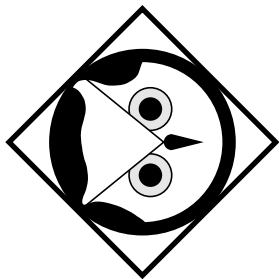


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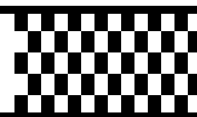


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SNOWMOBILE CLUB
May 2015



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!**

----May 2015

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| 9 | Adopt-a-Highway | meet at Whiskey Corners 9 a.m. |
| 12 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 26 | Board Meeting | John Palmer, 7 p.m. |

----June 2015

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| 9 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
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----July 2015

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| 1 | New Trail Pass rules start today | |
| 10-12 | Campout - Plymouth Rock Campground | |
| 14 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 16 | Adopt-a-Highway | Whiskey Corners, leaving 6 p.m. |
| 24-26 | Campout - White Tail Bluff Camp & Resort | |
| 28 | Board Meeting | Dave Rowley hosting at Village Bowl, 7 p.m. |

----August 2015

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| 8 | Picnic | Al Schultz home, Pewaukee Lake |
| 11 | Corn Roast | Village Bowl, 6 p.m., bring a lawn chair |
| 11 | General Meeting, elections | Village Bowl, 8 p.m. |
| 25 | Board Meeting | Gary Breuckman, 7 p.m. |

----September 2015

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| 8 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
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----October 2015

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| 10 | Adopt-a-Highway | Whiskey Corners, leaving at 9 a.m. |
| 13 | General Meeting | Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m. |
| 16-18 | Milwaukee Snow Show | State Fair Park |
| 30-31-1 | AWSC Workshop, Appleton | |

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

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**WHAT DO SNOBIRDS DO FOR FUN IN THE SUMMER,
THEY GO CAMPING.....**



Weekend # 1

When & Where: Weekend of July 10

Plymouth Rock Campground
N7271 Lando Street Plymouth, WI
920-892-4252

Weekend # 2

When & Where: Weekend of July 24

WhiteTail Bluff Camp & Resort
8973 Irish Ridge Rd Cassville, WI
608-725-5577

**Everyone should call to make their own
reservations.**

**We will have a pot luck dinner on Saturday
evening with a campfire to follow.**



AWSC Report

Scott Makowski,

AWSC Past President & Snobird Rep to AWSC

The Annual AWSC Convention was held March 20-22 2015 at the Abbey Resort in Fontana, WI. At this annual meeting the business of snowmobiling is conducted. It is 3 days of meetings, meeting with potential officer candidates followed by elections and voting on possible by-law changes. Friday evening was meeting with the candidates for the upcoming year. At the Saturday morning general meeting our guest speaker Senator Ron Johnson addressed the group on the impact our dollars have on budgets set forth on the economy. also the drawings were held for the AWSC annual fundraising raffle.

The winners were: 1st prize of \$10,000 cash was the Freedom Trailblazers of Appleton, 2nd prize of \$2500 cash was won by the Columbus Sno Blazers of Columbus, 3rd prize of \$1000 cash was won by the Fifield Sno Drovers, 4th prize of a 3-day Yellowstone vacation was won by Jay Thompson of Wittenburg, and the 5th prize was won by the Wolf Pack Snowmobile Club of Winnebago County.

The incumbent officers were all re-elected. They are Dave Newman; president, Lori Heideman; vice-president, Andy Malecki; treasurer, and Sue Smedegard; secretary. Also at the Sunday morning directors meeting Sam Landes was re-elected to another term as executive director (the person the directors go to on different items as needed). The by-laws changes, basically wording changes, were approved along with adding a mission statement.

At the Saturday evening Banquet long time publisher of the Wisconsin Snowmobile News (which you receive as part of your AWSC membership) retiring editor Cathy Hansen Burrows received the Presidents Cup award for all she has done to get the word

out about the AWSC and organized snowmobiling. The new editor will be Linsey Fontaine who has been working with Cathy for many months to learn the process and continue the quality of the magazine.

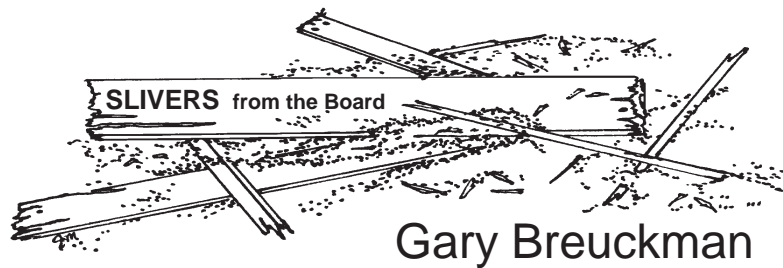
Also this IMPORTANT NEWS about the registration of your snowmobiles through the DNR and applying for your State Trail Passes. When you receive your sled registration for sleds which expires in June of this year, DO NOT be in a rush to mail it in to the DNR. Registrations received by the DNR before July 1, 2-15 will only receive 2-year registration, while those received after that date will receive 3-year registration *for the same \$30 fee*.

After you receive your registration from the DNR you can apply for your discounted trail pass. You'll need to contact the AWSC office (call 1-800-232-4108, or the AWSC website (www.AWSC.org), or by stopping by the offices in DeForest, WI) to order your discounted trail pass. THESE PASSES WILL BE MAILED OUT shortly after being ordered. You will NOT be able to get the DISCOUNTED PASS at any other DNR location, they will only have the full-price passes. You will save \$20/year on your trail pass by ordering through the AWSC office. When ordering your trail pass for snowmobiles registered to your family you will need to provide the following information:

- the snowmobile registration number from the DNR
- your AWSC membership number (on your membership card)

The number also appears on the mailing label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News. You will be able to pay by credit card if you call in to the AWSC office. You will save \$60 over the 3-year period, per machine, because you belong to a club and the AWSC.

Check out the SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PASS LAW information sheet also in this issue of the Track & Trails or talk with Scott at a meeting, or call if you have any questions.



So the 46th session of our Smelt Fry is now over. If you are wondering, the attendance was very close to last year, and our profits from this major fundraiser should be about the same. There were years in the past where we had over 100 more attendees - and from all reports we are doing better than ever with our food - so it's a bit of a mystery why the numbers continue to be down some.

On the other hand, we did make money, there were plenty of people to work doing all the various jobs, and it promotes fellowship with our members - so it's still doing well.

We DO want to know, though, if you have any ideas for doing anything better, saving work, possible changes in menu or such - any potential improvements. The Board has discussed the results for this year at our April meeting, and will have further discussions prior to next year - so let us know!

Summer events and activities are already underway. We had our first adopt-a-highway with two more remaining, there's two camping trips planned - you don't need a camper, tents are also welcomed (to Plymouth and Cassville, details in this issue), a summer picnic on August 8th (keep the date free, please come, lots of food, drink, activities, and no cost), and a corn roast on our election night, August 11th.

We would be **HAPPY** to have even more events! Please bring up any ideas. Suggesting something **DOES NOT** mean you have to run it (although we would like you to!), and there's always lots of help available.

Do we have your email address? If you're not sure ask - we are using email more and more to provide information to our members and we don't want you to miss out.



All You Need to Know About the Wisconsin Trail Pass—July 1, 2015

[Editor: This is from the AWSC webpage. So the AWSC has been saying not to register your sled or renew your registration until after July 1, so you will get three years and not two (for the same price). **Now this says** that after April 1 will get you three years. There is much conflicting information and confusion, so I would suggest waiting until July 1. It's not like you'll have snow yet to ride on, anyway...]

Snowmobile registration will cost \$30 for three years, which has been changed from \$30 for two years.

Registrations purchased or renewed after April 1, 2015 will be good for **three** years and expire July 1, 2018.

All snowmobiles will be required to have an annual trail pass to operate on a public trail or corridor.

The trail pass stickers, which will be 3" x 3", must be permanently affixed by their own adhesive to the bottom center of the windshield. The trail pass will be purchased separately from the registration and will be needed regardless of when the registration expires. All snowmobiles will need an annual trail pass sticker (purchased yearly) and registration stickers to operate on Wisconsin trails. A trail pass will *not* be required to operate on private property (not on a trail), on a snowmobile route, or on frozen water if not on a marked corridor. Legislation is being introduced to exempt snowmobiles registered as antiques (35 years old and older) from the trail pass requirement.

trail pass, continued...

It will be each individual's responsibility to purchase the trail pass for any snowmobile registered in their name.

The trail pass will cost non-club/AWSC members \$30 and can only be purchased through the DNR.

Trail passes will be available online at dnr.wi.gov, through the DNR service centers or at any DNR authorized agents. All trail pass stickers will be sent out by mail. Legislation is being introduced that will allow for operating a snowmobile with a printed receipt until the stickers are received in the mail.

Members who belong to both a snowmobile club and the AWSC will be able to buy the trail pass for \$10.

The discounted trail passes will only be available through the AWSC and it will be the responsibility of the AWSC to verify current membership. They will be available by:

1. Ordering online at www.awsc.org with a credit card
2. Mailing in an order form with payment
3. Calling the AWSC office and placing an order with a credit card
4. Walking into the office and placing an order

You will need your AWSC membership number (found on your membership card and WSN address label) and the registration numbers from the snowmobiles for which you are purchasing passes. All trail pass stickers will be sent by mail. For the first season, there will *not* be the option of riding with a receipt for the discounted trail pass; the sticker must be attached to the snowmobile. Members will want to order their trail passes early and not wait until they are ready to ride to take advantage of the discount. It will still be the club's responsibility to collect your club membership dues and submit the \$10 AWSC dues to the Association. Memberships are good for one year and, if it is current, you will be allowed to purchase a discounted trail pass for every snowmobile registered in the name of the member, their spouse or any of their children under the age of 19.