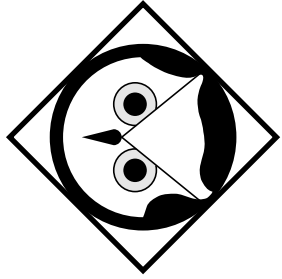


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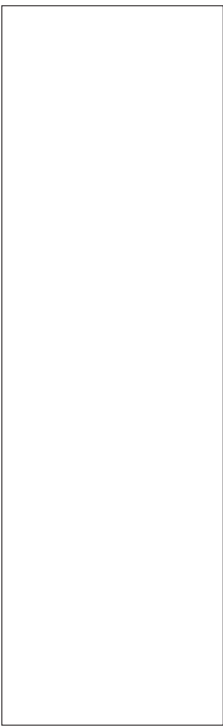


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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(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!**

## ---- May 2009

|    |                 |                                       |
|----|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9  | Adopt-a-Highway | 9 a.m.                                |
| 10 | Mother's Day    |                                       |
| 12 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 13 | WCSA meeting    | Snobirds Hosting, at Village Bowl     |
| 25 | Memorial Day    |                                       |

## ---- June 2009

|    |                 |                                       |
|----|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9  | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 21 | Father's Day    |                                       |
| 23 | Board Meeting   | Ed Pollich, 6:30 p.m.                 |

## ---- July 2009

|    |                  |                                       |
|----|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4  | Independence Day |                                       |
| 14 | General Meeting  | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 16 | Adopt-a-Highway  | meet at Whiskey Corners, 6 p.m.       |
| 28 | Board Meeting    | Dean Havel, 6:30 p.m.                 |

## ---- August 2009

|    |                 |                                       |
|----|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8  | Snobirds Picnic | Pewaukee Lake, Noon                   |
| 11 | Corn Roast      | Village Bowl, 6 p.m., followed by:    |
| 11 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 25 | Board Meeting   | Joan Schumitsch, 6:30 p.m.            |



Event Hotline, **252-INFO** (252-4636)

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

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# Adopt-a-Highway 2009

The first AAH for 2009 transpired on Saturday May 9th.

On the preceeding Friday, one Bill Schultz did yoeman's service by going out on his own and cleaning the Western half between Sussex and Whiskey Corners. The reason for this exceptional act of kindness was the sudden passing of Sue Nuck, whose viewing and funeral service were also set for Saturday.

At nine am on Saturday, seven of the usual Snobird suspects appeared and I have to believe that Sue was there in spirit because the rain stopped and it stayed dry the whole time we were out there.

While there were no exotic finds, a nickle by Dick B. is the only treasure.

Even without the rain it was still very wet and muddy. If I thought that the clean up while there was construction was tough, the aftermath of the highway work was far worse. We used up every last bag available and I lost count of the broken survey sticks we collected.

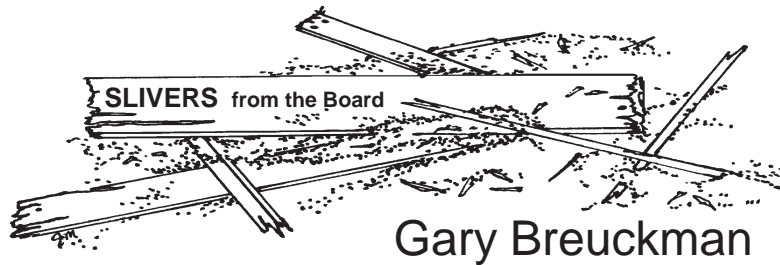
We completed our task by 10:30 am; we only had the Eastern half to do, and then went to pay our respects.

I can't thank Bill enough nor can I show proper appreciation to: Dick Brunow, Steve Biehl, Bonnie & Ed Pollich, Ron Wendt, and of course Judy M.

Due to the tremendous input I have picked the 16th of July and October 10th as the next two cleanup dates. They are a Thursday night and a Saturday Morning. We will start at six pm on 7/16 and nine am on 10/10.

Looking forward to seeing more of you next time.

Joe M



## Smelt Fry Raffle Wheel Report

Dick Brunow

This time of year we spend much of our Board meeting time on the Smelt Fry. Before, we are making sure that everything is covered, who is getting how much of what, and what it will cost. After, we look at the numbers, attendance, how much is left of what we bought, how did the number of helpers go for each area, and what can we do to improve for next year.

We fed 719 customers this year. It's surprising, looking at past years, how many come out with between 700 and 750 attending. The numbers this year look just fine, and we should make about the same amount of money we have in past years. I'm still not sure whether good or bad weather works out better for the smelt fry. Some would argue that if the weather is really nice out, people would stay home and cook out, and not come. Our door sales were about 38% of the total, more than a third, so a lot who didn't already have tickets did come.

Of course the raffle wheel, and the beer and soda sales, also contribute greatly to the bottom line. Thanks to those who worked there, and also the smelt cleaning and smelt fry - your help is what makes this work, and making it work keeps dues down and pays for free events like the picnic and corn roast.

The picnic is set for Saturday August 8th at Al Schultz's home on Pewaukee Lake. We still need to plan the menu, and we will be asking for a \$5/person reservation so we have an accurate count. The fee will be returned when you arrive. Mark the date! More later.

Most of you are probably aware that Sue Nuck has passed away. Jim and Sue have been club members for 26 years, and will be missed. Jim was moved to the VA Hospital for now.

Well another smelt fry has come and gone and from what I've heard all areas of this year's event were a big success once again. 40<sup>th</sup> year, boy that's a lot of smelt fry's, and as far as I can tell I've been involved in the last nineteen of those in some way or another. As most of you probably know I've been the chairman of the "Smelt Fry Raffle Wheel" event since its inception in 1998. We originally got the idea to try the raffle wheel at a Laona Snofari one year. The Sugarbush Snowmowheelers (a local club up in that area of which Ron Wendt & I are also members) have a raffle wheel event in conjunction with their annual "Poker Run". They actually allowed us to borrow their wheel for the first couple of years while we tried to decide if we wanted to incorporate this game into our annual Smelt Fry or not. The first year we had a \$600.00 profit, the next year grew to \$891.00 profit so it was decided to keep it, and with the help of many we made our own Raffle Wheel. To say the event has grown over the years is an understatement. Our first year we did 49 games for a \$600.00 profit this year we did 115 games (an all time record) and had a profit of **\$1783.00** also an all time record. Over the last 12 years the Raffle Wheel has made \$14,364.29 for the club's treasury.

I would like to thank the many people who have helped over the years to make this the big success that it has become. Many thanks to: Brian & Rhonda Geoffrey who since the beginning have handled the printing, cutting and sorting of the tickets we use; Karen McLaughlin with all that she does, to help promote ticket sales and the running of the games; to Joe Martorana, a friend and co-worker of mine for his help in finding "many" of the great deals for prizes; to all my great ticket sellers who just seem to get better and faster every year and to all the club members who have donated prizes over the years and to anyone else that has contributed to the success of our annual Smelt Fry Raffle Wheel event.

After a short respite, the bargain hunting will begin again to build up our supply of prizes for next year in hopes of setting new all time records for the Smelt Fry Raffle Wheel event!

Thanks Everyone  
Dick Brunow

# AWSC Director's Report

## March 29, 2009

### Chula Vista in the Dells

#### Officer Reports

President - should all officers be elected for a 2-year term??? Not enough time to finish what was started.

V. President - D.C. "FLY IN" is in April. This is where we meet with the lawmakers in Washington, and have a Midwest chapter meeting. Also the International Congress is in June. It is in Canada this year. It is at a different place every year.

Treasurer - we went through the balance sheet and the budget for next year. Both were approved.

Executive Director - Our Madison day, March 26th, was a great success. We were well received and had about 400 people present.

Office Manager - 906 attending, 150 were kids, registered for the convention. New year starts April 1 to March 31, 2010. AWSC members belonging to more than one club are only counted once, in their primary club. They will not be counted in all other clubs in order to give a true count of AWSC members.

Miss Snowflake - the youth group made approximately \$4,000 from the silent auction and cash donations. She thanked all the county associations for their donations to help them raise money for their group. Also looking for young girls to run for "Miss Snowflake" at the Fall workshop, and more youth reps from the clubs and county associations.

Executive Director - Dave Newman was elected for another one-year term.

#### Committee Reports

Audit - No Report

Lake States - Check the forest maps. Not all trails are on the maps, we found 26 miles of trails not on the map. It is found online.

Fund Raising - the two raffles were again a success. Looking for new ideas for prizes for the next raffle.

Club Only Raffle grossed a little less than \$20,000.

Club Assistance Raffle gross is \$28,467.

Legislative - we are renaming the "CAP PROGRAM" the "STEP PROGRAM" which means Snowmobile Trail Enhancement Program. Some incentives may be necessary to guarantee success of the program. Incentives could go to the DNR, the Alcohol Awareness Program, Tourism for increased ads promoting snowmobiling. The program could add 2 million dollars or more to the snowmobile program. These incentives we would like to limit, and end in a couple of years. Per Bob Jenz, our Lobbyist, the "CAP" program would not fly the way it was.

The 55 mph night speed limit will end next year. It will most likely get renewed.

Magazine - signed a new 3 year contract with Minnesota Magazine.

Membership - as of now, 25,956

Scholarship - the committee had 59 applications, they were all good. It was hard to choose the winners.

Director's Note - Those of you at the banquet saw our own Scott Makowski receive "The President's Cup." He had no idea that he was going to receive the cup, and was caught totally off-guard. Scott has done many things for AWSC to make him deserving of this award, Congratulations!! You truly do deserve this prestigious award, there are less than 20 of them. We should be proud to have him in our County Association, he does represent us well as you all know.

# The Tomahawk Ride

## Ron Wendt



I arrived Thursday night after work and went straight to the hot tub, after checking in, where I found the Pollich clan. We commenced to converse about the upcoming weekend and where we were going to ride. As usual nothing was decided at that time other than follow the groomer. I finally made it to bed by 2 a.m. because my son-in-law kept me up, thanks Brian somebody had to take over for Dick.

The next morning came late due to the cool temperatures, when I got down to breakfast everyone there was wondering where we were going again. Tom Pollich took the bull by the horns and decided to follow the groomer, and a good choice it was. We only put on about 85 miles but that wasn't too bad, starting at 11:45 till 4:30 back in time for supper.

The trails were smooth and flat for the most part. Of course they got more beat up on the return ride on the heavy traveled trails back to the motel.

Friday night was an early to bed night followed by a 9:00 a.m. wheels up ride of approximately 110 miles. Friday night the door was open to the room where some of the Bill Shultz clan showed up and our neighbors from next door who were from Illinois, we talked about the day and many other things till about midnight.

Numerous other club members and friends were there. Everyone seemed to have a good time hope to see you there next year.

Ron Wendt



# WHAT DO SNOBIRDS DO FOR FUN IN THE SUMMER, THEY GO CAMPING.....



## In Wisconsin Dells

**Where:** Bonanza Campground or  
Fox Hills RV  
Other Ideas

**When:** Mid July or Mid September  
(August is the Club Picnic)

**Things we could do: (I'll check on group prices)**

- Group passes to a water park  
Chula Vista, Mt. Olympus, Noah's Ark
- Shuttle to Ho-Chunk Casino
- A Round of Golf (for the golf lovers)

**We will have a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening  
with a campfire to follow.**

*Let us know if you are interested by next months meeting.  
We will have more information about the group rates for  
all of these events.*

*Call Pat at 414-791-9423 or De Anne 414-510-1203 if  
you have any questions or any other activity idea*