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June 2011





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!

----June 2011

----September 2011

Labor Day

General Meeting

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10-11-12	Snobirds Campout	West Bend
14	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
19	Father's Day	-
28	Board Meeting	Joe Schumitsch, 7:00 p.m.
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July 2011		
12	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
13	WCSA meeting, Hartbrook	Lakes, Northlake hosting 8:00 p.m.
14	Adopt-a-Highway	Whiskey Corners, 6:00 p.m.
26	Board Meeting	Gary Breuckman, 7:00 p.m.
August 2011		
9	Corn Roast	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 6 p.m.
9	General Meeting - elections	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
10	WCSA meeting, Oconomo	owoc Throttle Jockeys 8:00 p.m.
13	Picnic - Al Schultz Home	Pewaukee Lake 12 Noon
23	Board Meeting	Dave Rowley, 7:00 p.m.

Do you have an email address? Do you know about our computer email mailing list? Find out about last-minute events and other news, sign up at:

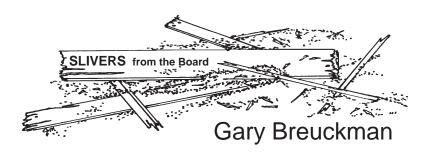
Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.

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The Smelt Fry was a little disappointing in terms of profits this year, but it did serve to bring folks in where they could play the raffle wheel and buy beer/soda, so all in all we did ok. So what happened? Well, first, we served 671 this year compared to 754 last year. Most of that loss was in door sales, 229 this year and over 300 last. So that's about \$800 in lost income. Also the price of smelt was higher, and cost us about \$700 more than last year.

Why folks come or not is a mystery, nice or bad weather doesn't always correlate. This year we didn't have the signs on nearby corners, because the local towns have gotten picky and greedy and want lots of \$\$\$ for permits. We did place some newspaper ads. Even though we knew smelt was going to cost more, we didn't want to raise the price this year.

The good news is that the beer and soda sales did OK, about the same as usual, and the raffle wheel did exceptionally well this year. All things to consider for next year.

There's a corn roast coming up on August 9th, together with our election meeting. No word yet on who might be running for the Board, if you are interested please see any Board member.

The picnic is back at Al Schultz's home on Pewaukee Lake, on August 13th. The construction Al was planning hasn't happened yet, so he invited us back. Thanks to Bill Schultz for providing a location for the picnic last year.

Last weekend was the now annual campout, organized by the Standlee's. Turnout was a little light - too bad, we had a good time.

It's early to think about our Safety School, but the Falls Recreation department plans far ahead, the dates for next season are the first three Wednesdays in December, and also in January.

Adopt A Highway Report May 14, 2011

It started out as typical November day, too bad it was May. I for one do not blame anyone who did not want to participate. It was really ugly at the nine o'clock starting time, not raining real hard, just enough to irritate me and the three other members who for some insane reason showed up just to see if I would be there.

Only back in 1977 when we did a "Clean up for Cancer" did I have a smaller crew.

I would like to relate all the winter goodies that we found, "0"

This was also the first time that we did the entire length of Hwy 74 from Lannon to Sussex with such a small crew. My back is still hurting.

All complaining aside, in just two and one-half hours the job was complete and it was off to Whiskey Corners to warm up and dry off.

My heart felt thanks go to: Steve Biehl, Bruce Blodgett, and Bill Schultz and of course my co pilot Judy.

Remember the next clean up date is Thursday July 14th.

We will start at 6:00 PM

I promise the weather will be different.

Joe M

2011 Smelt Fry Raffle Wheel Report

Wow! 42 consecutive years of smelt fry's, pretty impressive I'd say. For 14 of those 42 years we've been running the raffle wheel event. Back in 1998 (our first attempt at the raffle wheel) we realized a net profit of \$600.00 and also that with some tweaking we could probably increase our profits. In our 6th year (2003) we had more than doubled that amount. \$1,214.56 to be exact. I am happy to report that this year's raffle netted us more than 3 times the amount we did in 1998. Thanks to some generous donations of certain prizes, we were able to hold some individual raffles in conjunction with the raffle wheel. These helped us set an all-time new record profit of \$1,851.50.

As is the case every year, the success of the raffle wheel is the result of many people's efforts, so thank you's go out to Brian Geoffrey for getting the various tickets we needed printed, cut, and separated. Thank you to the many people who donated prizes, big and small, they all help the bottom line. Thank you to my awesome crew of ticket sellers and my stagehands and microphone people and also thank you to Bonnie Pollich and Al Schultz for selling the tickets to the special raffles.

Our tweaks for next year will hopefully include a better way to convey the winning numbers, as invariably every year we get complaints that they can't hear the numbers in the back. Large item separate raffles may also return.

Have a good summer everyone and see you at a future meeting.

Dick Brunow

















