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*40 Years of Snowmobiling
and We're Still on the Trail...
1966 - 2006*

Meetings:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
To Be Announced

Second Club Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2006

GENERAL CLUB MEETING
7:30pm at Circle B Rec.
Thursday, October 12

Board Members

President: Dan Burback
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BACK IN TIME.....

Since last time I wrote this, I have come across more history on our club including the start of our trails. I learned about our first trails at the last club meeting when Frank Even approached the table where I was seated and said he had something for me from my request in the newsletter. At first, I couldn't remember what my request was, but then as he started tell us about the trails, I knew what I had asked: When did we start working on our trail system? He revealed to us our trails began in 1970 when the club members put in a trail from the Monticello Club (now the Jackson Town Hall) to the Kirchyn Club (now called Main Street). At first, we were like, that's it? But you need to remember this was 1970 where it would take you a couple of hours to go that far when you had a larger group. Plus, we were reminded that the belts back then on most sleds lasted ten to fifteen miles before falling apart. (That is a major difference compared to today's belts that last for many miles.) Belt issues plus dependability of the sleds of the day keep things on the slow going. One would rarely go riding by themselves without the thought of a long walk back if something happened. Harold Niemann started another trail a short time later; it went from his apple orchard west to Kilroy's (where was this bar?). Back then, the maintenance of the trails such as grooming, didn't happen. As time went on and the trails got rough, the members put their heads together and came up with devices to groom the trails. Our first drag was a bed spring – yes, an actual bed spring from a bed. Once this was fine tuned, a groomer was purchased which we still have today – the Polaris Monster.

It wasn't long after this that more trails were added. I still remember growing up in the early to mid '70's and having the trail run along the Highlines (just west of Wauwatosa Road and east of Horns Corners Road) to meet up with Mequon's trails (probably went right past John Haen's house) and as the years went by the trail kept slowly moving west. If it wasn't for change, life would be dull.

Till next month, see you on the trails.....

WEBSITE CHANGE

Thanks to Dave Pom, we have finally got our own website address. He has been working on this for some time and we're finally ready to go. The website address is: www.monticellosnomobileclub.org Please update your preferences and pass this on to your friends.

40th ANNIVERSARY ITEMS

Due to some confusion, we want to make sure that everyone is clear on this, we are doing one thing for the club members and another for the landowners to celebrate our 40th. They are broken down below..

CLUB MEMBERS: At this time, you probably received the invitation in the mail to our 40th Anniversary party. It is open to our club members plus the club members of the Snow Drifters and SnoSeekers for their help at our tent at the county fair. The date has been set and it is Saturday, November 11th. The doors will open at 5:30pm and the buffet dinner will start at 7:00pm. Please note that this is not a sit down type buffet dinner. Jim Hoffmann's band "Kickback" will provide the entertainment starting at 8:30pm.

LANDOWNERS: In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we will be sending out \$40 grocery gift cards for your landowner gifts with your November's newsletter. The club members at September's club meeting felt that this would be fitting plus, without you – our landowners – we wouldn't have a trail system. Thank you for your continued cooperation and allowing us to use your land.

SNO-FARIS

For starters, we have reserved 10 rooms at the Hearthside in St. Germain. The dates of this trip are February 9 & 10, 2007. The rates are up again from last year; we are looking at \$89 per night (this is the weekend rate). The rate for Sunday thru Thursday is \$75 per night. If you want to get up there on Thursday or stay thru Sunday night, the rate drops.

MEETING & TRAIL DATES

We are looking at the following Saturdays to work on our trail system. Usually, we work from 7:30am to 1:00 or 2:00pm (later if needed). We meet at Ma Kison's and go from there. Here are the Saturdays to mark on your calendar:

October 21st October 28th

November 4th November 11th

The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can get the trails brushed and installed.

Club meetings are still held on the second Thursday of each month starting in September and running thru May. Here are the rest of this year's club meeting dates:

October 12

November 9

January 11

March 8

May 10

December 14

February 8

April 12

CLUB MEETING ITEMS

We will be discussing the AWSC Club only raffle plus the AWSC 50/50 Raffle to see if we want to do this. It is a benefit for us with not much work on our part.

AWSC convention is scheduled for the weekend of Halloween (Oct 27 to 29) in Stevens Point. Any interested members will to represent us at this convention should let us know as soon as possible.

Dusk to dawn speed limit of 55mph will be in effect for this season. Please watch your speed during these hours.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Once again we ask that you please fill out the enclosed membership form and turn it in with your dues at the next club meeting or mail it to the address listed on the bottom of the application. We appreciate your timely response with your dues. Thank you.

FOR SALE

2005 Polaris 550 Super Sport w/reverse, 400 miles, fan cooled, cover & oil & windshield bag included, asking \$4500. Call Jeff @ 262-623-0150

2003 Polaris 600 Classic w/reverse, electric start, cover, M-10 suspension, 2700 miles, asking \$3600.

Call Jim @ 262-377-7709

Anyone else? Give Dan a call (262-692-3704) or fax (262-253-1248) or email me at: rockconsister@hnet.net if you have anything you wish to sell or looking to purchase. Thanks.