



SNO-EAGLES, INC.
SNOWMOBILE CLUB
Eagle River, WI
NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2017



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The excitement of another snowmobile season is building. Our club volunteers are getting our grooming equipment prepared and volunteers are getting our trails brushed and ready. Yes, we still have a lot of work to do before the season starts but we are moving forward. If you have not yet volunteered to help the club, please schedule some free time to help out. You can go on our website and volunteer or just contact president@sno-eagles.org or trailboss@sno-eagles.org to let us know what you are interested in helping the club with. Due to the near record rainfall this past year in the Northwoods, the club trails have many areas under water. Besides a snow dance this year, let's all wish for some cold weather in November and December to freeze up the lowlands. The club again is offering guided trail rides each Wednesday and Thursday, meeting at the old Railroad Depot at 9:00 and riding for as long as the group would like to go. We are also looking at doing a few guided rides on Saturday mornings this year. If you are interested in riding on a Saturday please contact president@sno-eagles.org. I hope to see more members at our many functions this year or at least on the trails.

Let's Thank our Many Volunteers:

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

Equipment Maintenance: Terry Smith, Marv Radloff, Jim Joritz and Ron Engels.

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

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

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.

Fire and Ice Cash Raffle:

The Sno-Eagles sponsored a Cash Raffle called Fire and Ice Raffle. The club wants to give back something to the community that supports us. The Eagle River Fire Dept. (ERFD) wants to build a Station 2 in the T/Washington and they need to raise money for this project. The Station 2 would provide better fire protection for east of Eagle River, Catfish, Cranberry, Deerskin and Eagle lakes. Property owners could see a 30% discount in their property portion of their homeowner's insurance premium. The raffle drawing was held on September 30 at the VFW. Raffle winners include:

First Prize of \$3000 went to Karen Kraulitz (cottage in Eagle River)

Second Prize of \$1000 went to Tommy Burr (10 year old son of Deputy Fire Chief Steve)

Third Prize of \$500 went to Katie Lane of Madison

Fourth Prize of \$500 went to Eliason Realty

Some of our Sno-Eagles also won like Steve Linn, Matt Van Skyhawk

The Sno-Eagles will present the Eagle River Fire Department with a check for \$4500 raised at this event.

Officer Vacancy:

Due to business expansion and workload placed on him, our current Vice-President Dave Mroczynski is stepping down. If any member has an interest in filling the VP position for the balance of his term, please contact president@sno-eagles.org.

Howard Wolf, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to put these important activities on your calendar:

October

12 – Trail Brushing

19 – Trail Brushing & Member Meeting at Silver Leaf (Catfish Lake Road off Hwy 70E)
Refreshments at 6:15. Business meeting at 7 PM

21-22- 5th Annual Snowmobile Safety School – Trees for Tomorrow

26 – Trail Brushing

27-29 – AWSC Fall Workshop & Miss Snowflake Competition

28 – SNO at Eddie B's White Spruce

November

2 - Trail Brushing

4 - Saturday Trail Brushing

7 – Board of director's Meeting – Snowmobile Hall of Fame – 7 pm

9 – Trail Brushing

16 - Trail Brushing & Member Meeting at Riverstone

26 - SNO at Sportsmen's Chalet

These events are also listed on our website calendar.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Today marks two months from the date snowmobile trails could open in Vilas County for the season, weather permitting of course. September was beautiful in the Northwoods with unseasonal warm weather. Just recently the weather has turned and colder nights are setting in with frost.

Club members have been very busy getting the groomers ready in the shop greasing, oil changing, fixing tracks and general maintenance. We are brushing trails every Thursday. We meet at 8:00 am in the groomer shed. (We are always looking for more help). The next Saturday brushing date is Nov. 4, 2017

Just recently we finished placing new "Welcome" signs on the trail system greeting you as you enter our trails. We have also built and installed ten new "Trail Map" board signs. These map boards are all over the trail system for those who have questions where restaurants, hotels and fuel are located, those maps also provide direction to some for finding home. The addition of this signage will be an enormous asset to our trails and community partners who support the Sno-Eagles. My goals as

Trail Boss is to have the best groomed trails as possible for our community partners and guests, which now i believe we can say we have the best signed trail system in Wisconsin too!

Brian Scheid- Trail Boss

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Reminder – we have linked your Sno-Eagles and AWSC membership renewal dates. Your annual membership date is shown on your yellow AWSC card and on the label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine. We will send you a reminder in plenty of time to keep your membership active. Your \$30 annual dues include your membership in both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. Please encourage your friends, family members, and neighbors to join Sno-Eagles. We want to see our membership grow! Membership apps can be downloaded on our website. Starting this year, you can also join Sno-Eagles or renew your membership on line on our website. You also have the option of paying your dues using PayPal. It's quick & easy. We have included a line on the application for making donations to our Groomer Replacement Fund. We want to thank those who have contributed and encourage others to do so. We also have added a checklist for you to tell us what you would like to do to help your club.

NEW SNO-EAGLES MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to our club:

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| Steve & Traci Crane | Rockford, IL | |
| Jim & Mary Ehler | Eagle River | |
| Steve & Tori Swendson | Three Lakes | |
| Cara Swendson | Three Lakes | CARA IS OUR NEWLY CHOSEN MISS SNO-EAGLE |
| David & Pat Wheeler | Three Lakes | |
| John & Christine Widhelm | LeMars, IA | |

WEEK DAY RIDE -AWAY – FIRST NOTICE

The 2018 Sno-Eagles trip is planned is for Wed., Jan. 31 to Fri. Feb. 2. (with a possible extension to Montreal, WI on Fri., Sat. and Sun. if there is interest). We are re-scheduling the trip that was melted out last year. Destination: Konteka Black Bear Resort, White Pine, MI. Mark your calendars and call to make your reservation @ [906-885-5170](tel:906-885-5170). More detailed information will be published in the coming months.

Call Marv and Carol Radloff for more information and to sign up. Happy Trails.

Bridgewater Inn

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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS SET IN EAGLE RIVER

WDNR Snowmobile Safety Class

When: October 20 from 6-9
October 21 from 8:30-4

Where: Trees for Tomorrow

- In order to ride on public snowmobile trails you must be at least 12 years old and have passed a DNR snowmobile safety class. This applies to everyone born on/after January 1, 1985
- Cost \$10
- Must register in advance
- DNR customer ID needed
- Lunch provided
- Call 850-496-7324 for info

Sponsored by

 register online for class & DNR customer ID at gowild.wi.gov

A snowmobile safety education class, sponsored by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, Inc., will be held in Eagle River on October 20th and 21st. The course will be taught by WDNR certified snowmobile safety instructors. Sno-Eagles Club members will assist.

Any person who is born on or after January 1st, 1985 and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public trails in Wisconsin. The certificate must be carried while operating the snowmobile and displayed to a law enforcement officer upon demand. There is no minimum age required to attend the safety course, but certificates are not valid in Wisconsin until the student has reached 12 years of age.

The snowmobile safety course consists of eight hours of basic instruction in the principles of snowmobile safety. It will be held Friday, October 20th from 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, October 21st from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory. Parents/guardians are asked to remain for the first half-hour of class on Friday to finalize registration, sign enrollment forms for minors, and receive pertinent information. A parent or guardian must pick up each minor student at the end of class on Friday and Saturday.

The class will be held at Trees for Tomorrow in the large classroom. Trees for Tomorrow is located at 519 E. Sheridan Street in Eagle River, WI. The large classroom is located in the first main building on the right side of the campus as you enter. Enter through the double glass doors. The classroom is on the left. The class is indoors. No outdoor clothing is required.

A Wisconsin DNR customer ID number is required before enrolling in any safety class. Students are encouraged to obtain a DNR customer ID and enroll online at <https://gowild.wi.gov/>. An ID number can also be obtained by calling DNR Customer Service from 7AM to 10PM at 1-888-936-7463, or by visiting a DNR Service Center during regular scheduled hours. The ID number must be provided to the instructor. In addition, once students have a WDNR customer ID number, they can enroll by contacting the lead instructor, Scott Linn, directly at 850-496-7324 or email scott_linn@hotmail.com.

The course fee is \$10 which covers all materials. A pizza lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Scott Linn at (850) 496-7324.

RIDE WITH PRIDE UNDERWAY

Ride with Pride, a major fundraiser for local snowmobile clubs, is happening now. The event is sponsored by four area snowmobile clubs: Sno-Eagles of Eagle River, Sno-Buddies of Conover, Northern Lights Snowmobile Club of Three Lakes, and the Phelps Snowmobile Club.

Track Side of Eagle River has donated a 2018 Ski-Doo MXZ 600ES snowmobile OR a 2017 Can-AM Outlander 570 ATV as the grand prize in the raffle. Second prize is a Yellowstone snowmobile trip and \$500 for travel expenses. Included is 3 nights lodging and 2 days of snowmobile rental (2 sleds), two days snowmobile clothing, 1st tank of fuel each day for each sled, hot breakfast each morning, and a prime rib dinner. Third prize is a mini-vacation at Wild Eagle Lodge with a dinner certificate for the Blue Heron Restaurant. Fourth prize is a mini-vacation at Eagle Waters Resort with a \$25 restaurant gift card.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are available at local restaurants, bars, resorts, marinas, businesses and at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby. The drawing will be held at Track Side in Eagle River on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 12 noon. The winner need not be present.

Having well maintained snowmobile trails is critical to the local economy. Not all snowmobile trails receive state funding, and state funds do not cover all the costs for maintaining the funded trails. The clubs will use funds raised to help maintain area snowmobile trails in world class condition.

This event would not be possible without the dedication and support from Track Side, Eagle Waters Resort, Wild Eagle Lodge, and the local businesses that are promoting and selling the raffle tickets. Their commitment to the Eagle River community is commendable.



The poster features a circular logo at the top left with a snowmobile rider and the text 'RIDE WITH PRIDE' and 'NO SUPPORT NO FUN'. The main title 'Ride with Pride' is in large red letters. Below it, the text 'Win This Snowmobile or ATV' is displayed. A central image shows a snowmobile and an ATV on a snowy slope. The word 'Sponsored by' is written above the 'TRACK SIDE' logo. The prizes are listed as follows: 1st Prize: 2018 Ski-Doo MXZ 600 or 2018 Can-Am Outlander ATV; 2nd Prize: Yellowstone Snowmobile Trip and \$500 for travel expenses, including 3 nights lodging and 2 days snowmobiling (2 sleds); 3rd Prize: Wild Eagle Lodge Mini-Vacation with dinner certificate; 4th Prize: Eagle Waters Resort Mini-Vacation. Ticket information states 'Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10' and 'Drawing February 24, 2018'. A note says 'Winner need not be present' and 'Track Side at 12 noon'. The bottom section says 'Get Your Tickets Here!' and lists 'Co-Sponsors' as Sno-Eagles, Eagle River; Northern Lights Snowmobile Club, Three Lakes; Sno-Buddies, Conover; and Phelps Snowmobile Club, Phelps.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

To submit contributions for the Newsletter, contact **Ken Storms, Editor** at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com. The Newsletter is published monthly from September to April by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club.

General Membership Meeting – Sept. 21, 2017 Sweetwater Bar and Grill

1. The Sept. 21, 2017 meeting was opened at 7:00 at Sweetwater Bar and Grill. Approximately 40 members were present. President Wolf led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. New Members: Ken Storms introduced Jim and Mary Ehler as new members of the Sno-Eagles. They are neighbors of Rusty and do not own a snowmobile yet. Rusty also introduced Steve and Cara Swendson as new members of the club and Cara will be the Miss Sno-Eagle for 2017-18, to be crowned in November.
3. Secretary Report: As our Secretary Carol Radloff is on vacation, Sonja volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting. The April 20, 2017 minutes were discussed, motion made by Deana Scheid, second by Ron Hanson to approve. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Fred Rockafellow is on vacation so President Wolf will briefly discuss the August Treasurer report and briefly discuss the 2017-18 proposed budget. Last year the club ended the year with about \$18,000 budget surplus. We are projecting a \$13,900 surplus this year if we do not have any major breakdowns. I have a few copies of the budget in detail if you want a copy. We had a \$64,000 checking balance in April and today have about \$79,000 in checking account which is the club and grooming accounts combined in the checking balance. To date we have collected about \$9300 in Community Partnership donations. Motion by Jim Klug, second by Brian Scheid to approve report and the 2017-18 budget. Motion passed. No copies were passed out.
5. Fundraising Committee: Report given by VP Dave Mroczynski.
 - a. Clothing available here and see Elaine or purchase online on our website.
 - b. Golf Outing was rained out and cancelled. Maybe next year.
 - c. Ride with Pride program kicked off on Sept. 1. Start purchasing tickets now.
 - d. Vilas County Food Booth. We had 44 member volunteers that helped during the fair. Audience recognized all. Thank you to Brian and Deana Scheid for organizing the event. The event brought in about a \$6000 profit.
 - e. Fire & Ice Cash Raffle. We still have about 400 tickets to sell. The drawing will take place at the VFW on Sept. 30. We will be selling tickets, raffle prizes and food and beverages.
6. Activities Committee: Activities Chair, Carole Linn is on vacation so Rusty will give a brief report.
 - a. Safety School that is organized by Scott Linn and others will take place Oct. 21-22.
 - b. Miss Sno-Eagle has been selected by the nomination committee and the Board of Directors. She is Cara Swendson who is present tonight.
 - c. Trail Brushing. Trail Boss Brian discussed the brushing schedule and that it is posted in the newsletter and on the website. Come join the fun during the brushing days.
 - d. Trail Boss discussed that Terry Smith and Jim Jortz as well as a few others have gotten almost done with getting our 3 groomers ready for the new year. Audience recognized all the volunteers. Still need help each Tuesday in the shed. Also, the club will see 10 new Map signs and welcome signs this year on our trails. Great job by Bernie, Bob and Brian.
 - e. New Website. We have had a couple challenges but Chris is working them out. We have had a few people say they cannot purchase a membership online, however Chris and Holly have tried and it seems to work fine. The paper application on the site is last years and Chris will have to update.

7. Communications Report: Holly our Communications Chair had another meeting to attend and could not be here. I will read some of her notes. AWSC has a printing problem and some members received out of state passes instead of resident passes. You can use them or call AWSC for new ones and return bad ones. Last year we had 322,000 ATV registrations and only 202,000 snowmobile registrations. Vilas County Alliance meeting held monthly and besides Tom and Holly, Rusty and Brian attend meetings. Our Buckatabon Creek bridge should be replaced next year with a stronger bridge.
8. Newsletter and Membership: Ken Storms will send you a note when your renewal is due. Membership is still \$30 per family with \$10 going to AWSC. We do have an Associate membership which is \$20 to join Sno-Eagles if you belong to another club and AWSC. President Wolf recognized Ken and Cheryl for great newsletters and membership committee work.
9. Trail Boss Report: Brian reported that he is working on a few trail issues. Holly is working on trail easements and the brushing of trails started today. We had 5 members come out to brush. Terry Smith and Jim Jortz are doing a phenomenal job at getting the groomers and drags ready for the year. Terry, Jim, rusty, Marv, Ron and Bugs all worked this summer and cleaned, insulated and painted the groomer shed. It looks great.
10. Old Business: Our members are OLD!
11. New Business:
 - a. Rusty commented that the Governor signed the Biennial Budget today which gives the clubs \$300/mile instead of \$250. With the additional miles funded this year that could mean another \$10,000. Fire & Ice Cash Raffle drawing will be held Sept. 30 at the VFW. Food and beverages as well as door prizes will be at the VFW that day. All members are asked to come out for the day and watch the drawing. Buy tickets.
 - b. By-Law change was discussed and voted on and approved.
 - c. Rusty asked volunteers for the Food Booth, Brat/Bake sale, shed maintenance, equipment maintenance, newsletter and brushing to stand and be recognized.
12. 50/50 raffle was won by Jim Klug who donated the \$57 back to the club. Thanks Jim.
13. Carolyn Nobbe gave the audience a speech on why would the club not use the \$2000 donation of fuel that the 4 local gas stations provide the club each year. Carolyn said that her Cenex, D&S, Trig's Shell and Wild Eagle Store each give \$500 certificates for fuel and the club does not use them. Why? Rusty and Brian commented that they did not know about the donations. Holly was not present to ask the question. Fred was also not present. Rusty said he will investigate this issue and report. Ken Anderson stated that the club needs a report on this issue. Issue tabled until next Board meeting.
14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rusty Wolf & Sonja Mroczynski