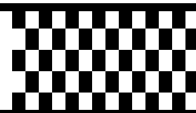


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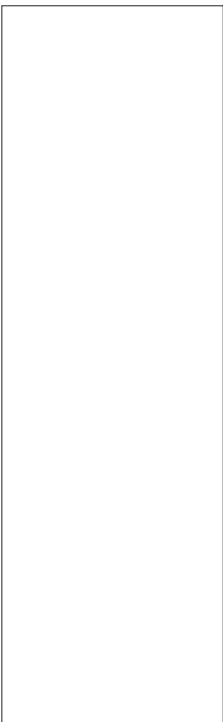
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

---- February 2008

8-11	Eagle River Snofari	Casey Wibbert
12	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
26	Board Meeting	Ed Pollich, 6:30 p.m.
28-Mar 1	Carter Snofari	Jeff Cottrell
29-Mar 8	Yellowstone Snofari -- CANCELED --	Joan Schumitsch

---- March 2008

11	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
14-16	AWSC Convention, Wausau	
25	Board Meeting	Jim Mueller, 6:30 p.m.

---- April 2008

8	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
17	Smelt Cleaning	
18	Smelt Fry	
22	Board Meeting	Scott Makowski, 6:30 p.m.

---- May 2008

13	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
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Event Hotline, **252-INFO** (252-4636)

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

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WEEKDAY RIDES

The idea is to go to the starting location on Sunday, ride Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, go home Friday morning. The trails during the week are usually in excellent condition. You do not have to fight for rooms and can usually negotiate a reasonable rate. The owners of the various pit stops are happy to see someone and give them excellent service.

The Sundays I am thinking of starting these rides are:

January 6th and 20th, 2008
February 3rd and 17th, 2008
March 16th, 2008

If a Snobird plans a weekday Snofari for one of the above weeks and everyone is welcome, that ride will be the ride.

If someone plans a weekend Snofari preceding or following one of the above weeks, I thought we would stay at the Snofari's location, ride a few days before or after and yet be able to join the Snofari.

Some of my ideas for weekday rides are:

Start in Waukesha County. Ride west to the Mississippi River, tour the Mississippi River area for a couple of days and ride back to Waukesha County. This ride would be the "Bob Niemi Memorial Ride". Bob and I had been talking about this ride for the past two years but were never able to take it.

Trailer to some location in Central Wisconsin. Stay there and ride in each of four different directions each day.

Trailer to some location in Northwestern Wisconsin. Stay there and ride in each of four different directions each day.

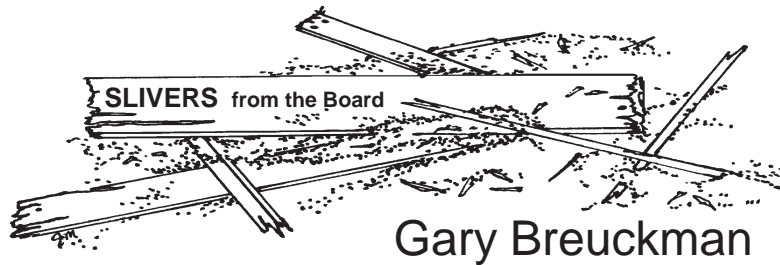
Go back to Northern Minnesota. Visit the Arctic Cat and Polaris factories, plus many more spots of interest.

If you have an idea for a weekday ride, let me know – maybe we will be able to do it.

If you are interested in any or all of these weekday rides, let me know.

I will call you by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday the trip starts and give you details. You can decide then to go or not. All trips depend on snow conditions.

**If interested or have questions
Call Bill Schultz (262) 781-5995**



A.W.S.C. Bev Makowski

Director's Report from Jan. 13, 2008 Meeting
By Bev Makowski, Director

Both sets of safety classes are finished, that's it for this year. We had 36 graduates in the December Class, and 18 in January. We had a lot of no-show's for the January class - I think what's happening is that we get our January class information out on the web really early, at the same time as our December class. Folks sign up, and then later classes turn up that are closer, and they sign up for them and don't bother telling us. As long as we aren't turning anyone away for January and have enough people to offer a class, I guess I won't worry about it too much.

The Board is looking ahead to the Smelt Fry. We can't print the tickets until we decide on the price, and we can't do that until we have a reasonable guess on the cost of the smelt. The suppliers will never commit on that, and it can change up to the delivery date. We try to have them out before the March club meeting.

Profits from the Smelt Fry pay for things like the Christmas party (75 adults plus youngsters signed up for the dinner, plus the gifts for the youngsters) and the summer picnic and corn roast.

The newsletter input has been light, no snofari articles yet at all. Anyone who wants to write something on either a club trip that's happened, or something they've done themselves and want to let others know how good a time they've had is welcome to send in an article! See your name in print! Call Gary at 414-442-4278 if there is something you would like to tell us. We'll take email, something printed from your computer, or just a note on a yellow pad.

I would first like to CONGRATULATE Harold Butschke, on being named "Midwest Groomer of the Year," and "National Groomer of the Year." Harold is among some of the great people we have in Waukesha County. We are very lucky and don't seem to know it. Thank some of these people for all the jobs and work they have done for snowmobiling in our County.

President: New website, from Canada, to sell sleds, ATV's and trailers. It is – sleds2buy.com . Canada will let U.S. put snow things on website to sell. U.S. will get a rebate.

Vice President: Signed a lease for new AWSC Office in Deforest, by Madison. Move will approximately take place in April, after the Convention.

Office Manager: Busy with memberships, and Convention coming up in March. Get Memberships in by the end of February to assure proper voting credentials at the convention

Ex. Director: We had a lot of snow in the Southern part of the state. That does not happen to often. Enjoy it, while it is here. More talk about a 5th Director's meeting. 4 meetings are not enough to conduct all our business. Prez & V. prez are working on the "Cap Program". It is in the talking stages.

Blue Ribbon: Wisconsin is the 2nd largest, in state memberships. President Jack Walsh stepped down. New President is Sonya Bates, from Minnesota.

Lake States: Sell raffle tickets. We support them better than the ATV clubs.

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Christmas Party - great food!



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.

For Sale - 2007 Yamaha Vector GT, Red, 973 cc 4-stroke, with everything (electric start, reverse, premium suspension, handwarmers), 1130 miles, 20-22 m.p.g., balance of factory warranty, \$7450.00

Suit, 2-piece mens, 2X, bibs, jacket, and helmet, heated shield.

Suit, ladies 2-piece, helmet, will dicker on price.

Call Ken Deres, 414-791-2341



Are You Ready For A Good Time?

We're Going To West Yellowstone.

WHEN: Leave Morris Family Farm
Hartland, Friday February 29, 2008 5:00 p.m.
and we will be back Saturday, March 8th, 2008
at about 1:00 p.m.

WHO: Anyone & Everyone who wants to have FUN!!

HOW: You can ride the bus or fly if you like,
and you can take your sled or rent.

PRICE: Based on 40 people on the bus and either
20 or 40 sleds (20 sleds per semi),
Bus \$275
Hotel \$260
Sled \$275
equals \$810 per person, double occupancy.

We need full Deposit by January 15, 2008.

Any questions contact John Pfalz @ 262-264-5589
or Joan Schumitsch @ 262-244-6650

AWSC report, *continued...*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising: Are looking for snowmobile bids for a sled, for next Fall's raffle. The bottom line is PRICE.

Finance: Just starting to put budget together for next year. Groomers and Drags are Tax exempt. Parts are taxable.

Insurance: General Casualty is the main Company. Schwartz & Shea is an agency under Gen. Casualty. Gen. Casualty will cover liability on any trails marked on lakes, rivers, and lakes and streams, that are safe to be on, and ice is thick enough.

Legislative: Working on a bill to get non-resident trail passes from \$18 to \$35 for next winter. There is a bill AB660 which would give them a one time registration, that the Vintage Clubs do not support, because it will take too much funding out of the snowmobile program. The Vintage Clubs are working with AWSC to get a bill that will benefit both programs.

Safety & Education: Need more Youth Instructors.

Trails & Multi Use: 1st \$150.00 of the \$250.00 per mile, needs to be used for grooming, to be able to get into the subliminal funds.

Youth: The young people are planning some great events for the Convention. Any donations to them is appreciated.

Candidate Announcements:

President: Bill Schumann & Tom Chwala

V. President: Doug Johnson & Bill Pfaff

Secretary: Darlene Krentz

Treasurer: No candidate yet

Ex. Director: Sam Landes is stepping down. No candidate yet.



Christmas Party
Eventually everyone will learn
how to spell SnoBirds

