



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



NEWSLETTER - January 2021

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Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, welcome 2021. I do hope 2021 is better than 2020. More than anything I hope and pray that all are healthy this year. Well, it has started, the 2021 Snowmobile Season is upon us. The Vilas County snowmobile trails opened officially on Jan. 1, 2021. The good news is we had cold weather which froze the swamp areas and wetlands. The bad news is we do not have much snow. I must thank the volunteers and our Trail Boss for getting our trails ready to open. Speaking of volunteers, we need many more volunteers to support our fundraising efforts of operating the food concession stand at the January and February races. Please, if you can help the club go online and sign up for a shift today. The COVID pandemic has changed how the club holds meetings and has significantly impacted fundraising. The Food Concession and the Groom to Ride raffle are our only fundraising events currently scheduled.

A reminder to our members that our monthly membership meetings will not allow for members to attend but rather to follow the meeting “live” on the SnoEagles Facebook, members only group. If you are not a member in this group sign up today. I hope to see many of you this year out on the trails. Let us all do our best “snow dance” and get our snowmobile passion alive again in Eagle River.

Thanking our Volunteers:

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

ARGO ice breaking, snowmobile swamp backing crew:

Brian Scheid, Charlie Check, Jim Runte, Mike Kneir, Rusty Wolf

Trail Map Boards

Brian Scheid, Rusty Wolf

Map Sales Team

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

Constant Contact – Weekly Email:

Carole Linn

Newsletter:

Ken Storms

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

- **January 5, 2021** - BOD meeting, VFW, 6PM, social distancing & masks per governor's Emergency Order
- **January 8-10, 2021** - Vintage Derby, WCDC
- **January 14-15, 2021** – Badger State Winter Games Torch Ride from Wausau to Eagle River
- **January 15-17, 2021** - World Championship Snowmobile Derby, WCDC
- **January 18, 2021** - Military Ride
- **January 21, 2021** - Live stream membership meeting - details to follow
- **January 29-31, 2021** - Women on Snow
- **February 2, 2021** - BOD meeting, VFW, 6PM, social distancing & masks per governor's Emergency Order
- **February 9-11** - Weekday Ride–Away to White Pine, MI
- **February 18, 2021** - Live stream membership meeting - details to follow
- **February 20-21, 2021** - USSA World Series of Snowmobiling
- **February 27-28, 2021** - Arctic Derby Dash/UTV

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 at this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** leads this group. The Thursday Scenic Route rides also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. **Rusty Wolf** will lead the group. (262) 442-4876.

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the VFW at 6 PM.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start at 7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Currently, the meetings will be conducted by live stream on Facebook SnoEagles Members Only Group

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Thankfully 2020 ended even though we had good snowmobile season up until Covid in March.

2021 is starting out really rough. As trails just opened, we are struggling to receive snow. We are in a dry air pattern with storms coming in to the south and from the wrong direction. This could be a bad year for the sport, but we still have plenty of time to recover.

Groomer operators are ready to go once we see the snow. We may be forced to suspend grooming if we see warmer weather and no snowfalls. I will not risk damaging equipment just to keep the units on the trail. All of our equipment is in excellent shape. Thank you for continuing to donate to support the club! Our biggest struggle with equipment is enough warm parking spots to put it. Thawing equipment is just as important to keep it maintained. Maybe someday we will have the funds to remodel cold storage into warm storage.

WAITING FOR SNOW...

Brian Scheid - Trail Boss



The season has started!



Drone Photos courtesy of Dan Dumas

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. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. Get the latest conditions at (715) 479-5185.

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

SNO-EAGLES NEEDS YOUR HELP

There are lots of opportunities for you to help out your club in the next few weeks. You joined the club because you are a snowmobiler and you like to be involved. Well, here's your chance:

The Sno-Eagles will be manning the concession stand at the Derby Track during the Vintage Derby and Championship Derby in January.

Vintage weekend January 8-10
Championship weekend January 15-17

We need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!**

**Masks will be provided.
A plexiglass barrier will be in place.**

Volunteers will be taking orders, wrapping sandwiches, heating pizzas and pretzels, serving orders, and manning the cash register.

There is **NO COOKING** involved - just serving.

You will receive free admission, a parking pass, and complimentary food tickets. The shifts vary in length from 1 hour to 5 hours.

It's not hard, and is lots of fun. And you'll be at the Derby!!!

Sign-up electronically by clicking the
buttons below

[Vintage Weekend Sign Up](#)

[Championship Derby Weekend Sign Up](#)

For questions contact Volunteer Coordinator [Sandy Lathrop](#) (319) 360-3988

Groom to Ride, a major fundraiser for the Sno-Eagles is underway. We will be busy selling tickets again at the Derby. We still have some unfilled shifts during Vintage and Championship weekends.

SELLING TICKETS AT THE DERBY TRACK IS ESSENTIAL

With thousands of snowmobilers here, this venue has historically produced a major portion of the ticket sales. You'll be selling tickets indoors and seated at a table. As an added bonus, you'll be at the Derby!

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BADGER STATE GAMES COME TO EAGLE RIVER

The 32nd annual Badger State Winter Games will kick off on January 14 with a two-day Torchlight Ride from the Wausau area to Eagle River and the WCDC Derby Track. The Torch Ride is happening but will be done in trucks instead of on sleds because of poor snow conditions. On Thursday they will leave Wausau and end up at the World Snowmobile Museum in Eagle River on Friday afternoon. SnoEagles will carry the torch from the museum to the Derby Track about 6:00 to light the Winter State Games Caldron during Friday Night Thunder.

WEEKDAY RIDE-AWAY

Marv & Carol Radloff are finalizing plans for a weekday ride-away from Eagle River to the Konteka Black Bear Resort in White Pine, MI from February 9 to February 11. Konteka is a big enough place to spread out and social distance. Meal arrangements are still pending since restaurants in Michigan are closed until January 15. The Governor is supposed to open restaurants then. Konteka does have take-out service and the group may have to do that and eat in their conference room. Hopefully we will be able to eat at Irla's in Marenisco on the way up and find a place on the way back. We may be packing lunches for the trail.

Plans could change because of snow conditions and restrictions because of Covid-19. Ten riders are signed up so far. The people that are going need to be very flexible and understanding of the procedure. Trying to stay safe for all. Think of it as "Adventure Snowmobiling." At press time there are three rooms left at the Konteka. You can call the motel at (906) 885-5170 to reserve a room. Questions? Call Marv or Carol at (715) 479-5153.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The election of officers and board members will be held at our annual meeting on March 18th. The following positions will be elected:

Vice-President
Treasurer
Three (3) Directors

At this time, incumbents seeking re-election are: Fred Rockafellow, Carole Linn, Ron Engels, and Sandy Lathrop.

Club members who are interested in seeking election to any of the above positions should notify the nomination committee chairperson, Judy Pacanowski, by email or written notice expressing their intention to seek election no later than February 15. Contact Judy Pacanowski at (715)479-2686 or woserjudy@aol.com.

Per club bylaws, all officers and directors shall maintain their primary residence in the Eagle River area. Please refer to the Bylaws for complete details. The Duties of Officers, Directors and Committees are available by contacting Judy.

Candidates for office shall be presented at the regular meeting of the membership on February 18, 2021. The nominative slate shall be published in the club newsletter and bound over for election at the Annual Meeting in March. Because we are not having live meetings because of Covid-19, the election will be conducted with mail-in or electron ballots. More details to follow.



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.

GROOM TO RIDE

Groom to Ride
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1st PRIZE: 2021 Ski-Doo 600 snowmobile or 2021 Can-Am Outlander ATV
2nd PRIZE: World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission & parking
3rd PRIZE: 1/2 day of Guided Fishing donated by Pertilie's UpNorth Guide Service - Three Lakes; Dinner for two donated by Aroma's Italian Restaurant - Three Lakes; Dinner for two donated by Bonnie's Lakeside - Three Lakes
4th PRIZE: Weatherby 30-06 rifle or Winchester 12 gauge shotgun

Tickets \$5 ea or 3/\$10
Winner need not be present.

Drawing February 27, 2021
at Trackside, Eagle River 1 p.m.

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Don't forget those raffle tickets!

Get your raffle tickets at the following locations

Agave Azul, American Family Insurance, Boat Sport Marina
Bortolotti's Cin Cin, 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
Sportsmen's 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

[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: www.snoeagles.org and fill out our application on line and pay with a credit card. You can also download our member application and mail it to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521. The membership fee is \$35 to cover your member dues in both organizations. After you join or renew your membership, the AWSC will send you an electronic confirmation with your member number and renewal date.

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.

Using Constant Contact, we will be sending members an automatic reminder about June 15 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 number 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 \$35 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 \$48 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 now \$247. Don't chance it!**

MORE NEW MEMBERS

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

Randy & Debbie Bahr	Hartland, WI
Jim & Julie Dobbs	Racine, WI
Austin Doll	Eagle River, WI
Elmer & Betty Fallos	Wadsworth, IL
Alex & Christine Forer	Eagle River, WI
Jeff Fornoff	Joliet, IL
Shawn Griffin	Eagle River, WI
Nathan & Caitlin Griffith	Pleasant Prairie, WI
Scott & Amy Kaszuba	Naperville, IL
Jay & Angela Koeller	Bonduel, WI
Mike & Maggie Kowalski	Eagle River, WI
Matthew LaBuda	Kenosha, WI
Philip Leach	Hubertus, WI
Brian & Katie Lucius	Twin Lakes, WI
Matt & Marla Jordan-Perkins	Chatham, IL
John & Heather McCabe	New Lenox, IL
Dan & Kelly Mitchell	Eagle River, WI
Michael & Judy Ring	Madison, WI
John Setchell & Denice Schmidt	Mendota, IL
Michael & Rebecca Seitz	Burlington, WI
Danny & Anne Shapiro	Eagle River, WI
Scott Stetzer	Melrose, WI
Jay Walker & Tracey Akers	DeKalb, IL
Bryan & Nicole Waskow	Decorah, IA

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 virtual meeting on January 21 via Facebook SnoEagles Members Only Group.



WISHING YOU A MEMORABLE, SAFE, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!