



SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB Eagle River, WI



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Website: www.sno-eagles.org

Facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and warm greetings from the Snowmobile Capital of the World. Thanks to a late December snowfall of 6-8" and some frigid cold weather during Christmas our snowmobile trails are open and in fair early season condition. We need to thank our Trail Boss Brian and the Groomer Operators for a great early season job. A great big thank you to members **Marv Radloff, Terry Smith and Jim Joritz** for all their volunteer work keeping our old grooming equipment running. I hope the snow will start coming down as we need snow and lots of it. Our club is growing and area support is on the increase. We have a wonderful dynamic club and we should all be proud of what the club does for the members, the community and the economy of Vilas County. With the extreme cold weather comes the good news that our lake trails are open and the "Traditional Eagle River Ice Castle" will be built this year by the Eagle River Fire Department and many volunteers including Sno-Eagles. We are so fortunate to have some of the most beautiful snowmobile trails in the state. I encourage everyone to come to Eagle River and enjoy snowmobiling. 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. Remember that the Sno-Eagles provide "free" guided snowmobile tour guides each Wednesday and Thursday throughout the snowmobile season. We gather each day at 9:00 a.m. at the Old Railroad Depot and select a route. If there is an interest the club will also do Saturday guided rides. Please let me know if you are interested in a Saturday ride. I wish all snowmobilers and members a safe and happy snowmobile season. I hope to see you on the trails and please attend a General Membership Meeting this year.

Let's Thank our Many Volunteers:

The club wishes to extend their thanks to our Equipment Maintenance Crew (**Marv, Terry, Jim, John and Dan**). Our membership committee (**Ken, Cheryl, Fred**) Our Publicity and Communication Committee (**Carole, Holly, Glenn**) Our ride with pride fundraising committee (**Steve, John, Jerry, Bugs, Chuck, Dick**) and certainly our fine Groomer Operators.

Now it's your turn! We are still looking for more volunteers. Go to our website and sign up to help, or contact president@sno-eagles.org or trailboss@sno-eagles.org to volunteer on one of the many committees of the club. Thank you in advance.

AWSC VIP Snow Show and Trail Ride

Each year for the last five years the AWSC in conjunction with a local Chamber of Commerce and Department of Tourism put together a snow show, dinner and snowmobile trail ride to promote snowmobiling in Wisconsin to state & local government officials and other VIP guests. This year, Eagle River is the selected site to host the event. Members of the Sno-Eagles are taking the lead in many areas to help put this event together on February 18 & 19. A Snow Show will be held on Sunday at the Derby Track which is free and open to the public. A major part of the event is a guided

snowmobile trail ride on Monday for the VIP guests. We are expecting 100+ snowmobilers to come and enjoy our trails. The club is taking the lead in providing trail guides, lunch and snowmobiles for the group. We will divide the attendees into groups of 10-12 riders. Each group will have a lead and tail guide to assist the group on a designated route. The club is in desperate need of trail lead and tail guides. If you can volunteer for the trail ride please contact President Rusty at president@sno-eagles.org or hwolf48@me.com or call my cell 262-442-4876. Bring your spouse or friend and take a group out for a short ride of about 2-3 hours. We will depart from the Derby track and eat lunch at the Eagle Rive Inn. **We need your help!**

ATV-UTV usage during the winter months in the Eagle River area

In recent weeks, I have received numerous phone calls and emails asking where a person may ride their ATV-UTV in the winter. I would like to clarify ATV-UTV usage as best as I can.

The City of Eagle River, the Town of Washington and the Town of Lincoln have approved the use of ATV-UTV on any routes throughout the year. This pertains to routes and not trails in the woods. Therefore, any marked ATV-UTV routes you may operate your ATV-UTV throughout the year. The only exception is that Vilas County will not allow ATV-UTV running on County highway G during the winter or after the ATV-UTV season. I should also add that at this time the only snowmobile trail open to the ATV-UTV vehicles is the 1.2 mile of snowmobile trail along Highway 45, the old railroad bed.

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

January

- 9 – 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
- 27 – Saturday Night Out – Nutty Squirrel
- 31-2/2 – Week Day Ride-Away to Konteka Black Bear Resort in White Pine, MI
(call Carol Radloff for more info. 715-479-5153)

February

- 6 - Board of Directors Meeting
- 15 – Member meeting – Eddie B's White Spruce
- 18 – VIP Snow Show – Derby Track – 10-4
- 19 – VIP Trail Ride – Derby Track
- 24 – Saturday Night Out – Silver Leaf

Future Membership Meetings

Mar 15 -Eagle Waters Resort, Apr 19 – Buckshots

Future Saturday Night Out events

3/31 – Lumpys, 4/28 – Spangs, 5/15 – VFW (NOTE: Tuesday Chicago Night), 6/30 – Kathan Inn, 7/28 – Sweetwater, 8/25 – Bauer's Dam, 9/29 – Burnt Bridge, 10/27 – TBA, 11/24 – Road House

NOTES:

>**Wednesday rides** continue throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will determine our destination and lunch stop. All are welcome to this event. Call ride leader **Ron Engels** for info – 715-617-2937 The Thursday Scenic Route rides also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. **Rusty Wolf** will lead the group. 1-262-442-4876.

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the World Snowmobile Headquarters at 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start about 6:15 PM for refreshments with the business meeting starting promptly at 7 PM.

>**Saturday Night Out (SNO)** is an informal club get together for dinner at restaurants that support our club with map ads or business support. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 to RSVP by 10:00 am the day before the event.

RIDE WITH PRIDE FUNDRAISER

Ride with Pride, a major fundraiser for the Sno-Eagles is underway. **Bugs Mathieu & Dick Matkin** will be busy selling tickets at the Derby again this year. Stop to buy your tickets while you are at the Derby. The winners will be announced on February 24 at Trackside

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

WOW! 2018 is off to a cold start! We have been in a deep freeze since opening the trails on December 15th. This cold weather is a blessing for setting up the trails and swamps. The cold has held the trails in fair condition for the Holiday week even with a thin base. We really need some snow!

Grooming is running with a 4-5 night/week schedule. We are doing our best with what we have on the ground. I am very pleased that this cold weather has tightened the swamp ice base. This is a really good thing as we don't have to skip over areas that previously were not passable. My biggest fear going into this year was the amount of water in the swamps. This deep freeze has put an end to my worries. Thank you to all of our groomer drivers for being so understanding and adaptive to the schedule and timing.

Again, we need to Thank **Marv, Jim, Terry** for keeping the equipment running. We ran into small issues that sent us to the shop. Cold weather is never helpful when dealing with broken equipment. However, the three of them were able to get us back on the snow very quickly. Very thankful for their dedication to Sno-Eagles. Please, think SNOW. We need it badly.

See you on the trails soon!

Brian Scheid- Trial Boss



Sno-Eagles has purchased an Argo to help us prepare the trails in our swampy areas. About 40% of our trails are in wet swampy areas. This unit will go anywhere and floats like a boat

CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report on our website: www.sno-eagles.org or to our Facebook page. Our Trail Boss, **Brian Scheid** posts that information. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. **Holly Tomlanovich** records a message daily. Get the latest conditions at **715-479-5185**

WANT TO B E A SAFETY INSTRUCTOR?

The DNR is sponsoring a series of Mini Academies to recertify or train new instructors for ATV, Snowmobile, & boat safety classes. Here is your chance to use your experience to help with instructing as a qualified safety instructor. One of these classes will be in St. Germain on April 8. Contact Kim Cooley at 920-360-2361 to register for the class.

SPECIAL JOBS BEING DONE BY SPECIAL PEOPLE

Club Historian – Karen Engels (715)479-5322 or karon374@gmail.com

Contact Karen if you have photos (old or new) and article of current Sno-Eagles events. If she doesn't already have that information, she will be delighted to add it to the history of Sno-Eagles that she is maintaining.

We Care – Audrey Stearns (715) 479-8890 or audrey.stearns@yahoo.com

If you know of a member who is in need of encouragement, is ill or facing a difficult time in their life, or has lost a dear friend or family member, contact Audrey our We Care person. She has volunteered to extend the hand of friendship for all of us.



A rose among thorns: Miss Sno-Eagle Cara Swendson with past presidents Ken Storms, Dave Everett, & Jim Ayers and current president Rusty Wolf (in the Santa hat and ugly sweater)



Members attending our Christmas Party at Catch22 brought toys for the Toys For Tots program. A representative of the marine Corps was there to accept the toys from officers Fred Rockafellow, Rusty Wolf, & Chuck Bodie

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Because we've had so many new members this year, I'm going to fill you in on some important information regarding membership in Sno-Eagles.

To become a member of Sno-Eagles and the AWSC, log on to our website: www.sno-eagles.org . Download our member application and mail it to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521 OR fill out our application on line and pay with PayPal or a credit card. The membership fee is \$30 to cover your member dues in both organizations. There are lots of good reasons to join including the AWSC benefits of a \$3000 accidental death insurance policy for the primary member, spouse, and children under age 19, the monthly Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine, and the opportunity to buy discounted trail passes. (see below)

Sno-Eagles publishes a monthly newsletter from September to April that is posted on our club website. Our goal is to keep our membership informed of important club news through this publication. In addition, emails are sent to the membership weekly throughout the snow season and less frequently during the rest of the year. The emails are usually sent on Sunday evening and are sent through Constant Contact by **Carole Linn**. Look for them in your email in box. NOTE: If you are using Gmail, we have had a few people who have received our emails in their Spam or Promotions Categories. If you aren't getting your Sno-Eagles emails in your inbox, look in those folders and let Gmail know that you want to receive them

Using a feature on Constant Contact, we will be sending members an automatic reminder 14 days before your membership expires. When you get that, send in your renewal or renew on line to ensure that your membership doesn't lapse

TRAIL PASS 101 or TRAIL PASSES FOR DUMMIES

The trails are open and your sled is ready to ride, but you forgot to buy a trail pass!! It's not too late. Here is what to do:

1. If you are a **CURRENT** member of the AWSC and a local snowmobile club (like Sno-Eagles), you can buy discounted price trail passes from the AWSC. NOTE You don't need to be a Wisconsin resident. You need your AWSC member # from your yellow membership card or the label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine. If you can't find your member number, call Ken Storms at 715-479-5599. You also need the **CURRENT** Wisconsin registration sticker numbers from your personal sleds. Now, log onto www.awsc.org and go to the section about ordering trail passes. Follow the directions, submit payment, and print a receipt. You can ride on that receipt until your stickers arrive in the mail from the DNR. These discounted trail pass stickers are \$10 per sled. NOTE: Do not try to buy stickers for anyone else using your AWSC number. The DNR will cross reference the sled registration numbers with your name. if they don't match, you can't buy trail stickers for those sleds.
2. If you aren't a **CURRENT** member of AWSC or a club, you need to join or renew your membership before you can order discounted trail passes. To do so, go to www.sno-eagles.org and click on "Become a Member". Complete the on-line form or print a member app to mail in with your \$30 dues. After your app is processed, you can purchase your trail pass stickers.
3. If all of this is too hard for you or you are not a member of AWSC or a club member, you can purchase regular \$30 Wisconsin trail stickers. Also, anyone (member or non-member) with sleds registered out of state must purchase \$50 Out of State trail stickers. These stickers are

for sale locally at the Holiday South station in Eagle River or at the DNR office near St. Germain on Highway J. Once again, you will get a receipt to ride on until your stickers are mailed by the DNR. Michigan trail stickers are available at the Krist Oil station in Eagle River for \$48.

4. **NEXT YEAR:** Buy your trail passes in the fall when they go on sale – usually about September. Put them on your sleds when they arrive and you'll be all set for the riding season. That will avoid the stress of trying to get your stickers before your first big trip to Eagle River for the season.

BOTTOM LINE: Don't ride without the correct trail pass sticker on your sleds. Tickets will cost you a lot more. Don't chance it!

MORE NEW MEMBERS

We are welcoming MANY new members and some returning after a long absence this month.

Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family!

Barry Babbs - E.R.	Justin Kaszuba – Long Grove, IL
Bruce Barch – Okauchee, WI	David Kramer – E.R.
Jason Barrett – E.R.	Pete & Jeanette Kressin – Green Bay, WI
Clarence Blankenship – E.R.	Curt & Kari Krupp – New Holstein, WI
Ed & Carolyn Bush – 3 Lakes	Scott & Kelly Lacko – E.R.
Robert Denna – Lake in the Hills, IL	Ted & Pam Larsen – Brookfield, WI
David & Jill Devall – Waukegan, IL	Mark & Amy Lins – E.R.
Zach & Becky Eilers – Brookfield, IL	Jack & Judy Mann – Downers Grove, IL
Einar Forsman – E.R.	Mike & Dawn Miller – Elgin, IL
Dennis & Martha Geiseman – E.R.	Tim & Christine Patterman – Waunakee, WI
Dave & Rebecca Glyzewski – Wales, WI	Gary & Susan Ridderbusch – E.R.
Lance & Barb Hampton – Genoa City, WI	Derek & Elizabeth Sammann – Glencoe, IL
Brian & Jeanine Hunter – E.R.	Kurt & Tammy Schmidgall – Morton, IL
Michelle & James Janet – E.R.	Steve & Jennifer Sobotka – Milwaukee, WI
Paris Jenkins – E.R.	Dean & Stephanie Sulok – West Bend, WI
Peter John – E.R.	Dennis & Jodi Verbeck – Atkinson, IL
Ron & Kathleen Johnson – Hammond, IN	Tom Wiegand – Morton, IL
Joe & Bryann Karr - Oak Lawn, IL	Mike & Cheryl Zielke – Marengo, IL

If you have any questions regarding membership or the newsletter, contact me at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com

Ken Storms, Newsletter Editor & Membership Chairman