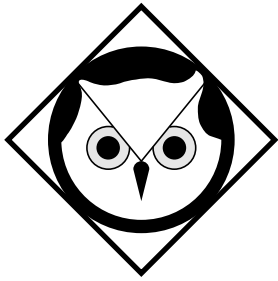


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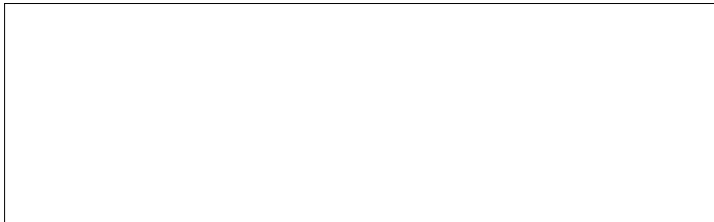
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Snobirds meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 pm, Aero Park Propwash, on Lannon Road between Lisbon and Silver Spring. Please join us! Guests are welcome!

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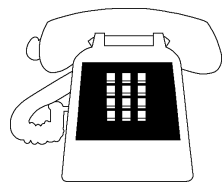
- 1-5 Price County Snofari
7 & 14 & 21 Snowmobile Safety Class Menom Falls Rec Dept, 6:30 p.m.
9 Board meeting Kelly Wellhausen, 7:30 p.m.
16 General Meeting, Aero Park Propwash, 8 p.m.
Note: only one meeting this month, on the 16th
16 - 19 Tomahawk Snofari

-- February 2003

- 1/30 -2/2 Laona Snofari
6 & 20 General Meeting Aero Park Propwash, 8 p.m.
6 - 9 Eagle River (Valentine) Snofari
9 - 16 Northern Minnesota Tour
11 Board Meeting (*note: Tuesday*) Gary Breuckman, 7:30 p.m.

-- March 2003

- 6 & 20 General Meeting Aero Park Propwash, 8 p.m.
9 - 16 Canada Tour
13 Board meeting Jim Nuck, 7:30 p.m.
21 - 22 AWSC Convention Manitowoc

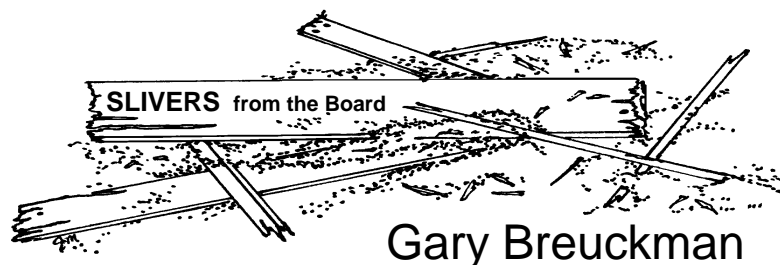


Event Hotline, **252-INFO** (252-4636)

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The winter has to get better soon, right? Can't be much worse as far as snow cover. The New Year's eve snofari had a good time, I understand, but no snowmobiling. Not even a place to trailer to. Tough luck... I know a lot of trips are pending, and folks praying for snow.

Also coming up, not *that* far away, is the Smelt Fry. The date this year, unless something really bad happens, is April 25th. This is the last Friday in April, the one we have wanted, but in the past the last Friday has been unavailable at the church. We do have it this year. We are in the process of contacting all the past chairpeople to verify that they want to help this year, and will take care of the same areas.

Tickets this year will be \$7.50 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-12. They will be \$8.50 and \$5.50 at the door. The adult price is up 50-cents, but we are keeping the child prices the same to encourage families to come. We didn't raise prices last year, so it was time.

We accepted 6 memberships at the January Board meeting, we now have 62 families. There are 5 new memberships so far, but 11 others have not renewed. We expect a few of those to still renew.

Safety school is almost completed, we had 36 in the December class and 29 in the January group. The DNR is asking for yet more classes, we may consider another if there is enough interest. Thanks to all those who helped to teach at these classes.

President's Report

Steve Schuh

Merry Christmas everyone, I hope you are all ready the holidays and the first Snofaries. We are planning our Christmas party for Dec 18th I hope most of you can attend. We are going to take up a collection of canned or boxed food to donate to Food for Families please help out.

The weather had been good for snow up north but has recently turned warmer. I am hoping for a change to a cold and snowy weather pattern very soon. We had a couple of our members get up to the Kewnaw Peninsula the first week of December and had very good riding to open up the season. Bill and Al Schultz both got about 800 miles each of riding during that week.

We have started to receive input back on the meeting night survey and the response has been good. Thank you to everyone that has sent the cards in and for those of you who have not yet had the opportunity yet please get them in the mail. We want everyone's input on this and we will be sharing the results with you in the January general meeting. Remember there is only one meeting in January on the 3rd Thursday.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your President
Steve Schuh

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND

Scott Makowski

Even there was no snow on the ground and very little likely to appear in the near future about 1/3 of the people signed up for this event decided to go anyways. The group of about 9 left on Saturday December 28, 2002 for Antigo, Wi. And on our way up there we were greeted with a snow storm as we approached Clintonville that left about 3 inches or more of wet, packing snow on the ground. However this just got us excited with great thoughts of what we could expect to see in Antigo some 50 miles further north. Just 20 miles up the road however the snow {beautiful white stuff} was gone and our dreams with it. We reached Antigo to find no snow but made the best of our time together with on a great holiday weekend trip. Others joined us later during our stay to total about 14 of us in all on the adventure for the holiday.

While there we were able to have plenty of time to enjoy the pool, hospitality room, and commaradie of friends. We took a side trip to visit the International Snowmobile Hall Of Fame where we had a chance to see the history of snowmobiling both pleasure and racing located in St. Germain. We also visited a few businesses that were surprised to see us because of the lack of snow. There comment of "You're a snowmobile club, doing what" as we shocked them and supported there business.

We had a great New Year's Eve party with snowmobiling friends, watched the Badgers win and the Packers lose {partying all the time}. I think a good time was had by all who went even the snow was not there.

We will try again to get to snowmobile in this area soon, hopefully with much better snow conditions. Hope you will join us in the future.

TRY AN M-10

Bill Schultz

I had my first ride of the season and rode my sled 800 miles. Normally my first ride is half or less miles and I come home with an aching back from the jolts caused by hitting bad bumps on the trail and sore leg muscles from raising myself off the seat to try and avoid the jolts. This year my back did not ache and my legs were not sore because I put an M-10 suspension in my sled.

In past years I rode with a fellow who had an M-10. He never said anything about the ride so I did not acquire any interest. Last year Ron Pasbrig had a sled with an M-10 and kept talking about how great the ride was. At one point we stopped after riding a rough trail and Ron was good enough to let me try his sled over the bumps. It was a world of difference. I hated to give the sled back to Ron.

If you are on a ride with someone who has an M-10 suspension in their sled, ask them to let you try it. I am sure you will want one for your sled.

The price for the M-10 suspension, including the mounting kit needed so the unit fits your sled, starts at \$999.99. If this price seems high, just remember that it can go from sled to sled. The suspensions come in red, green, blue, black, yellow or purple to match your sled color. If your dealer is not familiar with the M-10, I'm sure if you call Fast, Inc. at 218-744-2101 they will tell you what is best for your type of riding and how you can purchase one. Best thing I did this year for snowmobiling!

Do ride a sled with an M-10 suspension. I am sure you will want one for your sled and you will agree it was the best thing you did!

Northern Minnesota Tour

February 9th - 16th, 2003

We will snowmobile on fantastic trails with beautiful scenery and also many places to see and tour. Last year lots of snowmobilers signed up, but no snow cancelled the trip. There will be groups of different speeds or bring your own group.

Sunday: Trailer to Grand Rapids, MN (Approx. 475 miles) Stay at Sawmill Inn.

Monday: Tour Itasca State Park, See headwaters (beginning) of the Mississippi River. Stay at Super 8 in Fosston, MN.

Tuesday: Tour Digi-Key Corp., largest distributor of electronic components, lunch at Black Cat Sports Bar and Grill, displaying 40 years of Arctic memorabilia, tour Arctic Cat plant, stay at Best Western, Thief River Falls, MN.

Wednesday: Tour Polaris factory, lunch at Brenigan's, which adjoins the Polaris Experience museum. Stay at Can-Am Motel in Warroad, MN.

Thursday: Marvin Windows are made in Warroad. The city is famous for the manufacturing of ice hockey sticks, especially for the Olympics. Tours available for both factories. Tour Lake of the Woods, which has a city of ice fishing shacks, some very elaborate. Stay at Day's Inn in International Falls, MN.

Friday: Ride to Kettle Falls on the 34-mile Rainy Lake Trail, see the Falls and the famous Kettle Falls Hotel, built 1913. More lake riding to Crane Lake for lunch. All lake trails are well marked and safe. Stay at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino in Tower, MN.

Saturday: Ride back to Grand Rapids viewing the Hull Rust Mahoning Mine (largest open pit mine, 3 miles long, 600 feet deep). Cross Powers Bridge, longest bridge in MN.

Sunday: trailer home.

Gamblers will find casinos accessible by sled at Thief River Falls, Warroad and Tower.

For more information or reservations call:
Bill Schultz 262-781-5995

LAONA "2003" SNOFARI

at the Cheney Motel
Superb Trail Ride Weekend

Thursday through Sunday
January 30 - February 2, 2003

Plan: Group rides available or ride on your own

Place: CHENEY Motel, Large & Modern
Hwy 32, West side of town, On the Trail
Supper Club on site, fine Steak dinners
Coffee available in all rooms.

TRAIL RIDE FEATURES:

Ride the 100 Mile Snofari and Lumberjack Memorial Trails
through the Heart of Nicolet National Forest Countryside
250 Miles + of weekend trail riding planned

This area offers mile after mile of superbly groomed trails,
adequately spaced pit stops with gas & oil, food & beverage
and 2 casinos are also within riding distance.

Some waterbeds and no-smoking rooms available on a 1st
come 1st serve basis. 20 rooms reserved. Rooms available
for club members only through December 24th. Non-members
may sign up after that date if any rooms are available. Sign up
for 2 days, 3 days, or more.

For Room Assignments or Additional Information contact:

Club sign-up
ends Dec 24th

Dick Brunow
W165 N10439 Wagon Trail
Germantown, WI 53022
Phone: 262-255-7141

Valentine's Snofari 2003

Eagle River, WI

February 6, 2003 to February 9, 2003

Thursday through Sunday

Days Inn, Eagle River, WI

(715) 479-5151

Cost per room \$64/night for 2 people (plus taxes)
Call Days Inn directly for reservations and mention
SnoBirds • 20 rooms reserved.

Any Questions, contact Casey Wibbert, (414) 550-9840

Phillips

in Price County

January 1 - 5, 2003

Wednesday through Saturday nights, leave Sunday

14 rooms blocked at the Skyline Motel until December 1

7 doubles, 7 queens

Call early for your choice

Tell them you are a Snobird

\$57.50 per night + tax

Phone 1-800-596-0407

Hot Tub • Free Continental Breakfast • Supper Club next door

Questions? Call Ed Pollich 262-251-2314

**Please let Ed know you are coming so he knows how many
of us there will be**

Tomahawk Snofari

January 16th - 18th, 2003

Arrive: Wednesday, January 15th or
Thursday, January 16th or
Friday, January 17th

Stay at: The Bridge Inn
Business Hwy 51
Tomahawk, WI 54487
715-453-5323

Cost: 2 people per room: \$48 + tax
Additional person: \$10 + tax

Deposit: \$50 made payable to The Bridge Inn,
and sent to Bill Schultz before December
15, 2002.

Well marked and groomed trails in Lincoln, Price, Taylor and Oneida Counties. We will have planned rides for groups, or ride on your own. Restaurant and bar is next door to motel.

No Show - No Refund
No Snow - Full Refund

Contact: **Bill Schultz**
13820 Keefe Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53005
262-781-5995

Spectacular Canada Tour

March 9th through March 16th, 2003

Snowmobile for six days on smooth groomed trails that are 14-20 feet wide with easy gradual turns. You will be riding up and down hills, along rolling countryside, across well-marked frozen lakes, alongside rushing streams and through dense forests seeing many wild animals, especially moose.

We will be touring in the Province (state) of Ontario through Algoma Country (county), James Bay Frontier and Rainbow Country.

1st Day: Start at Thessalon, located on the North Channel. Ride to the city of Chapleau which has the world's largest game preserve.

2nd Day: Ride to Dubreuieville known for its large saw mill and lumber business

3rd Day: Ride to Hearst, the "moose capital of Canada"

4th Day: Ride on 20 ft. wide trails to Timmins, once the largest producer of gold and is now the largest city area-wise in North America.

5th Day: Ride to Sudbury, surrounded by many beautiful lakes and rivers.

6th Day: Back to Thessalon. All we have left is the memories of numerous wild animals, beautiful sights, friendly people, interesting places and countless miles of smooth trails.

The car ride to Thessalon, Canada from Milwaukee is 9.5 hours. Rooms average out at \$75.00 plus \$9.00 tax CDN for two people or \$50.40 USA or \$25.20 USA per person per night. Food in Canada when you exchange the money is equal to USA. One liter of gas is 79.3 cents which comes out to \$1.80 USA per gallon. Seven-day trail permit \$100 CDN, \$60.00 USA.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2003. TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

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