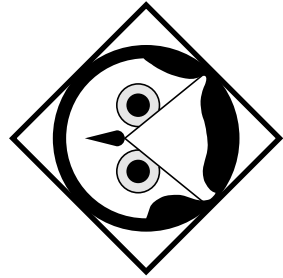
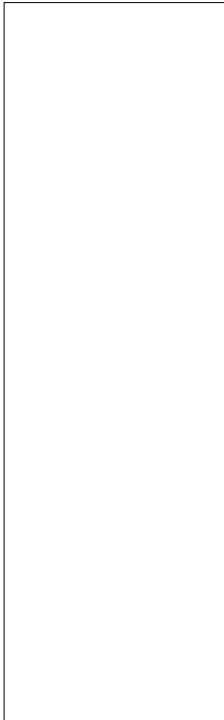


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(for latest info, call 252-I.N.F.O.)

Snobirds meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., at the Village Bowl in Memononee Falls, N86 W18830 Main St.

Please join us! Guests are welcome!

---- January 2004

7, 14, 21 Safety School MF Rec Dept., 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
13 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
15 - 18 Tomahawk Snofari, Bill Schultz
24 - Feb 1 Tower MN - Manitoba CA Snofari, Dan Skell
27 Board Meeting Kelly Wellhausen, 7:30 p.m.
29 - 31 Phillips Snofari, Ed Pollich

---- February 2004

5 - 8 Laona Snofari, Dick Brunow
10 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
19 - 22 Eagle River Snofari, Casey Wibbert
29 - Mar 6 Canada Snofari, Steve Schuh

---- March 2004

9 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
23 Board Meeting Gary Breuckman, 7:30 p.m.

---- April 2004

13 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
15 Smelt Cleaning
16 Smelt Fry
27 Board Meeting Steve Schuh, 7:30 p.m.



Event Hotline, 252-INFO (252-4636)

see our club information on the Internet
at <http://www.snobirds.org/>

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WCSA Report

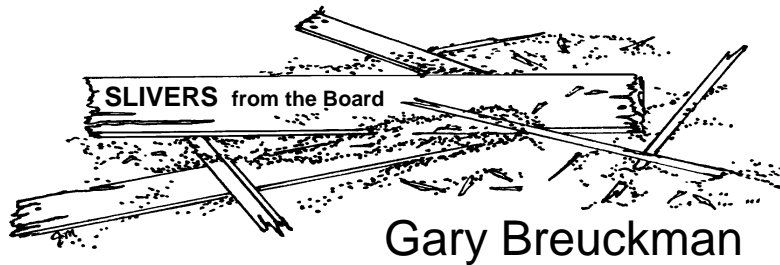
The last WCSA meeting was held on December 10, 2003 and hosted by the Muskego Ictronauts at the Hunters Nest in Muskego. After the short meeting the annual Christmas Party was held. The counties raffle winners were also drawing.

The new county trail maps (hot off the press earlier that evening) were distributed to the clubs in attendance. (all but 1) The WCSA voted to pay the Groomer Corp. the minimum due for grooming of the trails this season that way they would have some funds for operating expenses going into the season. They announced that they are in need of groomer operators, anyone interested should contact Harold Butschke at 262-567-7295.

Raffle report:- the top selling clubs this year were 1) New Berlin Sno-Hawks 2) Pewaukee Moon Shiners 3) Mukwonago Sno-Snoops 4) Muskego Ictronauts and 5) Oconomowoc Throttle Jockeys. The prize winners were:

- 1st Prize 2004 Polaris 340 Classic Snowmobile
Bev Makowski, Menomonee Falls
- 2nd Prize 2 Place Bearcat Enclosed Trailer
Cliff Carlson, Oconomowoc WI.
- 3rd Prize 2 Place Triton open trailer
Debbie Sprague, Franksville, WI.
- 4th Prize \$200 Gift Certificate
John Brummer, Chicago, IL.
- 5th Prize Eagle River Vacation Package
Becky Heinz, Windlake, WI

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!!!!!



Northern Minnesota and Manitoba Canada Snofari

January 24 through February 1, 2004

Saturday: Trailer sled to Tower, MN

Sunday: Snowmobile from Tower to Baudette, MN

Monday through Friday: Tour Manitoba, Canada, led by experienced guides

Package price for the five days and four nights includes:

- Guide service
- Manitoba snowmobile pass
- Lodging - each person own bed
- Morning buffet breakfasts
- Evening buffet dinners
- Lunch, gas and personal expenses are not included

Cost for Canada portion of the trip is \$420.00 per person. A deposit of \$125.00 required when signing up for trip. Additional expenses are yours.

NO SNOW - FULL REFUND

NO SHOW - NO REFUND

Saturday: Snowmobile back to Tower

Sunday: Trailer sled home

To sign up or for more information contact:

Dan Skell
6048 Eagle Point Rd.
Hartford, WI 53027
262-673-3633

You know what the club needs? We need someone interested in the history of the club, interested enough to keep the records in order and organize things. Anyone? We have lots of items in our storage area, old minutes and records, rosters, and lots of copies of past newsletters. Joe Mingari has his own collection of past newsletters and other items, and is cleaning up, and asked if we want them - it would be great to co-ordinate these collections and fill in any gaps before the items disappear forever.

The Christmas party was great - not as many kids to give presents to compared to past years, but everyone had a great time, I think including Santa & Mrs. Claus.

Safety classes have been a little disappointing this year. Many are reporting poor turnout. Our December class, which had 36 students last year, had only 16 this year. We had 10 students signed up for the January class, about a third of last year, but had 6 no-shows. Yet, the DNR is calling for more instructors to meet the needs...

In looking at final results from last year's Smelt Fry, it appears that the bottom line was a profit of about \$3,900. The date is set for this year's event, April 16th. The cleaning of course is the day before, the 15th. This is a bit earlier than past years, so be sure and let folks know so they can plan ahead. I hope everyone is still happy with having the Smelt Fry - we need all the help, but if members are tired of it we would have to find something to replace it. It does well financially, replacing it could be difficult.

Good luck to upcoming snofaris, some have done well so far.

Tomahawk Snofari

January 14th - 18th, 2004

Arrive: Wednesday, January 14th or
Thursday, January 15th or
Friday, January 16th

Stay at: The Bridge Inn
Business Hwy 51
Tomahawk, WI 54487
715-453-5323

Cost: 2 people per room: \$48 + tax
Additional person: \$10 + tax

Deposit: Call the Bridge Inn. Ask for Ruth. Tell her you are
with the Snobirds and which nights you want.
Use a credit card or send a check for \$50.00 for
your deposit. Deposit must be made by Decem-
ber 12, 2003.

Well-marked and groomed trails in Lincoln, Price, Taylor and
Oneida Counties. We will have planned rides for groups, or ride
on your own. Restaurant and bar is next door to the motel.

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NO SNOW - FULL REFUND

For info: Bill Schultz
13820 Keefe Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-780-5995

Phillips Skyline Motel

Price County

10 Rooms blocked till December 10

January 29-30-31
\$53.00 + Taxes

Hot Tub, Continental Breakfast, Supper Club
next door,
Telephone 1-800-596-0407

Please tell them you are a Snobird, and tell
me you are coming.
Ed Pollich, 262-251-2314

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE ads are **FREE** to Snobirds and Landowners for Snowmobile-related
items. To all others, rates are \$1.00 per line per insertion. Please send your
advertisements to the editor, or hand them in at a club meeting. This is an excellent
opportunity to sell your old clothing and equipment.

1993 Polaris 440 Indy, liquid cooled, 1200 miles, hand warmers,
reverse, very clean. Mostly wife driven. Asking \$1800.00. Contact
Scott either at a meeting or call 262-252-3496.

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Superb Trail Ride Weekend

Thursday through Sunday
February 5 - 8, 2004

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Place: CHENEY Motel, Large & Modern
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Supper Club on site, fine Steak dinners
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250 Miles + of weekend trail riding planned

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for club members only through December 24th. Non-members
may sign up after that date if any rooms are available. Sign up
for 2 days, 3 days, or more.

For Room Assignments or Additional Information contact:

Club sign-up
ends Dec 24th

Dick Brunow
W165 N10439 Wagon Trail
Germantown, WI 53022
Phone: 262-255-7141

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Scott Makowski

We are starting a NEW YEAR with a bang! December snow's gave us a early start to our planned season. Many events that were planned for the early snow season and on our calendar of events were able to come off as planned. Here's hoping that mother nature co-operates for the rest of the winter.

I'm hoping that everyone had a great holiday season and is now ready for some snowmobiling fun! Check out the calendar of events at the front of the TRACK & TRAILS to see if there are any events you would like to go along on. Contact the chairperson and see if there is room left, if not see if you can get rooms in the area and come ride with the group. We always welcome more of our club members to join us.

Our club membership is down a little from last year, so let's all make an effort to ask a non club member to come to a meeting and see how much fun we have. They might enjoy themselves and join. You might even win a cash prize from the AWSC for bringing in a new member and they have a chance to win a snowmobile trailer.

Hopefully we will get some snow down home so we can get out and ride the trails right here in our back yard. The new Waukesha County Snowmobile maps are available to all members at the meetings. Come to a meeting to receive yours! Remember that access to the trail is located right behind Village Bowl, which our new home.

SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS!!

Guy's "Ride"!

by Bill Schultz

After two years of no snow within a reasonable distance, we were able to have the Guys' Ride in Eagle River for 2003. Twenty-one guys participated (only 9 Snobirds). Some were from the original group when this tradition started back in the early 80's and some joined us through the years. We had four new guys join us this year. Three of the regular guys had business commitments and could not join us. Every year we lose one or two because they quit riding or go to smoother trails up in heaven. This year we lost Dave Schwebe, who was always will to help anyone and everyone. We missed Dave's great stories about the people he was dealing with in his line of work. I'm sure it was Dave who arranged that we had snow this year.

The merchants were very happy to see us and the many other snowmobilers. We had lunch at Bauer's Dam in Conover. The owner was telling us how she was going to the store and buying hamburger buns, one or two packages at a time. Now with snowmobilers coming in the last two weeks she orders nine cartons of buns.

We stayed at the Hiawatha Motor Lodge that was recently purchased by Al and Dawn who are remodeling and updating the whole property. They gave us a special price for the group and did everything they could to accommodate us. I like the Hiawatha because they have large rooms with doors to the common hallway and to the outside from each room so you can get right to your snowmobile. There is also an enormous parking lot. They are planning to have a huge hot tub and sauna soon.

Next to the Hiawatha one way is Sweetwaters Spirits and Resort; the other way is the Hiawatha Supper Club. This made it nice at night. We could eat dinner, have a few drinks, hang out and tell stories and then get back to our room without getting on our sled. NO MID-NIGHT RIDES! You can tell this group is getting old.

There was plenty of snow and the trails were in excellent condition. Only Saturday did we hit some rough sections. Al and I put on 749 miles on our sleds in three full days and two half days and could still walk!

Sunday most of the guys left early. A few of us stayed to ride a small loop to end up at Eagle Water Resort for their champagne brunch. The loop ended up a little long because I forgot how to get there. The brunch is \$12.95—all different kinds of excellent food and all you can eat. The owner sings and plays the piano while you are eating too much. If you are in Eagle River on Sunday morning, try the brunch. It is served from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M... You will be well-satisfied.

No one had any breakdowns. No one had an accident. All we had was excellent riding and great camaraderie. The only hope now is that we have plenty of snow the weekend before Christmas next year so we can do this Snofari again.

