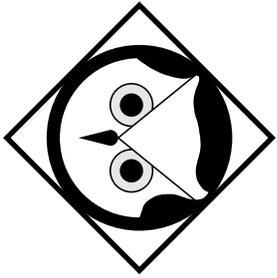
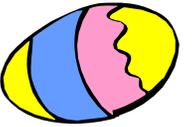
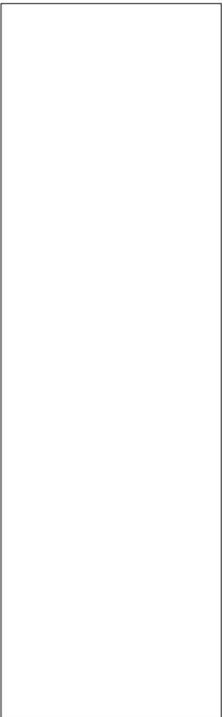


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!**

----April 2012

10	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
12	Smelt Cleaning	Starting at Noon - map in this issue
13	Smelt Fry	St. Agnes Church, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

----May 2012

8	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
22	Board Meeting	John Palmer 7:00 p.m.

----June 2012

12	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
26	Board Meeting	Dave Rowley 7:00 p.m.

----July 2012

10	General Meeting	Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.
24	Board Meeting	Bonnie Pollich 7:00 p.m.

----August 2012

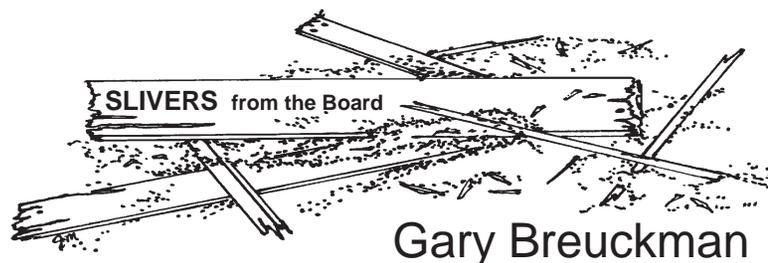
11	Picnic	Al Schultz property, Pewaukee Lake, more info later
14	Corn Roast, General Meeting, elections	Village Bowl, 6 p.m.
28	Board Meeting	Gary Breuckman 7:00 p.m.

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At the last Board meeting we again covered all the aspects of the Smelt Fry, trying to make sure nothing was forgotten. I hope we have enough help for everything, it seems we should - but if you still want to help out there's always plenty to do. First, we have the cleaning party on the 12th - one of the reasons our smelt is so much better than the competition is that we clean the "already cleaned" smelt again. The next day is the actual smelt fry. If you want to help there just check in with the main kitchen and there will be something for you.

The raffle wheel and beer/soda sales are also very important to the smelt fry income. The smelt gets them there but we want folks to stay a while.

If you've sold advance smelt tickets, you can turn the money in at the smelt fry or at a meeting afterwards. If you wish you can mail it, but if you're coming to a meeting that's fine.

We also started planning for the summer picnic on August 11th and the corn roast the following Tuesday at the election meeting. Those dates arrive more quickly than you can imagine, so an early start is always good. The picnic will be at Al Schultz's home on Pewaukee lake, same as last year, and we will be asking for reservations so we know how many are coming. Details will be out a little closer to the event, but keep Saturday August 11th free if you can!

If you have anything else you would like to do or plan for the summer, please bring it up. There's always help, but someone needs to get the ball rolling. I know there's planning for a summer camping trip in the works, what else can you think of?

Three Snobirds had surgeries on the same day this month, and one other the same week, so I hope everyone is doing well.

U.P. Michigan Valentine Saddlebag Snofari

Dave Rowley

This year, someone with psychic abilities scheduled a Saddlebag trip for the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan. By the middle of February it was the ONLY area, in the Midwest, that you could ride on different trails for an entire week.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we rode 1 day rides out of the Chicaugon Lake Inn, located between Iron River and Crystal Falls Michigan. Friday & Saturday, we were joined by Monica Rowley, Shana Rowley and her guest, Brad Lambrecht. It was cold on Friday and Saturday, but was more comfortable by Sunday.

Monday morning, 6 Snobirds left the trailers at the Chicaugon and headed east. We had good trails, lunch in Marenisco, fuel in Bergland, pit-stop on the north end of Lake Gogebic, at the Hoop & Holler (westmost barstool in the eastern time zone), and finished out with a beautiful run up South Boundary road, and then a short dirty trail along the Lake Superior shore into Silver City and the AmericInn. Almost no snow on the ground here, a few hundred yards from the warm lake. Dinner at the restaurant in the hotel. All the sleds were cabled together in the parking lot, our standard operating procedure. Since I have a key to Ron Wendt's sled, and to the cable lock, I usually move his sled later on, this makes him crazy!

Tuesday we left the AmericInn, went thru Silver City, and later fueled in Bergland again, then on to Grandma Myrt's in Mass City for lunch, Greenland loop trail, break at Krupp's Resort in Twin Lakes and into Hancock Best Western (for 2 nights) before dark. At the Best Western we had a locked building for overnight storage.

Wednesday our saddlebag gear was left in the rooms, and we went on a day trip around the Keeweenaw Peninsula. We fueled on the way out of town, went past Calumet, topped off in Phoenix at the 1 pump (premium only) gas tank, then took Eagle Harbor Loop, past Eagle River MI, Eagle Harbor MI and rejoined the main trail at Delaware. Traveled the scenic view over Mount Brockway and into Copper Harbor. Fueled up (\$4.449 premium) before the station closed and then the Tamarack Inn restaurant opened and we had a great lunch. Took the sleds out to the end of the Keeweenaw peninsula, and then went thru Lac La Belle, Deer Lake Trail to Gay, pit stopped at the bar in Gay (not the Gay Bar). Went across the stamp sand dunes on the trail to Lake Linden, Quincy's Bar and then back into the storage building in Hancock.

Thursday we went south across the double deck bridge into Houghton. From Twin Lake, we cruised to a pit-stop at Rousseau Bar, an old school tavern in Alston, then we went on to fuel up in Baraga, and enjoyed lunch there, at the Hilltop restaurant. We headed east on great trails, and took the new 2 mile side trip to the highest spot in Michigan: Mt. Arvon, and reached Big Bay, just before sundown. Trails for 20 miles around Big Bay have been greatly changed, due to a new nickel mine on Yellow Dog Plains that will be in production soon. Fueled up at Crams General Store just across the trail from our motel. We enjoyed supper at Thunder Bay Inn restaurant, got back to the Big Bay Motel, did some sled maintenance, and then worked to reduce the amount of beer in our saddlebags.

Friday, we walked to breakfast at Hungry Hollow Cafe. Went part way down to Marquette, past some ice falls along the trail, and then turned around (as planned) when we hit the bare 510 road. Back we went, dropped southward to Clowry, fueled in Champion, had lunch at Francois Cafe, checked out the Silver Lake trail heading south towards Gwinn. We turned around pit-stopped in Republic at the bar, and got back to the Ishpeming Best Western, with snow coming down and a little sunshine left.

Saturday, we went south to Republic, then headed east, got fuel at the Amasa Tall Pines BP, lunch at Rusty Saw Blade in Amasa then northerly past Kenton, saw a ski-doo family suffer some tailgating damage, (can be dangerous to use the LEFT hand to signal STOP) found a pretty rough stretch of trail, but then enjoyed the nice roller coaster trail as we ran the pipeline, and ended up at Baraga Best Western. We fueled in town before dark, the Keeweenaw Bay was completely open, no ice on it.

Sunday, we saddled up for the last time after having a nice hot breakfast while enjoying the view of the bay. The trail down to Kenton, had been groomed the night before, so we moved along pretty quick. We took a break where the trail groomers turn around, and enjoyed some of the trail treats that had been supporting us for the week. Took the Phil Laturi trail, and fueled when going thru Watersmeet. Traversed Iron River, turned south past Caspian, and then the connector trail north. By noon we were back at the Chicaugon Lake Inn and loaded the sleds back on the trailers. This adventure was planned by Ed Pollich with the assistance of his bride Bonnie. His son Tom did a great job leading our crew on the trails, Dan & Pam Quicker provided hospitality and radio communication along with Ron Wendt. Ron also prepared Old Fashioneds, to make the motel rooms seem more like home. Dave Rowley focused on complaining about why we didn't go faster/slower, further/not so far. Everybody kept busy, and had a wonderful, SAFE trip.