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Trails out March 27, 7:30am
Meet at Ma Kison's



NEXT CLUB MEETING: March 11th, 2004 @ 7:30pm

Meetings:

GENERAL CLUB BUSINESS
Thursday, March 12th @
7:30pm at Circle B Rec. Center

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, March 12th @
6:30pm at Circle B Rec. Center

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS & VIEWS

It has been a good year for us as snowmobilers. We have had enough snow in our area to enable us to keep our trails open from January 17 until February 18 or so. This allowed us to enjoy our trails for a good month; this was similar to December 2000 and January 2001 when our trails were open for at least six to seven weeks. I know there is no way to predict how the winter will treat us, but when it snows, jump on the sled and hit the trails!!! And I have heard that many of our members (and/or their children) have done just that. They have put on close to 1000 miles riding their sleds around our area. Now that is an awesome feat, especially here in SE Wisconsin, where the weather changes on an hourly basis. I'm still waiting to hear if any of you, our members, have gone up north using our trails instead of trailering your sleds. I still hear tales of a few guys that have made the run from here all the way up to Green Bay and back. If my memory serves me correctly, I think that happened sometime in the last five to ten years.

Unfortunately, with March approaching, our season is on its last leg. (Even though our snowmobiling season is coming to a close, there is plenty still going on in our club.) We still can get some riding in but we'll need to go north to do it. If anyone wants to write up an article about where they went snowmobiling this past season, I'll gladly put it in the newsletter. It is enjoyable to read where other members have gone snowmobiling. **See you at this month's meeting.**

St. Germain Ride

This year, we occupied five of the ten rooms at the Hearthside Inn. It was a little easier to plan, but sad that the enthusiasm wasn't there to fill all ten rooms. Anyway, a majority of us arrived around 2:00pm on Friday and once unpacked, we hit the trails. There were seven of us in this group. Our goal was to head to Boulder Junction to check out Kerecman's Fishtrap Resort. (The sister of one of the guys in our group runs the resort with her husband, so we had an in.) So we headed north out of St. Germain towards Sayner, and then west and north on trail 15 (since this is the main trail, it was a little rough). We made it to Boulder Junction right around dusk, but with some of the trail changes, we got

a good tour of Boulder before we finally found the correct trail to the resort. Once we left town, the trails got better and it was a quick ride to the resort.

After leaving the resort, we stopped in Boulder for dinner and stumbled upon an awesome fish fry – at JJ's – all you can eat Cod, buffet style. Now we had our fill, it was time to fill the sleds and head back to St. Germain. We took the east and south trails (such as 7 & 8) to get back and to avoid trail 15. The trails were better when you got off the beaten track. Snow conditions were very good – step off the trails and you'd sink up to your knees or thighs depending on how tall you are; for me, it was the thighs.

Saturday was the more exciting yet downer day; today we had eight in our group. We headed out around nine o'clock and decided to head towards Three Lakes and then head up and east to Phelps. The trails were better than Friday, and the temps were cooler as well. Lunch was at a place in Conover and there was good entertainment at this place. There was open water on the lake/river behind the bar and there were snowmobilers crossing it and all had been very successful – even one guy's wife plus a two-up sled with two people!!! (Now I know why you should have at least one two-up sled in your group; check out our website for a few pictures.) After lunch, as we were headed towards Phelps, we lost one of our members at an intersection in the trail – cross traffic didn't help. He headed right without knowing the rest were still headed straight. By the time we found him, his sled was wounded by another sled. We were able to limp his sled to Phelps where we left it and doubled up on one of the three two-up sleds in our group. Leaving Phelps, we took the lake route and crossed land for at most five miles before crossing another lake on the way to Little St. Germain Lake. The lake route was an awesome run – even the two-ups were flying across. There was a Wildcat in our group, which had the rest of us beat. (If I put nitrous on my Phazer II, I wonder if I could catch the Wildcat?) We made it back to St. Germain around 5:00 to set up for the hospitality room. Time to relax.

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Sunday proved to be the best day for riding. We headed over to Sugar Camp via Big St. Germain Lake (we had to cross it a couple of times because it was real flat), then south to Pickerel Lake, and east towards Dam Lake. Awesome trails including the highline trail! Now it is time to head back to reality. Winter in God's Country is beautiful!!!

Grooming our Trails...

Since we have had the trails open for almost a month, our groomer crews have put on logged roughly 100 hours in our Tucker. There have been a couple of minor problems, but we have corrected them and continued grooming. Even though we haven't had the ideal snow conditions (we have had light & dry snow instead of wet snow), we have been able to maintain the trails as best as possible. If we were to get more snow, we are ready to head out and groom! Thanks guys for keeping our trails flat...

Sno-Faris – Next Year

At this time, we have gone on both club Sno-Faris and enjoyed snowmobiling up north. For next year, we need a club member to volunteer for the Lake Nokomis (January) Sno-Fari. Mike Mueller is stepping down and we need a replacement. Also, February's Sno-Fari may be moving to Boulder Junction instead of St. Germain. More info in the next few months.

Thank You!!

To Chris Habich and Patty Kison for providing the Polish at February's Club Meeting. There was roughly fourteen members, so we all had at least four polish each.

Also, thanks goes out to John Haen for sorting out and organizing the trail signs at Ma Kison's. Now we can take inventory real easily.

Club Clothing

Anyone who has ordered clothing from Patty Kison, please make arrangements to pick up and pay for these items. See Patty at the next

meeting or give her a call to arrange a time at (262) 677-2996. Thank you.

Club Outing.....

We've set the date for **Saturday, April 24, 2004**, as the club end of the season outing date. Plan to meet at Circle B to board the bus at 4:30pm to arrive at the Jail House by 5:00pm. Dinner will be at 5:30pm and we will be back on the bus by 7:00pm in order to get to Giggles in Germantown for the 8:00pm show.

Choices for dinner and costs

(includes tax and tip):

Queen Cut Prime Rib	\$26.00
Jumbo Shrimp	\$20.00
Annie Chicken Dish	\$20.00
8oz Tenderloin	\$25.00
8oz. Orange Roughy	\$20.00

Dinners include soup or salad and dinner rolls. Dinner and drinks at the Jail House will be your responsibility.

Giggles Comedy Club is non-smoking and the cost is \$10.00 plus a two-drink minimum per person. Absolutely no one under 21 is allowed!!

Club members who have worked sixteen hours or have gone above and beyond the call of duty (according to sign in sheets and the Board of Directors) will have their admittance, two drinks and bus ride covered by the club.

RSVP to Patty Kison at (262) 677-2996 **by March 22, 2004** with your dinner choices. We also need your payment by this date as well.

Classified Ads:

Snowmobiles

1997 Artic Cat ZRT 600

4800 miles, very clean
\$1750 or best offer

Call Mark at (262) 268-0426

2001 Yamaha SXR 600

Many Extras - W/2 Place Trailer
\$3,900.00 Call 262-689-1812

Snowmobile Apparel

Women's Snowmobile Jackets,

(1) brand new, black/white/
purple/magenta in color, \$40.00

(1) Has been worn, red/white/blue
in color, \$25, call Dick @ 377-6883

Child's Snowmobile Bibs &

Jacket, Size 7, aqua/purple/
black/white in color, worn 2-3
times, \$35.00

Call Dick at (262) 377-6883