

SNOBIRDS Snowmobile Club 4125 N. 46 Street Milwaukee, WI 53216

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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!

----February 2015

13-15 27-Mar 1	Eagle River Snofari Snofari, Lake of Torche	es Casino 800-258-6724
March 2 10 24	2015 General Meeting Board Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. Bonnie Pollich, 7 p.m.
April 20 9 10 12 14 28	15 Smelt Cleaning Smelt Fry Pancake Breakfast General Meeting Board Meeting	Jackson Moonlighters, Hwy P Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. Ed Pollich, 7 p.m.
May 20 2 9 12	15 Adopt-a-Highway General Meeting	meet at Whiskey Corners 9 a.m. Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.

----June 2015

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9 General Meeting

Board Meeting

Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.

John Palmer, 7 p.m.



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Mole Lake Snofari



Tomahawk Snofari

The 2015 Tomahawk Snofari is in the books. We had 18 rooms booked and over 40 club members in attendance. The temperatures were in the low 30's during the day and high teens at night. The trails were good to very good Tuesday thru Friday. They were good on Saturday going out, but poor on the way back. We were lucky the trails held up thru Saturday. They need snow just like most of the state this year.

The time with family and friends was fun for all. The Wendt old fashions were excellent as always, with the secret mix from the Pollich's. Thanks to everyone that brought snacks to the hospitality room. Judy with the Super 8 takes very good care of our club, and she appreciates our business.

Dave Maas put on almost 600 miles in 4 1/2 days of riding. Hope to see everyone and even more in Tomahawk January 12-17 2016.

Thanks, Scott Pinzer



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**.

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Tomahawk



Christmas Party - everyone had a great time, did you make it?











Smelt Cleaning Party Thursday April 9th

Below is a map to the location for our Smelt Cleaning. Signup at any club meeting. Come join the fun and help prepare for the Smelt Fry.

Smelt Cleaning runs from about Noon Thursday until finished!



SNOBIRDS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

46th ANNUAL 2015 SMELT FRY DINNER

> ALL YOU CAN EAT! Play our Raffle Wheel!



AT: St. Agnes Church 12801 W. Fairmount Ave. Butler, Wisconsin (3 Blocks North of Hampton)

\$9.50 Adults, **\$5.00** 6-12 years

(\$10.50 and \$5.50 at the door) *tax included*, under 6 free accompanied by an adult FOR TICKETS CALL:



Since we don't have a Board meeting scheduled for February, we did most of the Smelt Fry's planning at the January meeting. This included verifying who would be heading up each area and who would be purchasing the various supplies.

The Smelt Fry is two weeks earlier this year. Normally we have tickets available starting with the March club meeting, but they will be handed out at the February meeting this year, and mailed to those not attending. The price is the same as last year, we are trying to avoid passing the magic \$10 amount, at least for the advance tickets. We are also trying to keep the kids pricing down, so that families can afford to attend together.

As you probably know, the other operations at the Smelt Fry, the raffle wheel, beer and soda sales, clear as much profit as the dinner itself, but we need to get the people there first which is why we try and keep the meal prices down. Please try to sell at least some tickets. We understand some folks are further away than others and that makes it difficult to find customers, but the money from the Smelt Fry supports the club and the many free events we have throughout the year, such as the picnic, the corn roast, and the Christmas party.

Your help at the cleaning the Thursday before, and at the dinner itself, is also appreciated. There are many different tasks to be done, so no experience is needed. We have smelt preparation and breading, the actual frying, couriers to deliver the smelt to the dining area, servers, folks in the big kitchen to prepare desserts and other meal items, help with the raffle wheel and beverage area, hall preparation and cleanup - something for everyone. Our numbers were down last year, but we didn't notice much less in terms of line length or food consumption. We think that some of the attendees did not put their tickets in the collection box - it was unattended for a time. We will make an effort this year to have someone there all the time. Everyone probably HAD tickets, but we didn't get them all and that messes up our count.

Our safety school classes are over for the season. The class at the Snow Show we have already discussed. The December class at the Falls Community Center had 13 students, and the January class graduated 24. I was a bit concerned about the January class, most of the attendees called to register in the two days before the class. We were worried we might not meet the DNR minimums and would need to cancel it. All together, all three classes totalled 67 students.

The other major change this year was a brand new sign board containing most/all of the trail signage. Pat Standlee constructed it, four folding panels compared to the two panel board we had been using that Ron Wendt made many years ago. I had hoped the new board would be more compact and lighter, but the new board is almost as large and as heavy as the old one - what would help would be if we could get smaller (sample sized) signs for constructing boards of this type - that was passed on the DNR but I won't hold my breath... By the way, the cost of registering for this class is \$10, the fee fixed by the DNR for safety classes, but the sponsor can keep up to half of the money collected for expenses, so the cost of the new sign board comes from there, and not from club funds.

Our membership renewals have been GREAT this year, we only have one member not renewing. We also have SIX new members this year, for a nice increase. Our membership now stands at 73 families. It's nice to see things on the way up, but we're a long way from the 250 family limit we long ago had to enforce. We now have 12 lifetime members, meeting the 35-years continuous membership requirement - but we won't have any more eligible members for three years.