



SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Eagle River, WI



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Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Greetings from the Snowmobile Capital of the World.
Happy New Year everyone!**

Well, snowmobile season is here and we're off to a fairly good start. Trails opened on December 23rd and we've seen very heavy traffic but little snow fall between the Holidays. I would like to thank the many volunteers that have helped get our trails in shape so we could open. We battled a couple of storms with extensive storm damage on all trails. Our Trail managers, Mark and Lori Heeren worked hard scheduling crews to do clean up. We also had a number of groomer operators panning trails after the snow; however, they spent more time dealing with storm damage, clearing the trails so we could get our equipment through. Thank you all for the immediate attention and hard work so we could open as early as possible.

I would also like to thank Carole Linn, one of our Directors who has been doing Constant Contact messages for several years. Carole has stepped down from this position that she did such an amazing job over the years, however she did not leave us high and dry. Carole has been working with Debbie Bahr who has taken over Constant Contact as of this month. Thank you, Carole, for your many years of service and welcome Debbie, and thank you for fulfilling this position.

With January, comes the Vintage and World Championship Derby races. That said, we are still looking for volunteers. These are great events that the Sno-Eagles snowmobile club have been involved in for several years running the concessions. Please visit the Events page of our website where you can volunteer to help at the concessions I look forward to seeing you there.

In February, the Sno-Eagles will also be responsible for helping out with Pond Hockey. We need crews to help set up, clean up and run the cooking, concessions and beer sales. This is a huge event for us and we need your HELP, again, please visit our website/events and pick your time slots, Anyone and everyone is welcome and we'll show you what to do. Often times we see the same people show up and help, I would love meet and see some new faces! Come help and enjoy the fun!

Over the past couple of weeks, I've had the opportunity to get out and ride. Remarkably, the trails are holding up well and there is a lot of good riding in Vilas County. Hope to see you on the trails, be safe and Ride Right!

Trail Report:

Many thanks to all the volunteers that have spent a tremendous amount of time getting our equipment and trails ready for this season. Doug Miller leads our equipment team and James Runte leads our building maintenance and welding operations. Mike Knier, Randy Bahr, Tim Johnson, Chris Westfall,

Jake Meyers, and Don McKain have been helping in many different areas, giving us a strong force to keep equipment in good running condition, and keeping our trails safe.

Our snow base as of today is between 1' and 8". We have a hard icy base under the snow and snirt in some of the heavy traffic areas and turns. Conditions are a little better North and West of Eagle River, however, ALL Eagle River trails are very ridable. All trails are open, including swamps, WI River Bridge, Catfish Lake and Eagle Lake. CAUTION: Lake conditions are very poor. The timing of the snow and cold left a layer of slush in many areas and hard packed ice in other areas. Lake trails are very rough and if you need to travel across a lake, please do so with EXTREME CAUTION, and travel slow. Overall report for Sno-Eagle Trails is Fair to Good conditions. I will also caution you to watch for snow banks at road crossings, primarily on trails in the Town of Washington as snow plows have been leaving snow banks with hard clumps of ice pack snow on the trails. We will take care of this with the groomers but it will not happen until evening hours.

We are grooming the entire system and run five routes almost daily, depending on snow and traffic conditions. We have three groomers running the night shift and two routes that are groomed in the early morning hours, (before sunrise) hitting the very heavy traffic areas in and out of town. I have been getting numerous good reports on our trail conditions from business owners, members and other clubs that snowmobilers are giving us great reports. Thank you to our many groomer operators for the service and dedication to provide safe and well-groomed trails for Eagle River. Just another comment on that- Many of our newer operators will ride the trails they groom, inspecting and critiquing their groomed trails. We are so fortunate to have such an elite team of operators that are so passionate and dedicated to provide the best trials for our visitors. Again-A big thank you to the operators for what you do to make a difference on Sno Eagles trails. Come enjoy our trails, be safe, **RIDE RIGHT** and pray for a little more snow!

President and Trail Boss, *Keith*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

- ❑ **January 12-15, 2023** - Vintage World Championship Races
- ❑ **January 19, 2023** - Membership meeting Buckshot's downtown 7PM
- ❑ **January 21, 2023** - Saturday Night Out - Braywood Resort
- ❑ **January 19-20** – Badger State Games ride from Wausau to Eagle River
- ❑ **January 19-22, 2023** - World Championship Snowmobile Derby
- ❑ **January 27-29, 2023** - Weekend Away to Mole Lake Casino.
The ride will leave from the train station at 10 AM
- ❑ **February 7, 2023** – Board of Directors meeting
- ❑ **February 10-12, 2023** - Pond Hockey
- ❑ **February 13-15, 2023** - Valentine's Day Getaway to Mercer
- ❑ **February 16, 2023** – Membership meeting - Sweetwater
- ❑ **February 16, 2023** - Legend Laps
- ❑ **February 24-26** - World Series of Snowmobiling

NOTES:

>**Wednesday rides** continue throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 9:30 AM. The group will pick a destination and lunch stop location for the ride. All are welcome at this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** leads this group.

The Thursday Scenic Route ride also meets at the Train Station at 9:30 AM. **Scott Fruhwirth** will lead the group. **NOTE: If the Wednesday or Thursday ride is cancelled for any reason, a notice will be posted on the club website Events page.**

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the World Snowmobile HQ at 6 PM.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start at 7 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

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 RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

Sno-Eagles is very fortunate to have been awarded 2 grants recently. First the club received \$50,000 from the newly created Eagle River Tourism Promotion and Development Grant. In addition the club received \$5000 from the Ski-Doo Snow PASS grant program with Pinno Buildings providing \$5,000 grant match funds. . These grants go a long way to support our grooming program.

There is a nice article with more details in the January issue of the AWSC Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine. The article is on page 24. Check it out.



Cindy Fruhwirth, Kim Emerson, & Fred Rockafellow

BADGER STATE GAMES COME TO EAGLE RIVER

The 34th annual Badger State Winter Games will kick off on January 19 with a two-day Torchlight Ride from the Wausau area to Eagle River and the WCDC Derby Track. On Thursday they will leave Wausau and arrive 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 PM to light the Winter State Games Caldron during Friday Night Thunder.

SNO (SATURDAY NIGHT OUT) REPORT

The December SNO was held on a Thursday because the last Saturday of the month was New Year's Eve. Thirty members and guests showed up at the Chanticleer for a great evening of food and friendship. Some long-time members that we hadn't met before attended - Vicky Kenyon and Steve McCracken from Florida and 3 generations of the Paul Williams family including a first time rider. Several people rode sleds to the event. (This is a snowmobile club after all). It was nice being back at the Chanticleer which hasn't been open because of the change of ownership. Our son Peter and daughter in law Juliana attended from the Chicago area. He couldn't resist trying out the old piano.



The January SNO will be back on Saturday at the Braywood Inn – January 21. It is the same weekend as the Championship Derby but it will provide a nice warm location for a good meal after being at the Derby track all day.

RSVP to Cheryl by 10 am on January 20 at (715) 479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com

POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Sno-Eagles has worked at the Pond hockey Tournament for several years doing site clean up at the end of each day. This year's event will be held on February 10-12 at Dollar Lake. This year Sno-Eagles will be taking on a much bigger responsibility – providing food concessions and beer sales.



We'll be running the food concession and doing clean-up throughout the event.

Thursday: Shifts will be for set up only

Friday-Sunday: Food tent volunteers will be the shifts from 8:00-4:00

Clean-up volunteers will be the last shift of each day.

Concession shifts 4 hours long

Clean-up shifts 2-3 hours long

The Sno-Eagles will receive a generous donation for conducting the food concession and clean-up. Please consider volunteering.

To volunteer [CLICK HERE](#) If you know you want to help now – and to get your choice of time – you can call Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Lathrop at 309-360-3988

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The election of officers and board members will be held at our annual meeting on March 16th. The following positions will be elected:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Three (3) Directors

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 16. The nominative slate shall be published in the club newsletter and bound over for election at the Annual Meeting in March.

GROOM TO RIDE



Get in to Win!!!

Get your tickets at the following locations

3 C's Café Agave Azul American Family Insurance Blue Heron Boat Sport Marina
Braywood Resort Buckshot's Downtown Buckshot's North D&S Service
Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Eagle River VFW Eddie B's White Spruce
Erin's Pub and Grub House of Dogs Lucy's Lunchbox Lumpy's Mike and Brandi's
MJ's Wayside Nutty Squirrel Red White and Brews Shotskis Smuggler's Inn
Sportsman's Chalet Sweetwater Spirits and Resort Trackside Uncle Kent's
World Snowmobile Headquarters

You can also purchase tickets by sending a check to the Sno-Eagles and indicate GTR tickets in the memo field. We will fill out the ticket stub and send you a confirmation photo of the stubs.

Mail checks to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521

Please support this fundraiser!

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 AWSA, 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 \$50 to cover your member dues in both organizations.

There are lots of good reasons to join including becoming a part of a friendly club with caring members who share your interest in snowmobiling. You will receive 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. Carole Linn will start processing new and renewal memberships in mid to late July at the earliest.

[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 \$50 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 \$52 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 \$295. Don't chance it!**

MORE NEW MEMBERS

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

Cory Bailey & Krista McNeil	Janesville, WI
Ken & Justine Delaney	Eagle River, WI
Chris Earley	Oconto, WI
Warren Hartman	Forrest, IL
Ken & Sandee Holmstrom	Oswego, IL
Nicholas Kuhne	New Berlin, WI
Bruce & Heidi Johnson	Wausau, WI
Kevin & Susan McMenamin	Eagle River, WI
Chris & Dana Russell	Eagle River, WI
Justin & Kristy Schemmel	Eagle River, WI
Dan Towne & Ashley Krall	Eagle River, WI
Eric & Abby Trempe	Merrill, WI
Steve Urness	Yorkville, IL
Bryce & Debra Wohlers	Council Bluffs, 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 meeting on January 19 at Buckshots - Downtown



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