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SNOWMOBILE CLUB





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SNOBIRDS Snowmobile Club P.O. Box 666 Menomonee Falls, WI 53052

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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!

September 2011		
13	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
27	Board Meeting	Scott Makowski, 7 p.m.
October 2011		
11	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
15	WCSA Safety Class	At Snow Show, Scott Makowski
22	Adopt-a-Highway	Leaving Whiskey Corners 9 a.m.
25	Board Meeting	Ed Pollich, 7 p.m.
November 2011		
8	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 7 p.m.
	Open House at 7 p.m., followed by meeting at 8 p.m.	
22	Board Meeting	Pat Standlee, 7 p.m.
30	Snobird Safety Class	(11/30, 12/7, 12/14) 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
December 2011		
13	General Meeting	Christmas party?

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:

http://www.snobirds.org/list

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

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Yellowstone Park update

September 5, 2011

Yellowstone will open to Snowmobiles for 2011-2012 this Winter Season!

Jack Welch, Special Projects Consultant BlueRibbon Coalition, 303-324-7185

Update: the news is good from the Park Service. On December 15, 2011 the gates will open for the 2011-2012 season for snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park.

This access is being permitted by the Park Service as part of their new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The EIS process will determine a long term Winter Use plan for Yellowstone. The Park will operate under the regulations listed below just like the 2010-2011 season. A new long term regulation should be in place by the 2012-2013 season. Watch for more information at www.saveyellowstonepark.com

The information from the Park Service provides visitors, area businesses, and park employees with an outline they can use for the 2011-12 season. Under the plan motorized oversnow access will continue this winter, just like last winter. Here is a quick summary of this coming season's rules. Up to 318 commercially guided, Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles and up to 78 snowcoaches will be allowed per day in Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone's East Entrance and Sylvan Pass will be open for motorized and non-motorized oversnow travel, subject to weather and safety constraints. Trail and off-road use of snowmobiles and snowcoaches has always been, and will continue to be, prohibited.

Another already completed special rule has been published that addresses snowmobile access in Grand Teton Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, including access along Grassy Lake Road from Flagg Ranch to the National Forest and on Jackson Lake for licensed anglers.

In closing, I understand that the fight over Yellowstone has been a long, contentious and complicated battle. We are now in the 13th year of our combined efforts to maintain snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park. Please remember, the fact that Yellowstone remains open to snowmobiles represents one of the most profound victories over the extreme environmental movement in our lifetime. Enjoy the victory and make your plans to come and enjoy Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks this winter on a snowmobile!

Note: As additional information on items covered in this summary are announced by the Park Service they will be posted at our dedicated website of www.saveyellowstonepark.com

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY THE WAUKESHA COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded each year. Scholarships will be offered first to the members of the clubs of the Waukesha County Snowmobile Association, then to the daughters, sons, granddaughters and grandsons of members of the Waukesha County Snowmobile Association.

Applications will be received for college, university, technical schools. All applicants must be in their senior year of high school.

The scholarship award in the amount of \$500.00 will be paid upon receipt by the scholarship chairman of written evidence from the school in question that the student has been accepted and is attending. A copy of the acceptance letter and a copy of the class schedule to which the student is assigned will be deemed sufficient.

The scholarship committee will act as judges for the applications, making the final selections, and their decisions will be final. All information given on the application is confidential. Please complete answers to all questions in order to have the application considered.

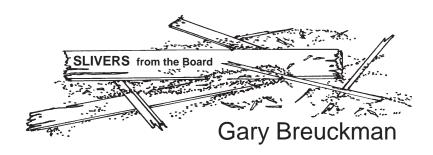
Application requirements include a transcript, letters of recommendation, and an essay on "HOW WILL HIGHER EDUCATION HELP ME?" If you need an application packet please contact Barb Butschke at 262-567-9295.

WAUKESHA COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION 730 E. Harvard Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Attn. Barb

BARB BUTSCHKE – CO–CHAIRWOMAN

DEBBIE KRIVITZ – CO–CHAIRWOMAN AND TREASURER OF THE
WAUKESHA SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

If more applications are needed please feel free to contact Barb Butschke. She will be glad to get the applications to you. You can reach her at 262-567-9295.



The following is in more or less chronological order, just to make it easier to follow...

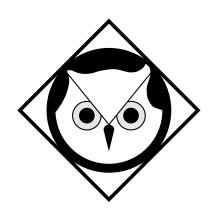
At the August club meeting / corn roast we had elections for our Board of Directors. Two Board members whose terms were expiring decided not to rerun, those being Dean Havel and Joe Schumitsch. I would like to thank them very much for their service. The Board was only able to find one new candidate, Pat Standlee. My term was also expiring, and I decided to rerun. While it's nice to have a "real" election by having more candidates than positions, here we had only two candidates for three openings.

Our bylaws allow the Board to appoint people to fill open positions, and as De Anne Standlee mentioned that she wanted to attend Board meetings with her husband anyway, we asked and she accepted the third vacant position.

At the August Board meeting the Board elects the club officers. Our new officers will be introduced at the September club meeting, and are listed in this newsletter.

Our picnic was enjoyed by those attending, I hope everyone who wanted to come was able to, but there are always conflicts.

Other events coming up: The Milwaukee Snow Show, October 14,15,16 - WCSA's snowmobile safety class at the show on the 15th, likely the only chance to complete the class in one day - Adopt-a-Highway this session on a Saturday, Oct 22nd, leaving Whiskey Corners at 9 a.m. *sharp*, if you haven't been to one of these, please show up no advance reservation required, we have a debriefing at Whiskey Corners after an hour or so walk down the highway - in November we will again have an Open House on our meeting night, the 8th, so tell your friends, it's their only chance to join as a new member at reduced prices - if you have suggestions regarding our Christmas party please let an Officer or Board Member know.



CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD, 2011/2012 SEASON

President John Palmer Vice-President Pat Standlee

Secretary Deanne Standlee

Treasurer Kim Quicker

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Chairman Gary Breuckman

Board Secretary David Rowley

Board member Scott Makowski

Board member John Palmer

Board member Scott Pinzer

Board member Bonnie Pollich

Board member Ed Pollich

Board member De Anne Standlee

Board member Pat Standlee

AWSC Fall Workshop

Remember to mark your calendar for the 42nd Fall Workshop held Nov 4-6, 2011 at the (new location) Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. In addition, the Groomer Show will also be held on the grounds of the Holiday Inn. For a registration form and information about the Fall Workshop, please go to the sidebar on the left for "AWSC Convention & Workshop."

The deadline for early registration is October 24th.

Please note the county youth reps will be collecting nonperishable food to be donated to a food pantry and the fund raising committee will be holding a silent auction on Saturday, donations are always welcome!

Although a snow show will not be held during the AWSC workshop, Snowmobile USA is holding two Snow Shows in Wisconsin:

Milwaukee - State Fair Park - Oct 14-16 Wausau - The Patriot Center - Nov 11-13 http://www.snowmobileusa.com

2011 Miss Snowflake Pageant

Information on the AWSC 2011 Miss Snowflake Pageant can be found in the following links below as well as on the "Miss Snowflake" sidebar on the left of this website.

Safety Instructor Recertification Class

The DNR will be holding their Safety Instructor Recertification Class at the Workshop on Saturday, November 5th from 1:00 - 3:45 pm. More details to follow.

Open House



Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00 p.m.



AT: Village Bowl
Menomonee Falls
N86 W18830 Main Street.



Join the SNOBIRDS! Special membership pricing tonight only! Come visit the club with the most winter activities in the area! 7 pm - 8 pm - get acquainted, fellowship, snacks 8 pm - Club meeting

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 November 30th, December 7th and December 14th at the Menomonee Falls Community Center, W152 N8645 Margaret Rd in Menomonee Falls.

The second set of classes will be on January 4, 11, and 18.

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.

















