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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

December 11th, 2003 @ 7:30pm

Meetings:

GENERAL CLUB BUSINESS
Thursday, Dec. 11th @ 7:30pm
at Circle B Rec. Center

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, Dec. 11th @ 6:30pm
at Circle B Rec. Center

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President's Thoughts & Views

Well, December is finally upon us and our trails are roughly 75% completed; November closes out with our first measurable snow fall; and now the weather is turning colder yet the frost has still to get into the ground. I guess if we get three or more days of temps below 32F, the frost will start to get into the ground. We plan on getting our trails marked before this happens. Read further to hear more on our trails.

Since it is December, many of us have our sleds oiled and gassed up ready to hit the trails. As for myself, I'm still trying to empty my shop so I can work on my sleds inside where it is warm. My big problem is time – where is it going at such a fast pace? It feels like I just wrote last month's newsletter yesterday. Go figure.

For January and February's club meetings, we are looking to get guest speakers to talk to us on snowmobiling. At November's club meeting, we opened up the floor for suggestions, and we received very good ideas and input. The purpose of the speaker would be anything relating to snowmobiling – such as safety, equipment, trails, the snowmobile itself, etc. In January's newsletter, we will have more information as to who and what will be covered. By the way, both January's and February's club meeting are either the week before or the week after the Sno-Fari's, so make plans to attend. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to give me (Dan) a call at (262) 692-3704 or email me at: rockonsister@hnet.net.

See you at this month's meeting.

Trails & A Bridge...

We have worked on trails every Saturday in November and we are almost finished. Right now, Saturday, December 6th is the last scheduled date to wrap up our trails plus repair our bridge crossing Mole Creek in the Pleasant Valley Park. If you are reading this before December 6th, and are available to help, we are meeting at Ma Kison's at 7:30am and plan on working till 1:00pm.

Opening of our Trails...

Our trails in Ozaukee and Washington Counties are officially open between December 15th and March 15th. Given, we do need at least six (6) inches of snow and 32F or lower to actually open, the snowphones will be updated as to the conditions of the trails.

Please note that this year we will not be opening our trails before December 15th due to the extended gun deer hunting season which runs until December 10th, and then the "T" Zone areas are open until December 14th. The "T" Zone covers a portion of our trail east of Highway I. We need to play it safe as well as allow the deer hunters to complete their season first and then we will start our three (3) month season.

Below are the phone numbers to call for trail open and closed information. Please keep them by your phone or programmed into your cell phone and use them before riding the trails:

SNOW PHONES:

Ozaukee County:

262-284-8259 or 262-238-8259

Sheboygan County:

920-457-8810 ext. 2990

Washington County:

262-334-6061

**"UNITED WE TRAIL,
DIVIDED WE FAIL."**

Food...

We will have food again at this month's club meeting. The plan is for finger type food – cheese, crackers, sausage, etc. (this is subject to change depending on what is available, but we will eat something that night). We'll see you there for some eats.

Snowmobile Safety Course

The snowmobile safety course is approaching fast. It will be held on December 15, 16, 17, & 18 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Cedarburg Police Dept. Community Room. Give Pat & Harold Steffan a call to register or for more information at (262) 377-3030.

Sno-Fari's

Now is the time to start planning on which or both Sno-Faris you plan to make. The first one is to Lake Nokomis area headed up by Mike Mueller. The dates for this are January 16-17. There eight (8) rooms and one cabin available at this time. Rates are as follows: The Small Cabin is \$100 for four (4) people per night; Rooms range from one king bed at \$64 per night to two queens at \$70 per night (two person occupancy). Give Mike a call (262-377-5180) for a room assignment and then call Paula at the Great Northern to make your reservation at 715-453-5189. Let them know you are with Monticello.

The other Sno-Fari is to St. Germain. Dan Burbach is heading up this one and the dates are February 6-7. He has seven rooms left at this time. Rates are approximately \$70 per night for double occupancy. Give Dan a call at (262) 692-3704 for a room assignment.

Membership & Dues....

This is the last newsletter if you haven't renewed your membership. Please send in your renewal with your dues (active or non-active) to our mailing address or stop in at December's club meeting to drop it off. We do accept memberships all year long, but we need to update our mailing list with current members to keep the postage costs in line.

THANK YOU!!!!

Finally, we have interest in the membership committee. Dick Larson has stepped forward to take over for Cathy Kison (Murdoch's Cathy); she has been doing our membership for quite some time and wishes to step down this spring. Please take a moment to thank Cathy for a job well down for all these years.

Thanks Cathy for your hard work.

Also, thank you to Dick Larson for being pulling our entry in the Grafton Christmas Parade and thank you to Cedar Creek MotorSports for donating the use of a trailer and two snowmobiles for the parade.

For Sale:

Simplicity 3110 Lawn Tractor, manual, 10HP, electric start, \$600
Call Dan at (262) 692-3704

1983 Yamaha SS440, runs great,
Call Paul at (262) 675-2484

1994 Yamaha VX600EL, Qty. 2,
1140 & 1358 miles, enclosed
trailer, \$4000 for all or will
separate \$1800 per sled,
Call Ken at (262) 377-0370

Truck Cap,
Call Mark at (262) 268-0426