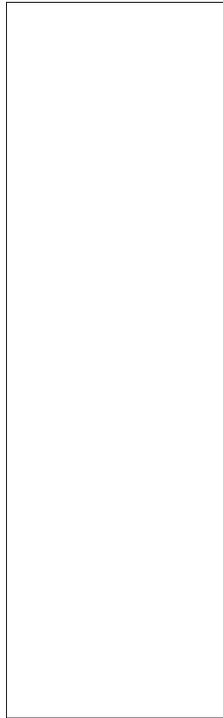


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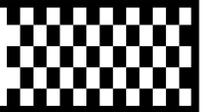
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# Track & Trails

**SNOBIRDS**

**SNOWMOBILE CLUB**  
November 2014



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 2014

- 11 General Meeting, Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
Winter Planning meeting, Special incentives for new members on this night only - invite your friends.
- 25 Board Meeting DeAnne Standlee, 7 p.m.

## ----December 2014

- 3,10,17 Safety Class Community Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
9 Christmas Party see article, this issue!  
26-1/1 Boulder Junction Snofari

## ----January 2015

- 7,14,21 Safety Class Community Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
13 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
23-25 Tomahawk Snofari  
27 Board Meeting Pat Standlee, 7 p.m.

## ----February 2015

- 6-8 Mole Lake Snofari  
10 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
13-15 Eagle River Snofari

## ----March 2015

- 10 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
24 Board Meeting Bonnie Pollich, 7 p.m.

## ----April 2015

- 9 Smelt Cleaning  
10 Smelt Fry  
14 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
28 Board Meeting Ed Pollich, 7 p.m.

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

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## Tomahawk Snofari January 23rd - 25th, or earlier

Super 8 Tomahawk  
reservations, call 1 888-511-6888

Plenty of rooms available prior to Friday for earlier check in.  
Rooms reserved with 2 doubles on the first floor (First Come, First Served). Block reserved under Snobirds Menomonee Falls  
Free continental breakfast  
Pool and whirlpool  
Ride trails right out of parking lot  
Fuel is right next to hotel  
Restaurants close by and along the trails  
I HAVE A HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS.  
Please bring you own beverages and a dessert to pass.

Any questions call Scott Pinzer 414-870-1964

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## Eagle river snofari The weekend of February 13-15

I have blocked 15 rooms at the Best Western Eagle River.  
For those that come up earlier rooms are  
(Thursday) \$89.99 plus tax 2 person, non smoking,  
2 queen bed room.  
Friday & Saturday rates are \$109.99 for the 13th & 14th.  
Please feel free to explore other rooms & rates.

Best Western Derby Inn  
US Highway 45N  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715-479-1600  
Blocked under **SnoBirds of Menomonee Falls.**

Steven Schwartz  
[genhvacr@att.net](mailto:genhvacr@att.net)  
414-852-9513

## 2014 SnoBird Christmas Gathering

Date:- December 9, 2014  
Place:- Schwabenhof N56 W14750 W. Sliver Spring Dr.  
Menomonee Falls, WI. 53051

This is a family affair, All SnoBird members and families are invited!

Time:- 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner:- 6:30 P.M.

Refundable \$5.00 reservation deposit, per person to De Anne Standlee by November 30, 2014. This is so we can get some numbers for ordering food. Deposit returned night of party.

We've scheduled the dinner earlier this year so you can bring your youngsters and not be out too late.

Here's a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones in a relaxed holiday setting with a great meal and good conversation. Everyone is welcome, so come and enjoy the holiday season gathering. Your hard work on the smelt fry and other fundraisers support providing this at no charge - please come!

Dinner will include two meats, potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls, same as the past years.

Hope to see you all there having a great time celebrating the holiday! Ladies if you are doing some baking, you can bring a small sample of your talents for the appetizer table. This is not necessary but I'm sure these would be appreciated by all there.



After lunch we rolled around thru some of the Valhalla forest outside Bayfield, and then got parked in Washburn, just as the winters largest blizzard was moving in. We were basically in the bullseye of the storm, and mothballed the important parts of the sled, by stuffing clothing in air intakes, duct taping ignition key openings, and other switches and getting all of our storage gear inside. The next day, would be a challenge...

Ed & Tom Pollich, Dan & Pam Quicker, Ron Wendt and myself, enjoyed this day. by Dave Rowley.

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### Snofaris scheduled so far (some may be tentative...)

Dec 26 - Jan 1	Boulder Junction (article this issue)
Jan 23 - 25	Tomahawk (article this issue)
Feb 6 - 8	Mole Lake, reservations call 877-478-5772, under SNOBIRDS Dave Rowley
Feb 13 - 15	Eagle River, Steve Schwartz Best Western Derby Inn 715-479-1600 (article this issue)
February ?	Door county, Scott Pinzer?

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## Boulder Junction Snofari

### December 26 2014 - January 1 2015

Join us for all or part.

Boulder Junction Motor Lodge  
10432 Main St - Hwy K West  
Boulder Junction, WI

Rooms Blocked under SnoBirds till Dec 1  
Phone 715-385-2825 and make your reservation.

Questions, Call Ed or Bonnie Pollich, 262-251-2314

## Here's a brief update on the AWSC Workshop held last weekend.

The AWSC held its annual workshop over the weekend October 31st to November 2nd 2014 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells with 900 people in attendance. Our club was represented by members Ralph Culver, Scott & Bev Makowski, Pat & DeAnne Standlee, Steve & Lisa Schwartz, Bruce Blodgett and Joe & Joan Schumitsch.

Friday was registration day with time to socialize, meet with old and make new friends at hospitality rooms and a dance.

Saturday started out with the general session where we were updated by speaker Ed Klim from the International Snowmobile Manufacturer's Assn. on the state of our sport. Also another speaker Sandy Knapp from American Income Life Insurance brought us up to date on our free death accidental policies provided to all AWSC members.

After lunch we then attended workshops on DNR Safety updates, Questions on proper ways to handle on-line rosters and memberships, Information on the NEW Wisconsin Trail pass, How to prepare DNR grooming worksheets & proper signing of our trails, a session on "is your club ready for new members and the trail pass program" and then one on the new trail pass which goes in to effect next year July 1, 2015. There was also a Silent Auction where all proceeds went to the AWSC scholarship program.

The evening ended with a banquet where awards were given out for Snowmobiler of the YEAR - Randy Butalla of Marathon, WI., Snowmobile Family of the Year - The Underdahl Family of DeForest, WI., Young Snowmobiler of the Year - Alexis Butler of Watertown, WI., Groomer of the Year - Doug Birkholz of Wilton, WI., Wisconsin Dealer of the Year - Ken's Sports of Kaukauna, WI. Also the crowning of the NEW Miss AWSC Snowflake Macy Wasson of Westfield WI. The evening ended with more time to visit and socialize.

Sunday morning for most was checking out and heading for home, but for about 100 people it was time for 1 more meeting, the AWSC Directors meeting before heading home. Here the Directors are informed on policy and items they need to take back to their county clubs to make them aware of upcoming things in the near future regarding snowmobiling in our State.

In all it was a very informative weekend and also a great time!

Scott Makowski

## Apostle Islands Ice Caves

The first saddlebag snowmobile trip, I ever went on, was in a different century, in the Togwotee Wyoming area. I learned a lot. This past season, I went on a trip with a small group of experienced saddlebaggers and had a lot of fun and challenges. This is about one of the better days that week.

Thursday Feb. 20th 2014, our crew was leaving the Lumbermen's motel in Iron River Wisconsin, in Bayfield county. Our destination was Washburn, not too far as the crow flies, but we can always find a long way to get somewhere. We had been watching on the TV, from before we left home, about the fantastic ice caves, along the bluffs of the mainland, facing Sand island, one of the Apostle Islands. Some research had been done, initially indicating you couldn't get there by snowmobile. As it turns out, all of the bluffs in the area of the ice caves, are in the Federal Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Area, near the town of Cornucopia. Powered vehicles are prohibited on the land, and for a quarter mile away from the shore.

But, those who come by land have to park their cars and walk a minimum of 1 1/2 miles to get to the first cave, and that far back as well. Those who can use a map and compass, and come by snowmobile, can park 1/4 mile from shore and then walk to the first cave on the shoreline. The ice caves were magnificent, formed by runoff from the soil up on top of the bluffs, which drips down, and in really cold weather, not only forms huge icicles, but can completely close in the cliff overhang, by a wall of ice. We had a great time there, were the envy of those on foot who had to walk 6 times as far as we did, and then we quickly left for some food. The only restaurant open in Cornucopia, opened up a room for us to dine in, and we enjoyed a very nice lunch. The owner joined us, he and his wife were recently relocated from the Wisconsin Dells area. They said the previous Saturday was the busiest day they ever had, including Labor Day.

Big winds preceding a Friday blizzard, closed the ice caves to the public and caused great leads (cracks) to open in the ice. The ice caves were officially closed for the season, at sundown the day we left. We were lucky to have seen them, since it is rare to have a winter so cold that the ice walls form.

# 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.”

As this training is important to public and personal safety, a parent or guardian is welcome to attend with their student without paying a fee, unless they also wish to be certified. 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 3, 10 and 17 at the Menomonee Falls Community Center, W152 N8645 Margaret Rd in Menomonee Falls.

The second set of classes will be on January 7, 14 and 21.

For reservations call Gary Breuckman at 414-442-4279. Classes run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, and you must attend all three sessions to be certified.

# Trail Work - covering bridges

Dave Rowley

The Snobirds snowmobile club, had a good turnout of workers for the trail put in on Saturday Nov. 8th. Our normal area of responsibility are the bridges on the Bugline trail. There is a long high one, north of Sussex, and then a shorter bridge over the Fox River, just north of Menomonee Avenue, near Village Bowl.

To protect the expensive diagonal planking used for the deck of these bridges, we put on 4ft. x 8ft. plywood sheets. Since the bridges are nearly 12 ft. wide, this take a lot of plywood. We carefully install short Phillips head deck screws to hold down the plywood and keep the edges of it, from curling up when they get wet.

This year, it took us about 3 hours to get the job done, starting with removing the plywood from storage and loading it on trucks and trailers. We drive our convoy down the bugline, and then get to work. A lot of screwguns get used, after we used leaf-blowers to blow all the debris off the bridges, to make sure it is not trapped under the plywood.

It is fun to be up on the long bridge, when a train goes roaring thru below us.

This season we had a good-sized crew. The foreman was Ed Pollich. Workers included: Steve Biehl, Bruce Blodgett, Brian Gramoll, Dave Maas, Scott Pinzer, Tom Pollich, Dave Rowley, Pat & De Anne Standlee and Ron Wendt.

# DNR Awards at Snow Show Safety Class

Three awards were presented by DNR ATV & Snowmobile Program Administrator Gary Eddy to Snobird instructors at the Safety Class at the Snow Show.



Scott Makowski received a lifetime achievement award for 30 years of teaching...



Bev Makowski received a 20-year award...



and John Palmer, a 10-year award.



Generations - Grandson, Great-Grand-Daughter (who was taking the class), and Ralph Culver