



# SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

## Eagle River, WI



### NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017

Website: [www.sno-eagles.org](http://www.sno-eagles.org) Also on facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is almost that time of the year that we all wait for. Thanksgiving is over, Deer Hunting is nearly complete and it is getting colder. It is Snowmobile Season soon!! First, we must all thank the member volunteers who have worked so hard this summer and fall to prepare our trails and to prepare our grooming equipment. Thank you all. The club members should also be aware and thankful to all the area businesses that have sent in financial donations this year to assist our club in preparation of the new season. Check out our website for a list of donors and please support them as well this year. Our club Operating Budget this year estimates \$160,000 of expenses and the club will only get about \$50,000 from the County for grooming the trails in a good season. Therefore, you can see how important donations and fundraising is for this club. In March 2018, I will finish my first term as President of Sno-Eagles. I am so grateful for this opportunity and I have learned so much about the club, the Vilas County Alliance and AWSC. With that in mind, I am making my New Years Resolution early. I promise to make our General Membership meetings short, informative and fun. Let me urge you all to attend our Christmas Party on Dec. 14 to start the fun. Details are in this newsletter. I will guarantee it will be a fun evening for the Sno-Eagles. I also encourage as many members as possible to attend our General Membership Meetings throughout the year. I hope to see you at the Christmas Party and on the trails this year.

*Howard*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **December**

- 5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 12 – Trails Open – Conditions permitting
- 14 – Sno-Eagles Christmas Party – Catch 22 Supper Club

##### **January**

- 2 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 12-14 Vintage Snowmobile Derby
- 18 – Member meeting – Eagle River Inn
- 18-21 – Championship Snowmobile Derby
- 26-28 – Women On Snow (see information below)
- 27 – Saturday Night Out – Nutty Squirrel
- 31-2/2 – Week Day Ride-Away (see information below)

##### **Future Membership Meetings**

Feb 15 -Eddie B's White Spruce, Mar 15 -Eagle Waters Resort, Apr 19 – Buckshots

##### **Future Saturday Night Out events**

2/24 – Silver Leaf, 3/31 – Lumpys, 4/28 – Spangs, 5/15 – VFW, 6/30 – Kathan Inn, 7/28 – Sweetwater, 8/25 – Bauer's Dam, 9/29 – Burnt Bridge, 10/27 – TBA, 11/24 – Road House

## **SNO-EAGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Plan now to attend the 2017 Sno-Eagles Christmas Party

**December 14, 2017** (Thursday evening)

**Catch 22 Char House**, 3310 Hwy 70 E (about 4 miles east of Eagle River)

Cocktails and appetizers start at 6:00 Dinner starts at 7:00

**Dinner choices: Salmon on a bed of pomodoro**

**Prime Rib**

**Chicken Garlic Roze'**

**\$25 per person includes dinner, tax, tip**

**"Toys for Tots" is our theme.** The Marines will be in attendance to receive new unwrapped toys for the "Toys for Tots" program. Each member is encouraged to bring in a new unwrapped toy.

**Live music** We will have Live Music to sing along Christmas Carols and other songs.

**Door Prizes** The club will pass out tickets for door prizes when you arrive.

**RSVP before December 7 to Rusty at [president@sno-eagles.org](mailto:president@sno-eagles.org), or 262-442-4876 or [hwolf48@me.com](mailto:hwolf48@me.com).**

More detailed information in our Sunday membership emails.

## **THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club want to express their sincere "Thanks" to our many volunteers.

Equipment Maintenance: Terry Smith, Marv Radloff, Jim Joritz

Trail Signage: Bernie Pacanowski., Bob Stencil, and Brian Scheid.

Trail Brushing: Ron Engels, Bugs Mathieu and their small group of regular volunteers.

We are still looking for more volunteers. Go to our website and sign up to help, or contact [president@sno-eagles.org](mailto:president@sno-eagles.org) or [trailboss@sno-eagles.org](mailto:trailboss@sno-eagles.org) to volunteer.

**Now it's your turn! Please go to the website or contact one of your Officers to sign up to volunteer on one of the many committees of the club. Thank you in advance.**

## **TRAIL BOSS REPORT**

Trail brushing and signing season has come to end and I have scheduled trail inspection for the first week of December with Vilas County. We always hope to inspect trails by snowmobile, but mother nature has made different plans so a truck and UTV will have to do this year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered with

preparing the trails this year. Trail brushing and signage is one of the most important club activities for a successful trail system.

As for the grooming equipment, Marv, Terry and Jim have the units ready to go. They have spent countless hours inside the shop along with several other volunteers making sure we are good to go when the time comes. Its important to say, some of our equipment is showing its age. At the last board meeting I proposed to the club we start looking into a five to ten-year equipment purchase plan which will incorporate into the overall business plan for the club. Your "Groomer Replacement Fund" donations are very grateful to replacing equipment. So, Thank You! for continuing to donate.

The weather activity has been really quiet lately to say the least. Very little moisture has fallen to cover the ground white. On the flip side of that the ground is freezing nice with lakes iced over and about two feet of frost in the ground. I'm optimistic on the trails being ready for the December 12th opening however this can change quick if we get some snow storms. I have 11 groomer operators ready to go when the time comes just itching to get back on the trail again.

Its time for a little snow prayer because we're ready from an operational standpoint.

See you on the trails soon!

*Brian Scheid* - Trial Boss

### WEEKLY CLUB RIDES

Wednesday & Thursday Club Rides will begin soon after the trails open. Meet at the old train station at 9:00 am The group will pick a destination for the day's ride & lunch. Everyone is welcome! **Ron Engels** – 715-479-5322 will lead the Wednesday rides and **Rusty Wolf** – 262-442-4876 will lead the rides on Thursday. Now you really need to start thinking cold & snow!

### WOMEN ON SNOW 2018

Since 1986 a great riding event for women snowmobilers has taken place in Eagle River. This year's ride will be held on January 26-28. Many Sno-Eagle members have attended these events over the years. Just think – no men to tell you how to ride or give you directions.

Go to [www.womenonsnow.org](http://www.womenonsnow.org) for complete details. - or contact member and organization director Judy Pacanowski at [woserjudy@aol.com](mailto:woserjudy@aol.com). Judy will be on Up North @4 on Channel 12 on December 7<sup>th</sup> to talk about this year's event

### WEEK-DAY RIDE AWAY 2018

It's not too late to make your reservations for our Week-Day Ride Away trip to the Konteka Black Bear Resort in White Pine, MI. This is a small resort with good food, a bar, and bowling alley.

Ron Engels is planning the rides for the weekend. Call the resort at 906-885-5170 to reserve your room. Also - call **Marv** or **Carol Radloff** at 715-479-5153 to let her know that you are planning to attend. They will give you more information about the event. Dates – Jan. 31-Feb. 2

### RIDE WITH PRIDE FUNDRAISER

Ride with Pride, a major fundraiser for Sno-Eagles, is underway. As in the past, the beneficiaries of the raffle will be Sno-Eagles, and the clubs in Conover, Phelps, and Three Lakes. **Bugs Mathieu and Dick Matkin** will be selling tickets at the Derby and tickets are available at many area businesses. Because of postal regulations, we will not be sending tickets out to members, but we urge you to stop at Trakside to buy your tickets. Thanks to **Steve Linn** for his hard work organizing the raffle program again this year. The prize drawing will be at Trakside on February 25 at noon. Miss Sno-Eagle will be there to draw the winning tickets

### LIGHTED SNOWMOBILE PARADE JANUARY 20 – (MAYBE)

Our lighted Snowmobile Parade will be held on January 20 if our members show enough interest in participating in the event. We need 20 sleds committed by December 17. Sleds will gather at Trackside at 5:30 pm and the parade will start at 6 pm. As in the past, the route will be south on the grade through town to Trail 10E and then east to the ERRA Sports Arena – “The Dome”. At that point riders have the option of continuing the ride to The Nutty Squirrel located approximately 5 miles further east on Trail 10E for dinner & beverages or departing from "the Dome". Following dinner, riders then will disperse on their own to finish up their evening. For those who choose- the Eagle River Falcons will be playing the Mosinee Papermakers at the Dome at 8 PM.

Participants are asked to decorate their sleds/snowmobiles with lights, flags & other decorations. Call **Holly Tomlanovich** at 715-617-4708 to let her know that you will ride in the parade.

### 2018 SNO-EAGLES COLLECTOR'S PINS

Don't give up hope. The 2018 collector's pins will be available real soon. **Kathy Rockafellow** will be coordinating sales. You can reach her at 715-891-3873.

### WANT TO WORK THE DERBY?

**Help Wanted:** Would you like to watch the Snowmobile Derby in the warm and cozy environment of the Hot Seats? Or help do one of many other critical jobs? Volunteers are needed to make this a big success. Derby Weekends – Jan 12-14 and Jan 18-21

**Please contact the Derby office at 715-479-4424 to volunteer.**

### WANT CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS????

Trail Boss – **Brian Scheid** (715) 891-2332

Sno-Eagles Trail Conditions **Hotline** – (715) 479-5185 or [www.sno-eagles.org](http://www.sno-eagles.org)

### MORE NEW MEMBERS

Here are the latest new members of our Sno-Eagles family. Welcome to all of you!

Brian Gutche	Beaver Dam, WI
Michael Hicks	Eagle River
Mike & Lisa Kijowski	Eagle River
Mike & Cara Ludemann	Ionia, IA
Mike & Sharon Stachewicz	Eagle River

### REMINDER ABOUT WISCONSIN TRAIL PASSES

**All snowmobiles operating in Wisconsin are required to display a Wisconsin Trail Pass (purchased separately from your snowmobile registration). Members of the AWSC and a local club (like Sno-Eagles) will be able to purchase these annual passes for \$10 instead of \$30 for each of their personal sleds registered in Wisconsin. We have been told that no warnings will be given this year – ALL NON-COMPLIANT RIDERS WILL BE TICKETED. Don't take a chance by not spending the \$10 for a trail pass**

**If your membership is current, you are all set to buy your discounted trail passes. Do it now – the trails will open soon! Contact the AWSC at [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) to purchase trail passes. Don't go to the DNR or a local gas station to purchase these discounted trail passes. They will only sell you the regular \$30 stickers. You must purchase them through the AWSC.**

Happy Holidays to all of our Sno-Eagles family!  
Enjoy your time with family and friends and be safe on the trails

*Ken Storms - Editor*

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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
*November 16, 2017 7:00 PM at Riverstone Restaurant*

- 1) President Howard Wolf opened the meeting at Riverstone Restaurant at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Rusty Wolf & Ken Storms introduced members who are new to the General Member Meetings, the Plotz's and Bodie's. Our new Miss Sno-Eagle, Cara Swendson's father introduced his family.
- 3) Motion by Ken Lambrecht to approve the October 19, 2017 minutes with the correction of the location of the meeting from Eagle River Inn to Silver Leaf. Second by Carolyn Nobbe.  
Carried.
- 4) Fred Rockafellow gave the treasurers report. Memberships are coming in fast and furious. Noted that many, many Club Members are donating to the Groomer Fund when renewing. The Community Partner Campaign (formerly Business Support) is at 78% of the \$18,000 goal. Club has received both the Maintenance (\$9,060) & Supplemental (\$14,525) first half of funding. Motion by the "Rev" Chuck Sheffler to accept the Treasurers report. Second by Carole Linn. Carried.
- 5) Rusty Wolfe officially crowned the new Miss Sno-Eagle, Cara Swendson. He commented on Cara's lengthy list of volunteer efforts and activities. These include volunteering with Special Education classes, 5 year member of Three Lakes Auxiliary, Vintage snowmobile racing, Pink Ribbon Riders, Three Lakes Polar Plunge. Cara has been snowmobiling since the age of 4 and is a Senior at NPHS. In the summer Cara is an avid waterskier.
- 6) Committee Reports
  - a) Fundraising
    - i) Clothing - Elaine Kloiber continues to set up clothing for sale at the meetings.
    - ii) Ride With Pride - Steve Linn reported all tickets are out to vendors. He and his volunteers will be selling tickets are the upcoming Kick off to Christmas parade, TrackSide, Trigs, Derby, Pick n Save. Conover, Phelps, Three Lakes & Sno-Eagles Clubs at alternating weekends at TrackSide. Sno-Eagles gets 50% of the proceeds from the very important fundraiser. Urged all to work hard at selling their tickets to help make the fundraiser a success.
    - iii) Fire & Ice Cash Raffle results: \$4500 to Fire Dept. \$1,000 for Sno-eagles Club.
    - iv) Community Partners – Holly Tomlanovich reported that the response from the local businesses has been the best in the over 20 years she has been sending out letters. The first letter written by the Club President went out in early August. A second letter to those who have yet to donate will go out right after the Snowmobile Derby in January, 2018.
- 7) Activities
  - i) Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Carole Linn reported there is a live link on the mad mimi weekly mailout that allows all to sign up. Holly Tomlanovich added that members can also contact Carol Radloff directly. Each shift is 2 hours at either Trig's or Pick N Save.
  - ii) Communication Report-AWSC October Workshop – Holly Tomlanovich. The Workshop was held October 27-29, 2017 in Appleton, WI at the Raddison Hotel. Brian Scheid, Carole Linn, Tom and Holly Tomlanovich attended. Very informative Workshop Breakout sessions on SNARS online entry of grooming & non-grooming, the Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council, Club to Club exchange of ideas. Plus several Hospitality Suites that offer a great place to exchange ideas with other snowmobilers.

iii) Week Day Away – Marv Radloff and Holly Tomlanovich. Will be January 31-February 2, 2018 in White Pine, MI at the Konteka Black Bear Resort. There is a plan in place for a Friday-Sunday trip if there is interest. Rooms are limited contact the Konteka directly to make reservations at 906.885.5170. Please contact Carol Radloff for more information and if you have questions.

iv) Ken Storms reported that Club has estimated 320-350 members with 19 new members since September. Explained the 2 tier renewal process. Many donating to the groomer fund. In a period of November 8-11, 16 people have donated close to \$700.

December Newsletter is in the planning phase

v) Trail Boss Report - Brian Scheid and Marv Radloff

Brian Scheid presented a video showing members the wet/water conditions on many of the Sno-Eagles Trails. Could delay opening of our entire system.

- Equipment Update: Brian Scheid said Board is looking into the possible purchase of an Argo which is capable of traversing water, swamps, muck with ease. To be used for trail maintenance and to help with the freeze down of trails.

- Equipment Maintenance update: Marv Radloff reported work repairs continue on Tucker with completion in sight. Waiting for parts has caused delay. BR-180 is out for repairs. All should be completed by season start.

- Trail Maintenance update. Brian Scheid said trail maintenance work will start up again after 9 day deer hunt with about 2 weeks of work left. Trail inspection around the first week of December by Dale Mayo.

- New Welcome Signs. Brian Scheid's video/slide show presented photos of the new Welcome Sign Boards located at the different entrances to our Club Trails from other trails.

- New Map Signs. Brian Scheid presented slides of the 10 Map Signs at the main/key intersections of the Club Trail system. There is a plan to sell advertising on the signs as well. Ads will be \$225 per ad. A Mailout is planned.

8) Upcoming Events – mark your calendars

a) SNO at Sportsmen's Chalet on November 25th

b) Board of Director's Meeting on December 5 at the International Hall of Fame

c) Christmas Party at Catch 22 on December 14. This year will feature Toys of Tots Toy Drive. Attendees are asked to bring a new toy to the dinner. Toys will be distributed by the Northern Wisconsin Division of the Marines Toys for Tots program. More details to come. No monthly member meeting in December.

d) Weekday Away Snowmobile Trip to White Pine, MI. – January 31-February 2, 2018

e) AWSC Celebrate Snowmobiling VIP Ride – February 18 & 19, 2018. An AWSC by Invitation Event hosted by the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce. Sno-Eagles will volunteer efforts to the event.

9) Old Business - None

10) New Business

a) Thanks to all the volunteers

b) Rusty Wolf reported with the resignation of Dave Mrozinski a search began to look for a replacement. Two members have volunteered. The Board of Directors will make the selection at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

c) Dick Decker inquired about the Torchlight Parade. Holly Tomlanovich, who in recent years has headed up with the assistance of Dennis & Sandy Kirby said that participation by Club members has been very low. Not sure if will continue. More to follow.

11) 50/50 Drawing winner of Steve Linn. Congratulations!

12) There being no further items on the agenda, motion by "Rev" Chuck Sheffler, second by Fred Rockafellow to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Holly Tomlanovich*

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