



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



NEWSLETTER - January 2020

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Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2019-2020 Snowmobile Season is now in full swing. Most of my life, I did not give much thought into how snowmobile trails got started, got maintained and how clubs got paid to operate their groomers. Well over these last 6 years being a member of the Sno-Eagles, and President of the club, I now have a good understanding of just how snowmobile trails are maintained and groomed. Like many clubs, not just snowmobile clubs, it takes endless hours of volunteer commitment. Just like our military, without dedicated volunteers we would cease to exist. I encourage all members to “Thank your volunteers”, “Thank your Veterans” and get involved in 2020. Mother Nature blessed us this year with an early snowfall, which we are so grateful. Our Trail Boss and his large group of volunteers did the brushing, signing and grooming to get the season started. Now we all can enjoy the wonderful snowmobile trails of Vilas County and especially the Sno-Eagles Trail System. Happy New Year and have a safe and blessed 2020.

Recognize some Volunteers from this month of activities

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, Chuck Bodie, Scott Priesler, Marv Radloff, Charlie Check, Dan Lynch, Gary Jacobs, Dan Towne, Mike Gildemeister, Keith Nettesheim, Grady Stoll, Doug Mellaney

Weekly Constant Contact, Membership, Website: Carole Linn

Daily/Weekly Hot Line message, Tourism update: Holly Tomlanovich

Newsletter Editor: Ken Storms

Groomer Shed cleaning: Brian Scheid, Doug Mellaney

Trail Boss: Brian Scheid

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

January

- 10 -12 – Vintage Derby Weekend
- 16 – Member meeting at VFW Post
- 17-19 – Championship Derby Weekend
- 20 - 2020 Military Ride
- 24 -26 – Women on Snow
- 25 – Saturday Night Out – Kickback Grill
- 31 -2/2 – Weekend Away to Super 8 Motel in Tomahawk, WI

February

- 4 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 7- 9 – Pond hockey Tournament – Dollar Lake
- 11 -12 – Weekday Getaway to Florence, WI
- 20 – Member Meeting – Eddie B's White Spruce
- 29 – Groom to Ride Raffle Drawing – Track Side
- 29 – Saturday night Out – location TBA
- 29 - 3/1 – World Series Snowmobile Championship Plus – 100 Lap MIRA Endurance Race

March

- 3 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 19 - Member Meeting at Eagle Waters Resort
- 28 – Saturday Night Out – location TBA

April

- 7 - Board of Directors Meeting
- 16 – Member Meeting at Chef Rene's Eagle River Inn
- 25 – Saturday Night Out – location TBA

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 World Snowmobile Headquarters at 6 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start about 6:15 PM for refreshments with the business meeting starting promptly at 7 PM.

>**Saturday Night Out (SNO)** is an informal club get together for dinner at restaurants that support our club with map ads or business support. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at (715) 479-5599 to RSVP by 10:00 am the day before the event.

IMPORTANT !!!! IF YOU ARE ATTENDING WEEKEND AWAY 1/31-2/2 IMPORTANT !!!!

If you are attending Weekend Away at the Super 8 in Tomahawk on Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, please call Audrey Stearns at (715) 479-8890. She needs an exact count of the number of people attending this fun weekend for meal planning. She's waiting for your call.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Happy New Year to everyone! We are grooming 5-6 nights a week and the base has finally become firm and well packed for that great ride. Just this week we started to groom our swamp trails! Finally, we can get through them safely with a groomer.

We need to give Thanks to Keith Nettesheim. Keith donated a Ski Doo 2-up snowmobile that the club can use for trail work. It will be a great addition to our trail maintenance equipment. If you have an item that you would like to donate to the club please contact myself or Rusty.

I have recently announced to Rusty and the board of directors to actively search for the next Trail Boss. I feel it's time to step aside to let those with new ideas, suggestions, and comments take over the position. If you have interest please reach out to Rusty.

Monday's are maintenance at the shed at 9:00am. Please come by and lend a hand as many projects such as cleaning the groomers, greasing the drags, and minor equipment repair work are needed. Monday's at the shed are meant to be fun, and meet new people. Help is always needed.

Please get out any enjoy the trails and when you see the operators please give them a wave of thanks.

Brian Scheid - Trial Boss

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. Our Trail Boss, **Brian Scheid** posts that information. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. **Holly Tomlanovich** records a message daily. 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.

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.

[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:

1. The Sno-Eagles are staffing the **Concession Stand** during both Vintage and Championship weekends. In recognition of our efforts, the Derby Complex makes a generous donation to the club. We've had a great response with volunteers so far. A big thank you to all of you who've offered to help! But there are so many shifts to cover!

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOME CONCESSION WORKERS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

There is NO COOKING involved - just serving. There is NO MONEY involved - all food is purchased using tickets. You will receive a parking pass and complimentary food tickets. The shifts vary in length from 2 hours to 4 hours.

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

2. **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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3. Beginning January 6th and continuing until end of the snowmobile season, we'll be having **MAINTENANCE MONDAYS** every Monday morning at 9AM.

On Maintenance Mondays we'll be cleaning groomers, greasing groomers and doing shop work as indicated. Jim Joritz, our groomer maintenance manager, will coordinate the weekly effort.

Many of you have indicated an interest in helping at the groomer shed. This is your opportunity! Come whenever you can.

WHEN: Every Monday at 9 AM

WHERE: Sno-Eagles [groomer shed](#) located at 1024 Bluebird Lane in Eagle River.

Call Brian Scheid at (715) 891-2332 for questions.

4. Eagle River will once again be the site of the world-famous **Pond Hockey Tournament**. USA Hockey, the event sponsor, has once again requested the help of Sno-Eagles to help with clean-up at the event site on Dollar Lake at the end of each day's activities. Help is needed February 7 & 8 from 3-5:30 PM and February 9 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Our members have always been generous with their time. You're needed again this year. We need at least 6 volunteers per day. Sno-Eagles will receive a monetary donation from USA Hockey for its help.

To volunteer, contact **Brian Scheid** at brianscheid4775@gmail.com or (715) 891-2332.

BADGER STATE GAMES COME TO EAGLE RIVER

The 31st annual Badger State Winter Games will kick off on January 16 with a two-day Torchlight Ride from the Wausau area to Eagle River and the WCDC Derby Track. Starting in Maine (Brokaw) riders from 12 clubs will carry the torch arriving at the World Snowmobile headquarters about 3:30 PM on Friday, January 17. Along the way, stops will be made in Merrill, Tomahawk, Hazelhurst, Woodruff, Sayner, St. Germain, and finally Eagle River. Sno-Eagles riders will carry the torch for the last section. They should arrive at the south end of Eagle River between 2-2:30 and ride north through town on the grade. Come and cheer them on. Friday evening the torch will be taken to the Derby Track to light the Winter State Games Caldron during Friday Night Thunder.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The election of officers and board members will be held at our annual meeting on March 19th. The following positions will be elected at that time:

President

Secretary

Two (2) Directors

At this time, incumbents seeking re-election are:

President – Rusty Wolf

Secretary - Deanna Jansa

Club members who are interested in seeking election to any of the above positions should notify the nomination committee chairperson, Steve Linn, by email or written notice expressing their intention to seek election.

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 is available by contacting Steve.

Candidates for office shall be presented at the regular meeting of the membership on February 20, 2020. Additional nominations, including self-nomination, of candidates may be made from the floor at that time, and nominations are then closed. The nominative slate shall be published in the club newsletter and bound over for election at the Annual Meeting in March.

If you are interested in running for any position, contact Steve Linn at (715) 928-1017 or [Email Steve](#)



[IN MEMORIAM](#)

Dave Everett, long time member and past president of Sno-Eagles, passed away on December 11th. Dave was an avid snowmobiler who rode in our area as well as in the western United States. He was the owner of Gard Specialists Co. in Eagle River. In this photo he received the "Big Dumper" Award at the April 2019 Annual Meeting. "Dangerous Dave" will be missed for his sense of humor and his stories from many years of snowmobiling.



Here is a link to Dave's obituary: <https://www.gaffney-busha.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obld=10390613#/obituaryInfo> A Celebration of Life in Dave's honor will be held at Chef Rene's at Eagle River Inn, 5260 WI-70 West in Eagle River, WI, on Monday, January 20, at 11:00 a.m. If you are planning to attend, the family kindly ask that you RSVP at www.dave-everett.com. The family is compiling stories, photos and memories of Dave. We invite you to visit the Celebration website, www.dave-everett.com, to share a story or memory, a photo(s), a reflection, something you have learned or appreciate, or a phrase or word that describes Dave and why.

[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 . Download our member application and mail it to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521 **OR** fill out our application on line and pay with a credit card. The membership fee is \$35 to cover your member dues in both organizations. 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 14 days before your membership expires. When you get that, send in your renewal or renew on line to ensure that your membership doesn't lapse. **PLEASE NOTE: 2020 is a transition year for membership in Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. The membership year now ends on July 1 for everyone. So, you will get your renewal notice in mid-June for the 2020-21 year.**

[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 will cost you a lot more. Don't chance it!

MORE NEW MEMBERS

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

Matthew Britt	Eagle River, WI
Marty Broderick	DePere, WI
Jason & Susan Brown	Waunakee, WI
Steve & Erin Christianson	Muskego, WI
Scott & Christine Craig	Brentwood, TN
David Fallon	Spring Grove, IL
Terry & Nicky Graf	Newton, WI
Mark & Lori Heeren	Eagle River, WI
LeeAnn & Jerry Johnson	Tonica, IL
Ken & Keena Kennedy	Willow Park. TX
Elizabeth Leist	DePere, WI
David Martin & Jennifer Gruber	Waterloo, WI
Mark Mondus	Hudson, WI
Alex & Nicole Morgan	Manor, TX
Katelyn Nichols	Eagle River, WI
Zachary Nichols	Eagle River, WI
Kevin & Vickie Penkert	Eagle River, WI
Dante & Regina Perotto	Eagle River, WI
Bill & Diane Riedl	Cedarburg, WI

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter,
contact me at (715) 479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com

Ken Storms, Newsletter Editor

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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 16 at the VFW in Eagle River.



WISHING YOU A MEMORABLE NEW YEAR!