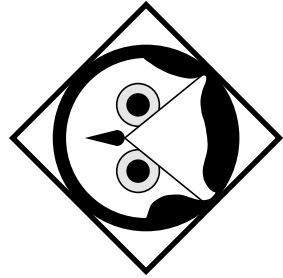
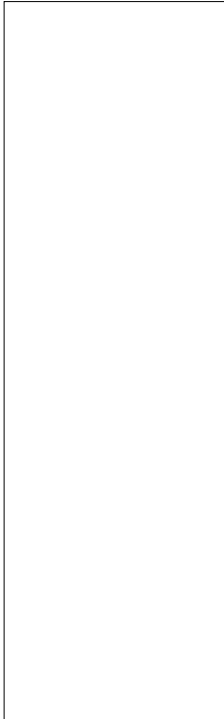


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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Snobirds meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., at the Village Bowl in Memononee Falls, N86 W18830 Main St.

Please join us! Guests are welcome!

## ---- December 2004

1, 8, 15	Safety School	Menomonee Falls Recreation Dept.
14	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 7 p.m.
	<i>Christmas party, bring goodies to pass, come early, 7 p.m.</i>	
15-19	Guy's Ride	Bill Schultz
27-Jan 2	Boulder Junction Snofari	Ed Pollich

## ---- January 2005

5, 12, 19	Safety School	Menomonee Falls Recreation Dept.
7-9	Antigo Snofari	
11	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
19-23	Tomahawk Snofari	Bill Schultz
25	Board Meeting	Dave Rowley, 7:30 p.m.
28-30	Phillips Snofari	Ed Pollich

## ---- February 2005

3-6	Laona Snofari	Dick Brunow
8	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
10-13	Eagle River Snofari	Casey Wibbert

## ---- March 2005

8	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
22	Board Meeting	Ron Wendt, 7:30 p.m.



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

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

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# Tomahawk Snofari January 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Arrive: Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> or  
Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> or  
Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

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: Call the Bridge Inn. Ask for Ruth. Tell her you are with the Snobirds and which nights you want. Use a credit card or send a check for \$50.00 for your deposit. Deposit must be made by December 10, 2004.

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 the motel.

NO SHOW - NO REFUND  
NO SNOW - FULL REFUND

For info: Bill Schultz  
13820 Keefe Ave.  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
262-780-5995

# Yellowstone

from the "Daily Environment Report"  
Bureau of National Affairs

The Interior Department has finalized an interim plan that allows snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks for the next three years as it goes about drafting another rule setting emission standards and entrance limits for the machines.

The National Park Service announced Nov. 4 that it would allow 720 snowmobiles per day in Yellowstone and 140 per day in Grand Teton National Park and other areas, beginning in mid-December.

The park service approved a Finding of No Significant Impact for the environmental assessment and interim plan allowing snowmobiles through the winter of 2006-2007. Officials said a final interim rule would be published soon in the Federal Register.

The service published an environmental assessment with a 30-day comment period in August.

Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis said the temporary plan would allow officials to collect additional air and noise pollution data needed for a new permanent snowmobile plan, the third since 2001.

"This plan will allow the NPS to complete a long-term analysis of the environmental impacts of winter use in the parks. The NPS expects that this long-term analysis will culminate with a permanent decision about winter use in the parks," the park service said Nov. 4.

In recent months, the park service has found itself subject to conflicting court orders on the use of snowmobiles in the parks.

# LAONA "2005" SNOFARI

at the Cheney Motel  
Superb Trail Ride Weekend

Thursday through Sunday  
February 3 - 6, 2005

**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

## Want a t-shirt? (smelt, that is...)



There have been many comments at past Smelt Fry events how nice it was to see all the workers in the Smelt t-shirts.

This year we would like to get the shirts out early so you can wear them beforehand as advertisements or when selling tickets.

The club is covering the entire cost FOR WORKERS. If you want shirts for others you can purchase them at cost.

Please see Bonnie Pollich at a meeting, or call her at 262-251-2314, to order yours.

## GUYS' RIDE December 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Location will be determined on December 13, 2004. If you think you may like to go, please call me before December 13, 2004. I will call you on December 13, 2004 and give you the location and the cost of a room. At that time you can decide to go or not. No deposit is needed.

A great opportunity to try your new sled or see if your old sled is in top condition for the season. We normally have lots of guys, so everyone can find a group that rides the speed and distance you desire or bring your own group. We ride during the day; evenings are spent telling stories, making future plans, eating and drinking.

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

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## Christmas Party December club meeting

Our meeting in December will start at 7 pm with some Christmas cheer. Please bring goodies to pass, and the club will supply beer and soda.

There will be gifts for youngsters 12 and under, but you need to call Betsy Breuckman at 414-442-4278 with names and ages NOW, so we can obtain them in time.

# WCSA

## Bev Makowski

The Waukesha County Snowmobile Association held its December Christmas meeting at Sussex Bowl on December 8, 2004. This was not only a meeting but also the annual Christmas Party and raffle drawing night. There were close to 100 people in attendance and all 14 clubs were in attendance. Snobirds alone had about 20 people in attendance.

President Bonnie Strube thanked the 2 clubs that made donations during the year to help pay off the balance owed on the groomer. They were the Northlake Nomads and the Oconomowoc Cooney Riders. A big Thank You for their generous support.

The NEW maps are at the printer and should be available to representatives of all clubs before the end of the month. We were a little late getting the information in to the printer thus causing the slight delay in getting them back to us.

The winners were drawn for this years raffle at this time and all were from the local area.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize    2005 Polaris 550 Super Sport Snowmobile or  
                  2004 Polaris 330 Magnum 2x4 ATV  
                  Winner was Chris Surprise of Mukwonago, WI.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize    2005 Bearcat 2 Place Enclosed Trailer  
                  Winner was Tilly Cull (Cat's name) Kevin Cull of  
                  Milwaukee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize    Winter Wonderland Vacation Package for 2  
                  at Chanticleer Inn Eagle River, Wi  
                  Winner was Andy Slaby of Butler, Wi.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize    \$200 Gift Certificate at Cedar Creek Motorsports  
                  Winner was Ryan Weltzin of Sussex, Wi.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the lucky winners!

The top 5 ticket selling clubs were: Mukwonago Sno-Snoops, Oconomowoc Throttle Jockeys, Pewaukee Moonshiners, Menomonee Falls Snobirds and the Northlake Nomads. Thanks to all the clubs who sold tickets and helped to make this a successful fundraiser. A special THANK YOU to all Snobirds who sold tickets and got us into the top 5.

# AWSC

## Scott Makowski

AWSC had a very successful year as far as getting bills through the legislature during this past session that affects our sport and everyone who enjoys it. First, they supported a bill called the "WILD RIVERS ACT" and got this passed which allows snowmobiles to approach and cross "WILD RIVERS." This allows safer crossings for us by not forcing us to use highway crossings used by cars. Second, we worked to pass a law which requires our youth 11-16 to take a classroom Snowmobile Safety class rather than a CD-Rom class. This allows volunteer instructors the ability to work with the young student at very impressionable age. Students over the age of 16 can use the CD-Rom if they wish to do so. We were also successful in getting the DNR to purchase additional lands to be used for snowmobiling and other motorized recreational uses for the "Rails to Trails" program.

AWSC held its annual workshop at the end of October, offering many "HOW TO" informative sessions affording a great learning opportunity for those in attendance. They had over 800 snowmobilers register for this event plus 98 youth. With numbers like this our sport is strong and growing.

One thing to watch in the future is a two-tier registration, costing those who don't belong to clubs more to register. The extra funds would hopefully go into the trails account to make trails we all ride much better. This is just in the planning stages at this point but could be coming soon.

AWSC convention is coming up on March 18-20 in Wausau, WI and looks like this could be a good time and important one for some in attendance. At this time AWSC holds its election of officers and someone we all know will be running for President.

Come help support this individual and have lots of fun.

Attention all high school seniors AWSC offers a scholarship program, If your going on to school and are a snowmobiling youth you could win a \$1000 scholarship. Talk with your club President for complete details.

# President's Report

## Scott Makowski

Welcome to a new season! A lot of great things are happening in our club; we have many winter sno-fari's planned for you to partake in. These include weekend events as well as some weeklong activities in our great State and outside our borders. We even offer some Canada riding opportunities. Check out the list of winter events in our calendar and contact the chairperson to sign up. Anyone wishing to put on another can do so by contacting Dave Rowley (414-379-2362) or come to a meeting and talk with him. We are always interested in new ideas and will help you organize it, if you need help. There are not many weekends open, but we always can find a way.

Even though we don't have trails of our own, many of our club members helped to put in trails with the Sussex club in late November; they had a great time and Sussex greatly appreciated the help. As far as I know the trails are ready to go, all we need is "SNOW"!

Start praying to the snow God for an abundance of the white stuff. Trail maps for club members are available and can be picked up at a club meeting. If you need one sooner, go to a map advertiser or your area dealer.

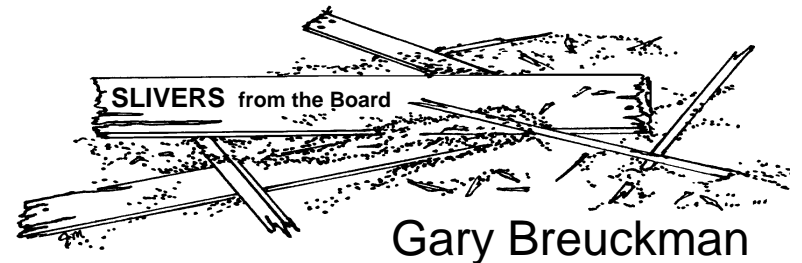
Please mark your calendar for April 21-22 2005, this is the date for our annual fundraiser. We will need everyone's help to continue to make this a success. These funds help to allow us to do many things for our members and the event is fun, too.

One set of snowmobile safety classes has been completed, however we do have another set starting on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2005. If you know of anyone interested in this contact Gary Breuckman (414-442-4278) they do not have to be members of the club to do this.

These classes are required for anyone born after January 1, 1985 and youth between the ages of 12 – 16 to operate a snowmobile by themselves. All adults are encouraged to take it also because it is a learning experience.

Hope to see everyone on the trails soon.

“ THINK SNOW”



We talked about Christmas party options. Because of the lower number of members with youngsters these days, we won't have Santa. However we will still have presents for those 12 and under, if you called to let us know you were coming.

We purchased two Nesco roasters for use at the Smelt Fry and other functions - they are becoming harder to borrow, and we found a good price.

We want to make sure there are official backup people for all the department heads for the Smelt Fry, just in case. Shirts will again be free this year for workers. Last year we said they would cost \$5 with the club picking up the rest, but the cost ended up low enough that the club picked up the whole cost.

AWSC is again having a club-only raffle. We'll purchase 10 of the \$10 tickets. Top prizes are an enclosed trailer and a Yellowstone vacation package. It's mostly to support AWSC, but if we win we'll have to find something to do with the prizes.

AWSC has some trees available, little pine trees. We'll get some and then figure out where to put them.

Safety school had a great turnout for December, 39 students plus some adults who sat in, but only 5 signed up for January so far. We may have to cancel it as the DNR requires 10 students. Last year's January class had 10 signed up, and then six didn't show!

We approved 10 memberships, that gives up 52 paid memberships, two carryovers, total of 54 so far. We have 13 families who have not renewed yet, please send your renewal in if you haven't yet.

We have our first 35-year membership this year, Ralph & Mary Culver. We have something special planned for the December meeting. Can't give it away yet!