later. Right now you can call the Super 8 to reserve a room. (715) 453-5210.

NEW MEMBERS

Our snow season hasn't started yet, but Sno-Eagles has already acquired several new members. Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family. Each month we will list additional new members.

Matt & Missy Besler –	Glen Ellyn, IL
Jeff & Jennifer Crown -	Eagle River, WI
Corey & Terri McGovern –	Eagle River, WI
Andy & Tammy Schuetz -	West Bend, WI
Robert & Kelsey Schwei –	Mosinee, WI
Mark & Shannon Verbeck –	Annawan, IL
Charlie & Kari Volk –	Three Lakes, WI

In addition, about 50 Trail Map advertisers have become members of Sno-Eagles this year. When you get your 2019-20 Trail Map be sure to visit the businesses and thank them for their involvement with our club through their ads.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Newsletter is published monthly from September to April by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club for the use of our club members.

To submit contributions for the Newsletter, contact **Ken Storms, Editor** at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com.