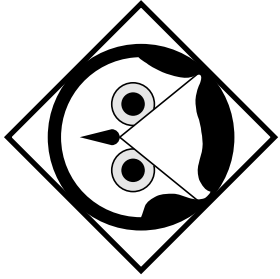
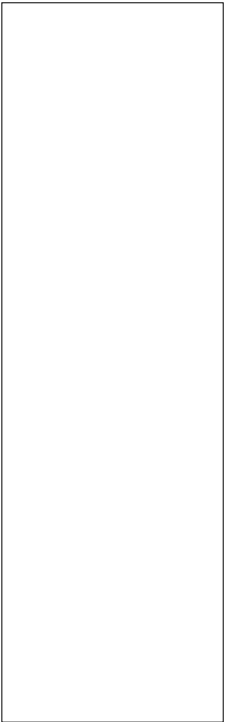


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FIRST CLASS MAIL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Snobirds meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm, at the Village Bowl in Menomonee Falls, N86 W18830 Main St. **Please join us! Guests are welcome!**

---- December 2005

7-14-21 Safety School, Menomonee Falls Community Center 6:30 p.m.
13 General Meeting, Christmas Party Sussex Bowl, Sussex
Starting EARLY at 7:00 p.m.
NOTE: Sussex, not at the Village Bowl in the Falls!
14 WCSA Christmas Party, Sussex Bowl
14-18 Guys Ride Bill Schultz
27-31 Newbury MI Snofari Ed Pollich

---- January 2006

4-11-18 Safety School, Menomonee Falls Community Center 6:30 p.m.
10 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
18-22 Tomahawk Snofari, Bridge Inn, 715-453-5323 Bill Schultz
24 Board Meeting Bonnie Pollich, 7:30 p.m.
25-30 Phillips Snofari, Skyline Motel motel reservations 800-596-0407

---- February 2006

1-5 Carter Snofari, Indian Springs Lodge 800-777-1640 Dick Brunow
9-12 Eagle River (Valentine's Day) Snofari 715-479-5151 Casey Wibbert
14 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
19-26 Northern Minnesota Snofari Bill Schultz

---- March 2006

14 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
28 Board Meeting Dick Brunow, 7:30 p.m.

---- April 2006

27 Smelt Cleaning
28 Smelt Fry
mark your calendar, keep the dates open!

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Valentine's Snofari 2006

February 9-12 2006

Arrive: February 9, 2006
or February 10th.

Stay at: Days Inn, Eagle River WI
715-479-5151

Cost: 2 people per room,
\$70.00 plus tax

Deposit: Call the Days Inn.
Say you are with the Snobirds.
Use a credit card to reserve a
room.

Rooms must be reserved by
January 25, 2006.

Come join us in beautiful Eagle River Wisconsin. Free continental breakfast at the hotel. Fish fry Friday night at the Hiawatha. Ride with the group or ride on your own.

Carter Snofari 2006

Pool! Hot Tub! Casino! Lounge & Restaurant!

Where: Indian Springs Lodge & Conference Center
on highway 32 in Carter WI

When: February 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Phone: 1-800-777-1640

20 rooms reserved for Snobirds

15 regular rooms with 2 Queen-size beds, \$65 Sun-Thurs, \$75 Fri & Sat.

5 Woodland rooms with 2 Queen-size beds, 1 Queen-size sleeper sofa & refrigerator, \$70 Sun-Thurs, \$80 Fri & Sat

Rates are for 2 people, add \$15 each additional person. All rooms are on the first floor. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Rooms must be reserved by Jan 18th. There is a 24-hour gas and convenience store directly across the highway from the lodge.

The Northern Lights Casino is located across the parking lot from the lodge (a new casino is currently under construction which will be attached to the lodge, due to open in June 2006). We will receive some match play coupons upon check in at the lodge, some of which are only good to players club card holders. If you are reserving a room for this snofari and would like a players club card waiting for you when you get there, provide me with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE # and BIRTH DATE and I will get them made ahead of time. Tee shirts may be available for this snofari, if interested contact Ron Wendt.

Please call the lodge/motel directly to reserve your room but if you have any questions call me.

Dick Brunow
262-255-7141

SAFETY SCHOOL

Gary Breuckman

The Snobirds will again be offering snowmobile safety classes this winter. The classes are conducted by qualified instructors, from the Snobirds, who are certified by the State D.N.R.. Satisfactory completion of the class meets the D.N.R. requirements.

"Any person who is at least 12 years old AND who is born on or after January 1, 1985 is required to possess a *valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate* in order to operate a snowmobile on public trails, lands or frozen waters. You must carry the certificate while riding and you must display it to a law enforcement officer when requested."

Enrollment is open to young persons 11 years of age and older. As this training is important to public and personal safety, a parent or guardian is welcome to attend with the son or daughter. There is a \$10 fee for registration and D.N.R. safety materials.

The course consists of three evening classes with subjects of snowmobile laws, ethics, terminology, maintenance, clothing, first aid, environmental and ecology problems.

We have two sets of indoor sessions scheduled this season. Total cost is \$10.00 The first set will be December 7, 14 and 21 at the Menomonee Falls Community Center, W152 N8645 Margaret Rd in Menomonee Falls. The second set of classes will be on January 4, 11 and 18. For reservations call Gary Breuckman at 414-442-4278. Classes run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, and you must attend all three sessions to be certified.

Northern Minnesota Snofari

February 19th - 26th, 2006

We will snowmobile on fantastic trails with beautiful scenery and also many places to see and tour. There will be groups of different speeds or bring your own group.

Sunday: Trailer to Grand Rapids, MN (Approx. 475 miles) Stay at Sawmill Inn.

Monday: Tour Itasca State Park, See headwaters (beginning) of the Mississippi River. Stay at Super 8 in Fosston, MN.

Tuesday: Tour Digi-Key Corp., largest distributor of electronic components, lunch at Black Cat Sports Bar and Grill, displaying 40 years of Arctic memorabilia, tour Arctic Cat plant, stay at Best Western, Thief River Falls, MN.

Wednesday: Tour Polaris factory, lunch at Brenigan's, which adjoins the Polaris Experience museum. Stay at Can-Am Motel in Warroad, MN.

Thursday: Marvin Windows are made in Warroad. The city is famous for the manufacturing of ice hockey sticks, especially for the Olympics. Tours available for both factories. Tour Lake of the Woods, which has a city of ice fishing shacks, some very elaborate. Stay at Day's Inn in International Falls, MN.

Friday: Ride to Kettle Falls on the 34-mile Rainy Lake Trail, see the Falls and the famous Kettle Falls Hotel, built 1913. More lake riding to Crane Lake for lunch. All lake trails are well marked and safe. Stay at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino in Tower, MN.

Saturday: Ride back to Grand Rapids viewing the Hull Rust Mahoning Mine (largest open pit mine, 3 miles long, 600 feet deep). Cross Powers Bridge, longest bridge in MN.

Sunday: trailer home.

Gamblers will find casinos accessible by sled at Thief River Falls, Warroad and Tower.

For more information or reservations call:
Bill Schultz 262-781-5995

Tomahawk Snofari

January 18th - 22nd, 2006

Arrive: Wednesday, January 18th or
Thursday, January 19th or
Friday, January 20th

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

Cost: 2 people per room: \$50 + tax
Additional person: \$12 + 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 December 20, 2005.

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.

NO SHOW - NO REFUND
NO SNOW - FULL REFUND

For info: Bill Schultz
13820 Keefe Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-781-5995

Guy's Ride

December 14th - 18th, 2005

Stay at: Hiawatha Motor Inn
Hwy 45
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-4442
Each room \$59 + tax
any number of people

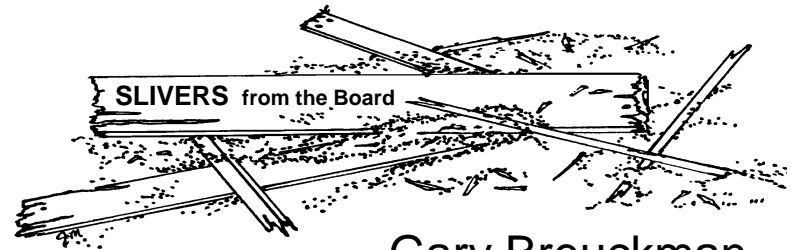
A great opportunity to try your new sled or see if your old sled is in top condition for the season. We ride during the day, evenings are spent telling stories, making future plans, eating and drinking.

The trails will be well marked and in excellent condition. We normally have lots of guys, so everyone can find a group that rides the speed and distance you desire, or bring your own group.

No deposit needed. If no snow, trip will be moved where there is good rideable snow within 300 driving miles of Milwaukee.

If interested or have questions, call

Bill Schultz, 262-781-5995



Gary Breuckman

'Tis the season...

Lots of party planning and holiday activity underway.

The Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade was up first. The Pollich's have agreed to act as the assembly point and meeting place afterwards. Casey and Mike are co-chairs. We need help for both the float assembly, and riders. We're sure it will happen in any case, but the more the merrier. We have some elf costumes lined up, candy to pass out, linup is at 3:30 and the parade starts at 4:30.

The Snobirds Christmas party is being catered, so that everyone can have fun and no one will have to work. Due to food service restrictions we had to hold this at a different location, so it will be at the Sussex Bowl. Cards were sent out with all the info as reminders, and we asked for deposits so that we could have an accurate count. The count so far was 61 persons.

The WCSA Christmas party will be the day after ours, also at the Sussex Bowl.

Betsy Breuckman has the names of 20 children and grandchildren for Christmas presents at our party, Santa will be there, hopefully everyone will be on time since we will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. This was also mentioned on the postcard (It's too late NOW for anyone new...).

Safety school is underway, we have 35 students for December.



A.W.S.C.

Scott Makowski

It's been a while since I have written a report for the Track & Trails. It's not been that there has not been things going on, however not a lot of progress was made in the things that were being worked on up until this point.

As you probably know many legislative initiatives are in the system being worked on. The Sound issue is a constant and on going effort in order to protect our trails from being closed by landowners who have problems with loud snowmobiles coming close to their homes. The DNR has a different idea of where the sound decibel level should be than the rest of the organized snowmobiling. In the spring AWSC got together with some legislators a started the process of going after our own law to achieve this. The law is still in progress and is now on its way to the Senate floor in Madison to be voted on which if passed would be the final step to becoming a law and solve the problems our landowners are having with loud snowmobiles.

The 55 MPH nighttime speed limit bill is as moving forward and while not everyone is in agreement with this bill, it was one of the things that came as a result of having the second highest fatality total ever last season. Many other solutions were discussed and AWSC along with organized snowmobiling were told that if something done by us, others would do things for us to try to control this continuing growing problem. This bill could become a law as early as later this month and still go into effect for this snow season. I'll keep you informed as this bill continues to move though

the legislature.

Deer Hunt 2006 is a big issue, which appears the DNR will be pursuing very hard. This would establish a 4-day Antler less Deer Hunt 2 weeks after Thanksgiving and could depending on the way the calendar end as late as December 14 in some years. This if allowed, would cause snowmobile trails not to open until mid December due mostly to landowner access issues during hunting seasons. This would mostly affect the northern counties of our state. AWSC has gone on record as to opposing any December deer hunt north of Hwy 8 for that reason. The DNR say that this December hunt would be to control the size of a every expanding deer herd, however AWSC disagrees and state that they would be better off to control the deer population by giving extra FREE deer tags to hunters already in the woods during the regular season held in November. AWSC is committed to fighting this issue to protect our season.

If you would like to catch a good snowmobile program on local television, you should check out a program called "SNOW TRAILS TV" which runs on your Public Broadcasting Station (Channel 36) in the local area on Sunday at 6 PM CST. This a great program about snowmobiling sponsored by the International Snowmobile Association. Check it out!

This pretty much covers what has been happening with your state association (AWSC) over the past months. While everyone will never agree on the decisions made AWSC is dedicated to protect snowmobiling in the future, thus allowing those who follow us to enjoy the sport as much as we do today. **THINK SNOW** and always remember that:-

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