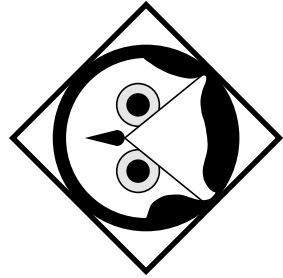
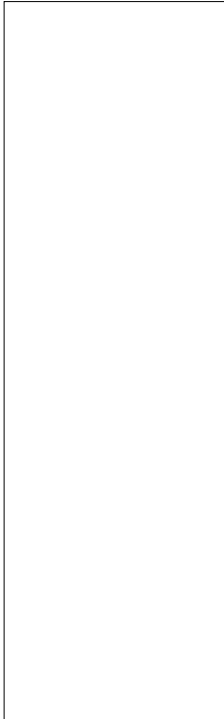


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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!

---- 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.

---- May 2004

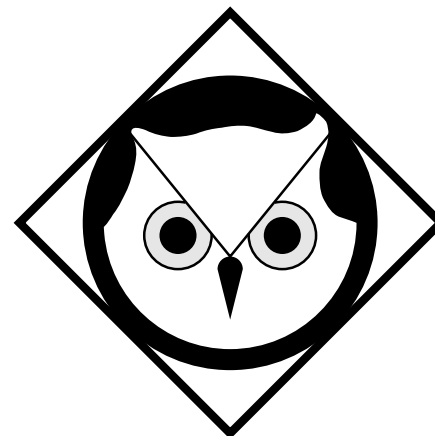
8 Adopt-a-Highway meet at Whiskey Corners, 9 a.m.
11 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
25 Board Meeting Ed Pollich, 7:30 p.m.

---- June 2004

8 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
29 Board Meeting John Palmer, 7:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 16th

4:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

\$7.75 Adults, \$5.00 6-12 years

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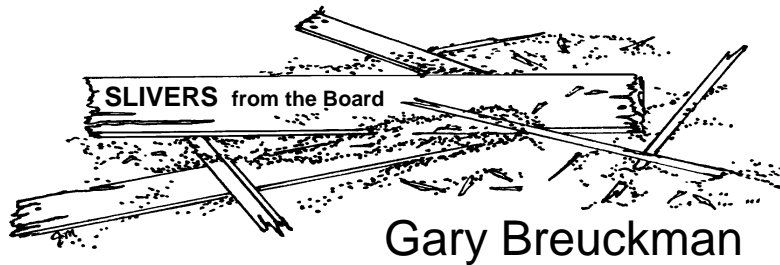
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Adopt a highway 2004 Joe Mingari

Smelt Fry - Smelt Fry - Smelt Fry - that's been the major part of the Board meetings lately. Everything seems well in hand, prices are up just a tiny bit (.25) for advance adults, the rest remain the same. Tickets have been mailed to members, if you need more call Gary Breuckman at 414-442-4278, or ask at a meeting. Advertising flyers are available if you have places you can post them.

Memberships are at 62 right now, we had 66 for a final number last year. We have two new memberships this year, and 6 who have not renewed.

Our snowmobile safety classes had much lower attendance than previous years - but that seems to be a general trend. We still think they are worthwhile. The photo on the cover shows some awards being presented to three of our safety instructors. Congratulations to Bev Makowski, Ralph Culver, Sue Nuck.

Scott reports from Madison that the bill requiring classroom instruction for the in-state students required to have a snowmobile safety certificate passed both houses unanimously. It still requires the governor's signature, but given the vote that's just a formality. A.W.S.C. has been promoting this for a while now, given the DNR's attitude regarding the CD course.

The CD course was originally intended, at least that's what we were told, for students who did not have a course available, especially for those coming to Wisconsin from out-of-state to snowmobile. However the DNR has recently been saying that anyone could use the CD, even if a local course was being taught.

This may be a little late in coming, but the last Adopt A Highway clean up took place last October 25, 2003. My number two in command, (not by his choice) Ed Pollich gathered together some club members on a damp and foggy Saturday morning. By his count, the number one throw away soda can was Mountain Dew, and the most popular beer can that was discarded was Miller Lite.

In all they collected over 24 bags of trash and assorted hub caps.

Club members taking part in the clean up were; Gary & Betsy Breuckman, Jim & Vicki Haberle, Jim & Sue Nuck, Bill Schultz, Joe Schumitsch & Joan, all of the Quickers; Dave, Kim, DJ, & JJ, and of course Ed & Bonnie. I hope I did not forget anyone, if I did tell me and I will put your name down two times next time.

Now for the 2004 schedule.

I looked back and my records for clean up go back to 1989. that's a lot of trash being picked up!! It seems that the usual suspects keep coming back, I for one really appreciate those members and their families for the time and effort. This is not a one man show! We need all the help we can muster. It makes the job easier and we get done faster.

Here are the dates for this year;

May 8 Sat July 15 Thur Oct 16 Sat

The two Saturdays we will start at 9:00am and the Thursday at 6:00 pm. All starts will be at whiskey corners where we will debrief and lie about what we found afterwards. Mark your calendars and try to make one or two or all three. My thanks again to Ed & Bonnie for their help. See you along the highway.

Want a t-shirt? (smelt, that is...)



There have been many comments at past Smelt Fry events how nice it was to see all the workers in the Smelt t-shirts.

This year we would like to get the shirts out earlier, so you can wear them beforehand as advertisements or when selling tickets. The club will again subsidize the cost for those working at the Smelt Fry or cleaning.

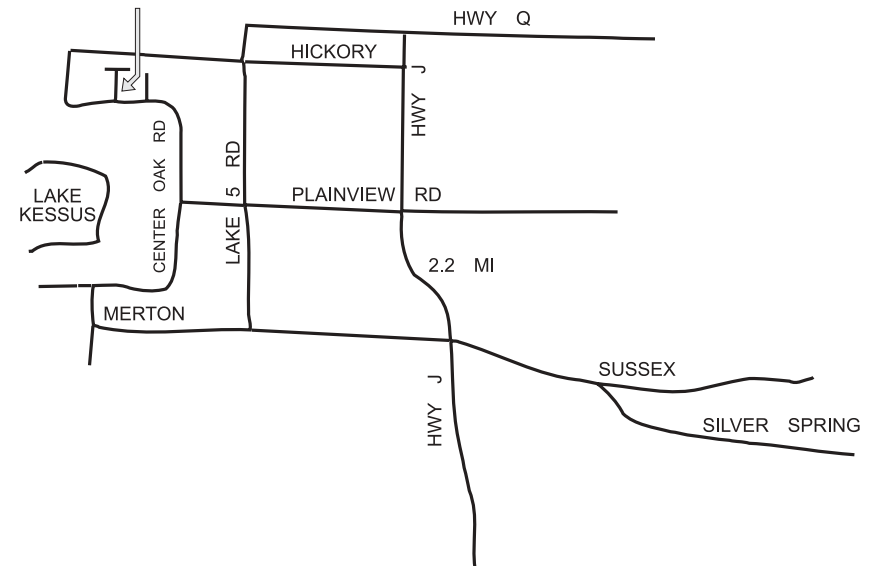
Your cost is \$5.00 each,
the club will cover the difference.

There are shirts in various sizes available at club meetings, please get yours before they are gone!

Smelt Cleaning Party April 15th.

Below is a map to the location for our Smelt Cleaning. Signup at any club meeting. Come join the fun and help prepare for the Smelt Fry. Smelt Cleaning runs from 3:30 p.m. Thursday until midnight. Setup on Friday starts after 1 p.m.

Dennis Wankowski
Phone 538-1163
W283 N8654 Theresa Marie Dr
Fifth house on right



Want to volunteer for something? Area Chairpersons are:

Smelt Cleaning, Setup	Jim Nuck	414-466-6812
Main Kitchen	Dawn Wilfert	262-781-0330
Smelt Kitchen	Ralph Culver	414-466-7304
Beer & Soda	Kelly Wellhausen	262-820-9691
Raffle Wheel	Dick Brunow	262-255-7141
Hall Cleanup	Joe Mingari	262-628-3785
Ticket Sales	Gary Breuckman	414-442-4278

THANK YOU, DAN

from Bill Schultz

I want to give Dan Skell a big THANK YOU for the enormous amount of time and work he put into arranging the Minnesota-Manitoba Snofari.

The first day of the Snofari was snowmobiling from Tower, MN to Baudette, MN. We had mostly decent trails of about 225 miles. That night we met our Canadian tour guides Mike, Ed and George.

The second day we left Baudette by sled and crossed the Lake of the Woods from south to north, approximately 80 miles—a very large body of water! When we arrived on land in Manitoba, the trails were beautiful, perfectly groomed and very well marked. Our destination was the town of Seven Sisters, Manitoba. We stayed at a “Ma & Pa” motel that was small, warm and clean. Dinner was fantastic. All you could eat of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, soup, salad bar and to finish it off homemade cake and pies. Excellent food. Breakfast was also enormous—scrambled eggs (3 or 4), seven slices of bacon, a huge portion of fried potatoes, a slice of orange, half a banana and hot chocolate.

At Seven Sisters my trip was completely changed. One of the fellow riders noticed one of the back wheels on my M-10 suspension was missing. Mike, the tour guide, immediately tried to solve my problem. He had a friend drive to us with an assortment of wheels and arranged for a fellow a block away from the motel to open his garage so the wheel could be replaced. The mechanic found that the left driveshaft bearing was also defective.

Mike again did his very best to help me. He arranged for George to come early in the morning with Mike’s truck and trailer so I could

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get my sled to the Yamaha dealer in Winnipeg. The service manager looked at my sled and said the driveshaft itself was bad and must be replaced. He did not have a driveshaft and neither did the other Yamaha dealer in town. They get their parts outside of Toronto and it takes three days to arrive; by that time the trip in Canada would be over and I would have to snowmobile alone back to Tower, MN (BAD IDEA) or else be trailered.

The shame was when I got my sled to my dealer he found there was nothing wrong with the driveshaft, he removed the races of the old bearing and installed a new bearing—all in thirty minutes. As to the M-10 wheel, seven had gone bad, but there was a Polaris dealer next to the Winnipeg Yamaha dealer so I probably could have gotten wheels and continued on the Snofari. All these bearings were checked and found to be good before I trailered to MN.

But maybe this all turned out for the best. Temperatures were from -10 to -35 below all the days of the Snofari. Fortunate for me Kenny had given me a pair of 100% wool pants years ago after we had been on a 30 below trip. I never wore them until this week and I was happy to have them! I was never cold.

I spent two days with George in Mike’s Chevrolet pickup looking at my snowmobile through the rear view mirror. It turned out to be great. I was able to see the city of Winnipeg, many snowmobile trails where they crossed roads and a large part of the southeast section of the Province of Manitoba, all from a warm comfortable truck!.

Winnipeg is a city of about 600,000 people and looks similar to Milwaukee—nice well-kept homes, nice buildings—Sears, McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Wal-Mart and many more of the same merchants we have. I did not notice any accents. Some of the words we use are different. They call a pier a dock and a Big’nTasty at McDonald’s is called a Big x’ta.

George is a fantastic guy. He is 60 years old, retired, widowed, has

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Thank you... Manitoba... continued.

a home in Winnipeg and a lake home. The night of the third day George and I stayed at his lake home. A very nice home on a beautifully wooded lot on a big lake with a marked snowmobile trail going across the lake. A person could not have it any better.

The fourth day George and I were up at 5:30 A.M and warmed up the truck.. By 6:10 A.M. we headed for Tower, MN where my car and trailer were. George was great company telling me about Manitoba and listening to me about things in the U.S.A.

The reason for writing this article is first, to let you know I think Manitoba is a great place to snowmobile. Second, you will find the greatest people willing to help you in every way they can. Mike did everything possible to get my sled working and George did everything possible to help me in my time of need (let me stay at his home and fed me). Third, thanks to Dan for setting up this trip. Even though I had problems, it was a great experience. I'd like to go back and ride with these guys again, only the temperature must be above zero. DO GO TO MANITOBA!

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. Make an offer, Contact Scott either at a meeting or call 262-252-3496.

Snowmobile ban in Yellowstone, Grand Teton parks overturned

A federal judge blocked severe restrictions on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks nearly two months after they were put in place.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer in Wyoming ruled the restrictions would cause irreparable harm to companies that rely on snowmobiling in the parks due to lost business. Brimmer issued a temporary restraining order against the restrictions and ordered the National Park Service to develop temporary rules for the rest of the 2004 season including use of cleaner, quieter snowmobiles.

It was not immediately clear what the next legal step would be, or what rules would be in effect for the 2005 season. In December, just before the snowmobile season in the parks, U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan in Washington, D.C., reinstated a Clinton administration plan to ban snowmobiles in favor of less-polluting mass-transit snow coaches. Sullivan's ruling allowed a limited number of snowmobiles in the parks this winter, but all had to be part of commercially guided trips. The ruling called for a complete ban next winter.

Snowmobile manufacturers and Wyoming officials appealed Sullivan's ruling, saying the phase-out would devastate communities that rely on winter tourism. Environmental groups support the ban, arguing that snowmobiles create air and noise pollution in the parks and endanger the health of park workers. They also contend that the snowmobiles harass and hurt wildlife.

Sullivan's ruling scuttled a 2001 settlement between the Bush administration and the state and snowmobile groups. The settlement did not ban snowmobiles, but reduced the number of the vehicles allowed in the parks and required cleaner-burning machines.