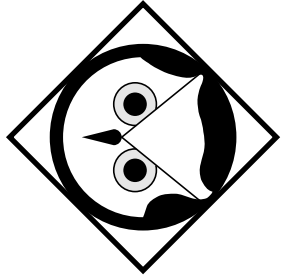


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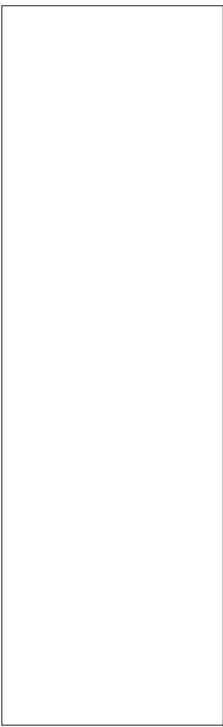


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(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!**

---- November 2009

10	Open House	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 7 p.m.
	General Meeting	8 p.m.
11	WCSA meeting	Donna's Tap, 640 Plat Rd, Richfield, 8 p.m.
24	Board Meeting	Dave Rowley, 6:30 p.m.

---- December 2009

2,9,16	Safety School	North Junior High, N88 W16750 Garfield Dr
8	Snobird Christmas Party and Dinner	Richfield Chalet, 7 p.m. \$5.00 reservation per person, will be returned at dinner
9	WCSA meeting	Raffle Drawing, Christmas Party, 7 p.m. New Berlin VFW, 17980 W Beloit Rd, \$5.00 cost for dinner.
18-20	ISOC Snow Cross Race	Potawatomi Casino, State Fair Park
26-1/3	Boulder Junction Snofari	Ed Pollich

---- January 2010

6,13,20	Safety School	North Junior High, N88 W16750 Garfield Dr
12	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
13-18	Tomahawk Snofari	Scott Pinzer

----February 2010

3-7	Carter Snofari, Casino & Lodge	Dave Rowley
9	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
12-14	Eagle River Snofari	
23	Board Meeting	Dean Havel, 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

Joe Mingari

Well, for the record, it was 37 degrees when 9:00 AM rolled around Saturday morning. On the bright side, it wasn't raining or snowing. While it seemed that only Ed & Bonnie were going to celebrate their anniversary with me, the old SnoBird persona came into play.

We had a dozen members including a few first-timers on this brisk morning. What the "cool" weather did was let us finish in record time. 10:15 AM found most of us inside Whiskey Corners. We lost a participant and we gained one during the cleanup.

A question I had was, "why does cold beer taste so good no matter what the temperature is?"

There were no fabulous finds, but we may have found the "field of dreams" due to the number of baseballs Ron found.

This was the last cleanup for 2009 and yes it did warm up by noon to a balmy 39 degrees.

My thanks go out to: Steve Biehl, Gary Breuckman, Dick Brunow, Brian & Sherri Gramoll, Dave Maas, Ed & Bonnie Pollich, Tom Pollich, Al Schultz, Bill Schultz, and Ron Wendt.

Thanks to all SnoBirds, families and friends who volunteered their time and effort throughout the year. It could not be accomplished without you.

JOE M

Snofari Information 2009-2010

December 3 - 6 First Ride

Bill Schultz 262-781-5995
article in this newsletter

December 16 - 20 Guys' Ride

Bill Schultz 262-781-5995
article in this newsletter

December 26 - January 3 Boulder Junction

Ed Pollich, 262-251-2314

January 13 - 18 Tomahawk

Super 8 Tomahawk
1-715-453-5210
January 13th thru 18th
Block of rooms reserved thru December 13th.
24 hr cancellation policy.
Free continental breakfast
Room rate \$58.50 weekday - \$67.50 weekend
Any questions contact Scott Pinzer 414-870-1964

February 3 - 7 Carter Snofari, Casino & Lodge

Dave Rowley
Reservations call 800-777-1640 group code SBMF

February 12 - 14 Eagle River Snofari

Casey Wibbert
Days' Inn
reservations call 715-479-5151

FIRST RIDE

By Bill Schultz

Thursday through Sunday December 3-6, 2009

Everyone welcome!!

Stay at Lac Vieux Desert Resort
N5384 U. S. Highway 45
Watersmeet, Michigan
800-895-2505

Room rates 2 people, 2 beds, per night
Sunday - Thursday: \$49.99+tax
Friday and Saturday: \$58.99+ tax

There are miles and miles of snowmobile trails going north, east or west of the resort. They are groomed each night, making them in excellent riding condition. The resort gives free coupons to be used in the casino which is next door and if you are lucky, you will make lots of money! The restaurant and bar in the casino are very convenient and have reasonable prices. There is a gas station next to the casino, making it easy to fill the sled each morning. It's a great opportunity to see if your sled is ready for the season.

Please do not make reservations until we are positive there is enough snow to ride. The resort does not fill up on the first weekend of December.

If interested or have questions call
Bill Schultz
262-781-5995

Last Trip of the '08 - '09 Season

Bill Schultz, Al Schultz, Judy Smiley, & Sue Flaherty left early Wednesday, March 11 and headed to Twin Lakes, MI for the last snowmobile trip of the season. Roads were clear until Bruce Crossing, MI. From there north, the roads were snow-covered, with 40-45 mph winds from the aftermath of the 8" snowstorm of Tuesday.

The temperature was -6 degrees, winds 35 mph. when we arrived at "Parkview Lodge". The accommodations at Parkview are A-1, and the adjacent restaurant is convenient & had excellent meals. Al enjoyed the pool & hot tub after each day's ride.

After getting settled, we decided to take a short 72 mi. round trip ride to Redridge, MI, via small mining towns. On the way back, we stopped at "The Ambassador" in Houghton - - a very interesting "old time" Irish Bar. The walls were old hand painted murals, & there were several stained glass windows - a lot of preserved antique artwork at The Ambassador.

Thursday a.m. it was -6 degrees, and the wind subsided. We headed north - destination "Keweenaw Point". Along the way we saw interesting remains of iron mines & stopped at various lookouts. There was 1 1/2 ft. to 3 ft. of snow on the trails. Only about a foot of the railings of bridges showed above the deep snow on the bridge decks. The groomers were out full force - we passed 6 during the day, so we had smooth riding all the way. We ate lunch at "Mariner's North" in Copper Harbor before heading back to Twin Lakes. Bill & Al lead us to the Phoenix Country Store for a "candy bar break." This truly was a "step back in time" experience. Everything in the store, including the cash

register, shelving, refrigeration units, etc. were from the 1930's. From there we stopped at "Schute's Bar" in Calumet. The back bar with its huge mirror, tall wood columns & famous stained glass canopy was beautiful.

The building was actually built around the bar area in 1890. There is a huge mural painted on the wall, ornate ceilings & "unique" restrooms. All in all, it was a super day - many points of interest - excellent trails - 185 miles total.

Friday it warmed up to 1 degree!! Today we rode to Baraga (a very difficult town to get thru on a sled). We ate lunch at Ojibwa Casino & continued under sunny skies. The trail ended at Chassell, with a sign "end of trail - ask in bar for directions". We asked how to get to Trail 3 - to Houghton/Hancock. The directions took us on 6 miles of Portage Lake. (Sue checked with locals - there was 30 inches of ice on the lake). OK - we can do the lake route. Between Houghton & Twin Lakes, we found some fun hills to climb, bowls to play in, etc. We took our time, enjoying the perfect snow conditions of our last day, of our last trip, of the '08-'09 season. We clocked 123 miles today, and it was 32 degrees at 5 p.m.

It was 29 degrees early Saturday morning, with predictions to 45 degrees that day. It was time to head home after a great 3 days of snowmobiling, and the temps were going up. Now it's time to put our snowmobiles away, and get out the summer toys.

Sue, Judy, Al, Bill

GUYS' RIDE

By Bill Schultz

**Wednesday through Sunday
December 16-20, 2009**

GUYS ONLY!!

**Stay at Hiawatha Motor Lodge
1982 Hwy 45 North
Eagle River, WI
715-479-4442**

**Room rates 2 people, 2 beds, per night
\$50.00 + \$5.50 tax**

The trails open December 15, 2009. They are well marked and in excellent condition with low traffic at this time of year. This area offers many interesting places to see by sled. There is a restaurant and bar on both sides of lodge, making a nice place to hang out and relax after riding all day. Each room has exit doors to the common inside hall and to the parking lot, making easy access to your sled.

Please do not make reservations until we are positive there is enough snow to ride. The lodge does not fill up on the weekend before Christmas.

**If interested or have questions call
Bill Schultz
262-781-5995**

AWSC Director's Report Bev Makowski

Director's Report Oct. 25, 2009 Stevens Point
Officer's Reports

President's Report - Have been going to a lot of meetings. Workshop attendance for 2009 was 679,389 for the Banquet. 2008 Workshop attendance was about 900,400 for the Banquet.

V. President Report - Have been going to a lot of meetings. Safety Week Jan. 11-16, 2010.

Treasurer's Report - Balance Sheet was approved at the Directors meeting. All is well.

Secretary Report - No Report.

Ex-Director's Report - "ACSA-White Paper Booklet". It is like a "Fact Book", on snowmobiling. Not enough for everyone to have one. It will go to the DNR, Legislators, and other Dept. Heads. It is like a "Fact Book." May have more printed in the future. Are not sure yet if that will happen. I will try to bring at least one copy back for the Co.'s records, if or when they are available. AWSC is putting a Bid in for the "Int'l Congress" for 2013. We are thinking of having it in Green Bay. The date is June 5-9, 2013. AWSC will need a lot of help to put this Congress on. There is a lot of work to put this Congress together. Bid goes in Feb, 2010, with an answer if we get it in June, 2010, at the Int'l Congress. Will need help getting the CAP/Step Program Bill passed by Legislators, from all our members.

Lake States - Memberships are down. Please support them and Blue Ribbon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Report— No report. All is well.

Environmental Report - Yellowstone will allow 318 sleds this year and in 2010, in the Park. This is down from 750 from last year. Average of 256 sleds last year. Deer Hunting Hearings were held in Pewaukee last Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009. A special E-Mail was

sent out by me on when, and where they were held. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Most were opposed to what was presented.

Fund Raising - The Silent Auction had a record year. The Scholarship Committee will have more funds to work with this coming year. Scott and the Committee "Thanked" the Directors and their members for any donations they gave to help the Silent Auction.

Insurance - Working on NEW Insurance programs. ASCA has an insurance program with Aflac. Contact Dale Vagts @ 563-547-2161 or e-mail @ dale_vagts@us.aflac.com V & V Insurance Agency.

Legislative - Get our members to contact Legislators in Madison, from your area to get your legislators to sign on as a co-sponsor for Bill LRB 3172 for the Cap/Step program. Start calling Oct. 27, 2009 @ the Legislator Hot Line @ 1-800-362-9472. Talk to your own legislators. You can talk to the Aides, as the Legislators will get the info from them. Also e-mail legislator@Legis.state.wi.us AWSC is again talking about another "Snow Day" in Madison at the Capital. No date is set yet. Want to know how many would be interested in going. SB 215 Bill Groomer Tax. Personal Property Tax. Tax exempt on Groomers, used to perform a service to public.

Magazine - Still looking for more comments on the new magazine. A lot of members are not getting their magazine in the mail. Call the AWSC office and the girls will check to make sure you are on the mailing list for the magazine, and that they have the correct address for you.

Memberships - Use the yellow "Join-A-Club" folders. Put them in business where you can, like snowmobile dealers. As of Oct. 21, 2009 there are 26,208 members, 1309 commercial members, 62 Youth members, and 576 clubs.

Multi-Use Trails - "Cheese Country Trail", is trying to get back to Rails. Trail is safe for this year. Could affect "Badger Trail," going from North to South.

Policy/Promotions - ISOC race Dec. 18, 2009. More info to come. Will need help. Will be at Milwaukee Mile at State Fair Park.

Safety/Education - All new instructors MUST go thru the application process / back round check first, before they can teach any class. Can not even teach as an Instructor in training, until this process is done. New DNR rule. Take a friend snowmobiling Week Feb. 2-12, 2010. We have new student books, Instructor books and tests this year to work with. They will be a challenge. There is another new printer, for the Instructor/student books, for the next printing, when this supply is gone. Should be better than the one that was just printed. Safety Instructors are probably not aware, that every time your anniversary of being an instructor or you get an award, you get a background check. At our safety workshop, Sat. afternoon., we had 100 handouts. 80 were taken. Very well attended.

Scholarship - Donna thanked Scott, and his committee for all the work they do for this committee, and everyone who donated to the silent auction. The scholarship application is on the AWSC website. Deadline to get application in is Jan. 25, 2010.

Trails - Next supplement is Dec. 1st. It will be 80%. Workers, please use safety when working on the trails. Several accidents have occurred. Trail signs need to be checked, and upgraded. Make sure trails are well signed.

Youth - Over 50 youth attended workshop yesterday. Food/clothing drive up very well. There will be a youth training weekend Feb. 19-21, 2010, @ Camp Youk a Bush, in Lakewood. There is only room for 40 youth for that weekend. Mary Holden Chair, Thanked Scott (Fund Raising) for the items donated to them. They did very well on that raffle.

Updates - 1) Jan. Directors meeting is in Rice Lake. 2) Summer Directors meeting is in Sheboygan Co. 3) Vintage/Antique sled Bill SB 90. There will be hearings. Not supported by Vintage people. Trail Pass system is favored by Vintage people, so that it will contribute to the trail system. 4) Military ride is again being worked on. It would be after the Derby. 5) 2012 Workshop will be at the NEW Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

Submitted by Director Bev Makowski