

Near North Trail Riders News

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Mark Your Calendars



**Meeting: January 12th 9:00 AM Athelstane
Town Hall County Rd A & C
January 12th Noon to 4:00 PM Annual Meat
Raffle Dawn & Bobs FireLane Bar & Grill
County Rd C Athelstane.
Meeting February 9, 2019 9:00 AM
Athelstane Town Hall**



Member Attendance Drawing

The last member attendance drawing for this year took place at Saturdays meeting with just one number drawn for a winner who received a check in the amount of \$19.00 the number of people who had attended the November meeting, it's always easy to make a few bucks by attending the meetings each month and maybe your number will be picked and you could go home with a check too.

Equipment Report & Trail Report

Our President reported that the new air compressor has now been setup and is ready to be used when needed. After Saturdays meeting those available to help headed to the club shed on Eagle River Road to help with the installation of the trax's to be put on the tractor for winter grooming, The club secretary me provided a big kettle of chili for those who helped with that job and a pan of brownies for dessert. Some cheese and crackers were also provided for a snack. Our Groomer Boss wants everyone who helped. All we need now is some snow and we are good to go.

Alliance Meeting

Our Vice President reported that he attended the December 3rd Alliance Meeting. He reported that Marinette County now has a recreational officer. He is a former Marinette county police officer. He will be enforcing laws pertaining to snowmobiling, ATV's and boating. He will also be teaching safety classes for snowmobiling, ATV's and boating He will be starting this position on January 1st 2019. Marinette County will also be bringing in additional officers to patrol on snowmobile and ATV trails. **For your information: All ATV routes on county roads are now closed from December 1st until May 1st.** The AWSC is looking for clubs that will be 50 years old to feature in their memorial magazine. The Near North Trail Riders Club will be 50 years old in December of 2019.

Grant

Team Winnebagoland of Oshkosh is giving out 5 grants to snowmobile-ATV clubs, At Saturdays meeting Tom Vanzeeland of Team Winnebagoland presented the club with a \$1000.00 check. Justin Hirschmann had applied for the grant after he saw the information on Facebook some months ago. Our club was the first one to be chosen this year.

Thank you letter

The club received a very nice thank you letter from the Silver Cliff Rescue Squad for our annual monetary gift to them in appreciation for their services to the community.

Last Reminder of 1st Club Event for 2019

The annual meat raffle is coming up on January 12, 2019 from noon until 4:00 pm at Dawn and Bobs FireLane Bar & Grill on County Road C Athelstane. There will also be bucket raffles to choose from and a 50-50 raffle too. Dawn and Bob are the clubs newest business club members so let's all mark that date on our calendars and attend the 1st club event of the New Year and welcome Dawn and Bob to the club.

Well that's about it for this month and this year. And as they say time flies when you are having fun and my mom always said time goes by faster as you get older and I guess I have to agree with her. It seems like it was only yesterday when I was sending out to you your last letter of 2018 and here we are about to start a new year. Hopefully Mother Nature and old man winter will be sending us snow in the winter months and not in April like last year. We have had snow in Athelstane but not enough to groom the trails yet and swampy areas are not frozen. I do a trail report very Tuesday morning and it is posted on the Marinette Web site and also on our clubs web site.

Most of you I would guess now have your Christmas trees up and trimmed and the kids have gone to see Santa to tell him of their wishes for what they want to find under the tree on Christmas morning. Santa made his annual visit to Athelstane on the 8th and kids big and little told him what they wanted for Christmas and if they were good or bad and of course everyone said they were good!!

And now with your last letter for this year the officers and the board are sending to all of the landowners and their families and to all of the snowmobile and ATV members and their family's wishes for this holiday season and the New Year to come.

*Dear Friends old and new. Wishing you a
Season of gladness with heartfelt wishes that
Come true and a season of cheer. May you share
With friends and family a magical holiday filled
With joy and cherished memories. May the memories
Of this season be with you today and always.*

*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*