



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



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2020

Website: www.snoeagles.org Also on Facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know that I will remember 2020 as an ugly year. Certainly, the pandemic has changed life in our club and in the world today. As you read this short message, I hope that you had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. My Thanksgiving was with my wife and I grilled out ribeye steak and had mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. I hope that someone shot that 30-point buck that I heard so much about in my youth. With Thanksgiving and the Gun/Deer season now over we can get down to the best sport in town, snowmobiling in the Northwoods. As your President and on behalf of the entire club, we want to thank the many volunteers who helped prepare our trails and equipment for the season. The cold weather is slowly coming to the Great North and you can feel the enthusiasm and excitement of a new snowmobile season in the air. The month of December brings to me thoughts of the start of snowmobiling and of course the Christmas Season. My family and I are so blessed to be part of this club, to live and snowmobile in the Northwoods and to enjoy all of life's blessings. I want to wish all the Sno-Eagles the Merriest of Christmas's and the most happy and healthy New Year.

Thanking our Volunteers:

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

Nov. 14 Trail Brushing, signs and shed maintenance crew

Brian Scheid, Ron Engels, Charlie Check, Marv Radloff, Joe Murphy, John Kies, Steve Rogge, Tom & Tonia Atchison, Jim Runte, John Stearns, Mike Knier, Zach Lumley, Dennis Janz, Fred Bode, Gary Voss, Rusty Wolf

Lunch preparation at the shed

Brian Scheid, Deana Jansa, Cheryl Wolf

Signs and fencing crew Nov. 17

Ron Engels, Charlie Check, Rusty Wolf

Sign crew Nov. 19

Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop

Sign crew Nov. 20

Brian Scheid, Fred Bode, Ron Engels, Rusty Wolf

Trail Map Boards

Brian Scheid, Deana Jansa, Rusty Wolf

Map Sales Team

Steve Linn, Elmer Jensen, Brian Hunter, Chuck Bodie, Cliff Erickson, Fred Rockafellow, Jim Ayers, John Norman, Keith Nettesheim

Special Thanks to Ron Kressin for donating 200 feet of fencing and to Keith Nettesheim for using his skid loader on the trails

Constant Contact – Weekly Email

Carole Linn

Newsletter

Ken Storms

Ready to ride!! *Howard Wolf*, President

GROOM TO RIDE TICKET SALES LOCATIONS

Get your raffle tickets at the following locations

American Family Insurance, Bortolotti's Cin Cin, Boat Sport Marina, Braywood Bay, Bridgewater Inn, Buckshots Downtown, Buckshots North, Bucktails, Bull Pen, Chamber of Commerce, Club Denoyer, D&S Service, Eagle Waters Resort, Erin's Pub and Grub, Honey Bear, House of Dogs, Kathan Inn, Lucy's Lunchbox, Lumpy's Bar & Grill, Nutty Squirrel, Shotskis, Smugglers Inn, Sportsmans Chalet, Sweetwater Spirits and Resort, Trackside, Twelve Pines, Uncle Kent's, White Spruce Inn, Wild Eagle Lodge, World Snowmobile Headquarters

If you're unable to purchase the tickets locally, you can write a check to the SnoEagles Snowmobile Club and mail to: SnoEagles Snowmobile Club, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521

Enclose a note stating the money is for Groom to Ride tickets. Include your name, cell phone number, and email address. The club will fill out the stubs and send a photo of the stubs via text or email.

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

Along with many other organizations, the Sno-Eagles has lost most of its ability to fundraise during the Covid-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, we must raise funds to support our grooming efforts this year.

There are a few opportunities to raise funds. The Groom to Ride raffle is one. Volunteering at area events is another. The sponsoring entities of these events make monetary donations to the Sno-Eagles in appreciation of our efforts.

The major upcoming activities we'll be helping with include working the food concessions at both the Vintage and Derby weekends, the USSA World Series of Snowmobiling, the Arctic Derby Dash, 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. We use 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.

If you have never volunteered for an event, we encourage you to lend a hand. It's a fun opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and help the Sno-Eagles. If you are someone who has volunteered before, we hope you'll sign up again. We can't do it without you!

Thank you all in advance...



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 1/5 – Board of Directors Meeting VFW, 6PM, social distancing & masks per governor's Emergency Order #1
- 1/8-10 – Vintage Derby Weekend
- 1/14-15 – Badger State Winter Games Torch Ride from Wausau to Eagle River
- 1/15-17 – Championship Derby Weekend
- 1/18 - 2021 Military Ride
- 1/21 - Live Stream Member Meeting (details to follow in January)
- 1/29-31 – Women on Snow

February

- 2/2 – Board of Directors Meeting VFW, 6 PM
- 2/20 – Live Stream Member Meeting
- 2/20-21 – USSA Title Race at the Derby
- 2/26-27 – ATV Races at Derby
- 2/27 – Groom to Ride Raffle Drawing – Track Side 1 PM

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped get the trails, signs, buildings and maintenance ready for the season. It takes a team!

Equipment is Ready!
Trails are ready!
The community is ready!
Groomer Operators are waiting....

We need some Cold and Snow!

See you on the trails soon.

Brian Scheid

Trail Boss
715-891-2332 OR snoeaglesclub@gmail.com

WANT CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS????

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

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! Reminder – Covid 19 is still active and masks and social distancing are needed during the trail rest breaks and lunch stops.

WOMEN ON SNOW 2021

Since 1986 a great riding event for women snowmobilers has taken place in Eagle River. This year's ride will be held on January 29-31. 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.

GROOM TO RIDE FUNDRAISER

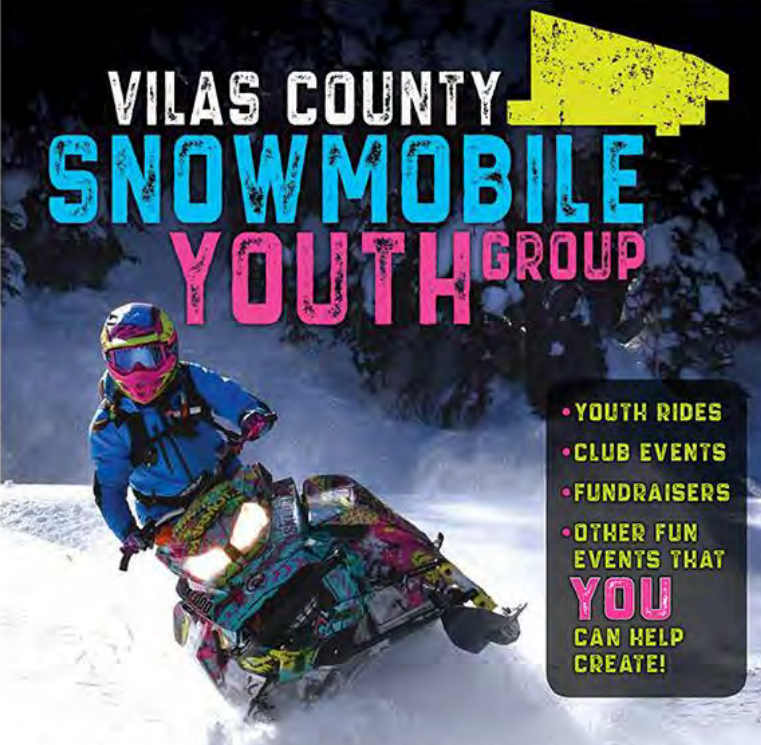
Groom to Ride, a major fundraiser for Sno-Eagles, is underway. As in the past, the beneficiaries of the raffle will be Sno-Eagles, and the clubs in Conover and Three Lakes. Tickets are only \$5 each or 3/ \$10. Tickets will be available at the Derby and at many area businesses. (see list on page 2). Lots of great prizes. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket!

Because of postal regulations, we will not be sending tickets out to members, but we urge you to stop at Trackside or one of the other locations to buy your tickets. The prize drawing will be at Trackside on February 27 at 1 pm. Miss Sno-Eagle will be there to draw the winning tickets

IN MEMORIAM

About a year ago, a guy from Texas appeared at a Sno-Eagles member meeting and joined the club. It was Mike Dunn. He joined his brother Kevin (also from Texas) who had joined earlier. Since then they have been active in the club – especially the riding part. You can't do that in Texas. Unfortunately, Mike "#401" passed away recently. Sno-Eagles offers its condolences to Mike's wife, Sally and to his brother Kevin & his wife Debbie. Thanks for being a part of Sno-Eagles.

VILAS COUNTY SNOWMOBILE YOUTH GROUP FORMING



VILAS COUNTY
SNOWMOBILE
YOUTH GROUP

- YOUTH RIDES
- CLUB EVENTS
- FUNDRAISERS
- OTHER FUN EVENTS THAT **YOU** CAN HELP CREATE!

IF YOU LIVE OR GO TO SCHOOL IN VILAS COUNTY AND LIKE SNOWMOBILING – THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!
Clubs across the county are looking to start a group for students ages 14 - 18!

IF INTERESTED CONTACT CHEYANNE AT (715) 891-2544 FOR MORE INFO!

MORE NEW MEMBERS

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

Jeff & Barb Blanck

Eagle River, WI

Ron & Julie Botten

Cambridge, WI

Tom & Donna Bucher

Phelps, WI

Tom & Donna are rejoining after a LONG absence – welcome back

Michael Duening

Eagle River, WI

Tom & Marie Foerster

Eagle River, WI

Craig & Carla Gourley
Scott & Jen Johnston
Dick & Lisa Klein
Jason Nay
Lance & Tanya Radock
James & Jody Runte
Thomas & Shawn Sanderfoot
Joseph & Karen Vogelsberg
Paul Weiss

Eagle River, WI
East Peoria, IL
Hortonville, WI
Ashmore, IL
Mt. Horeb, WI
Eagle River, WI
Menasha, WI
Cary, IL
Elkhart Lake, 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. The fine for riding without a trail pass is \$295. 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 the discounted passes through the AWSC.

It's not too late to purchase your stickers but DO IT NOW! You can ride with your emailed sales receipt if you don't get your stickers before the trails open.

Happy Holidays to all of our Sno-Eagles family!

Covid-19 is real and is still very active in our area. Wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, avoid large groups, and get the vaccine when it becomes available. Protect yourself and others.

Enjoy your time with family and friends and be safe on the trails

Ken Storms - Newsletter Editor

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the November 19, 2020 General Membership Meeting held at WCDC, and livestream on FB! Thank you to Dan Dumas and Brian Scheid for organizing the livestream of the meeting.

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by President Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Condolences to Kevin Dunn, Sno Eagles member, for the

loss of his brother who passed away recently and was a member of the local VFW.

A 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 is a bin at each meeting for non-perishable foods to be taken to the Backpack Program. Thank you for continuing to support the backpack program

2. Secretary Report: Minutes October 15, 2020 motion to approve Deana and Second Chuck. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow and gave the October 2020 financial report. Deana made motion to approve October financials Elaine seconded. Motion carried.
4. Vilas County Youth Group update—Cheyenne Warren reported the Vilas Youth group has 4 members thus far. The group is open to any High School age kid who is interested in participating. They are planning group rides, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities Cheyenne will put a flyer and her contact information on the Sno Eagles FB page.
5. Trail Boss Report: Brian reported trail brushing is nearing completion. They will be out after hunting for a final check. Inspection of trails anticipated for early December. Thank you to Ron Engels and Charlie Check for leading the Thursday brushing and for all the volunteers who assisted this season on the Saturday events.

Maintenance is being done on the Pisten Bullys. Thank you to Josh Johnson for all his work on the equipment. There are several small re-routes in the works, one requiring DNR permit. Eagle Waters trail to Eagle Lake will be open this year after an agreement was reached with Eagle Waters and the property owners involved. The Oneida County Highway commission meeting approved the use of right of way along Highway H as a route to Bucktails. Anticipate trail opening either Dec. 11, 14 or 18 all depending on conditions and the Alliance consensus to open trails.

6. Fundraising Committee Reports: VP Chuck Bodie.
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website now. Check it out. Makes great Christmas gifts
 - b. Groom to Ride Raffle-- Tickets are for sale. The location where tickets are available is listed on the website. This will be one of our main fundraisers this year so please support the effort. Charlie Check is the lead for Sno-Eagles so if you are interested in volunteering to sell tickets or would like to purchase tickets contact Charlie.
 - c. Trail Map Update- Trail maps are being distributed to the bars/restaurants. They are also available for purchase on the website.

7. Activities Committee Report:

- a. Volunteers will be needed for WCDC Concessions Vintage- January 8-10, 2021, Derby -January 15-17, USAA February 20&21, ATV/UTV race February 27 & 28, Swap - August 27-28, 2021. More info to come for volunteer sign up.
- b. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping the club out.

8. New Business

- a. Newsletter/Weekly email – Newsletter is sent monthly and Constant Contact emails are sent weekly
- b. Marv and Carol Radloff are organizing a weekday away ride February 9-10 to the Black Bear, White Pine MI. More details to come.
- c. Craig Marchbank is having an open house for all WCDC volunteers at his Lake Tomahawk home December 5, - Please contact Rusty if you plan to attend.
- d. Ice Castle Update—The Ice Castle will be moved to the corner of 1st and Wall Street, next to Grandma’s Toy Box this year and there will be a snowmobile route on Division Street. More details to come for this event. Everyone is hoping the weather will cooperate so the castle can be built.

9. Member Comments — If anyone has feedback on the first ever Live Stream meeting please contact any of the Board Members or Trail Boss

Adjourn: There being no further business Deana made a motion to adjourn Fred seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, Secretary

