

Near North Trail Riders News

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**Next meeting: March 10th 9:00 AM Athelstane
Town Hall County Road A & C
March meeting: Nominations for 2 Officers
and 2 Board Members
Spring Banquet: April 14th**



January Club Event

I reported in your January newsletter that there was a good turnout for the annual clubs meat raffle that was held at the Fire Lane Bar & Grill on County Road C on January 13th. Thanks to all who attended club members and local folks the club made a profit of over \$750.00 for that event. This money is used to maintain the equipment that is used to groom the snowmobile trails in the winter months and grading that is done in the summer months on the ATV trails.

Member Attendance Drawing

The lucky winner this month of the attendance drawing was one of the clubs Directors. He took home a check for \$19.00. That was the number of people who attended the January meeting.

Equipment and Trail Report

A service call from Beaver Machine for a minor repair problem other than that the Groomer Boss reported that all the equipment in good shape. With the two very nice snowfalls of recent weeks and the very frigid night time temperatures the trails are now being groomed on a weekly basis and all the trails are in very good riding condition. I have to do a trail report each Tuesday morning and then it will appear on the Marinette County Web site. Or you can also get it on the clubs web site as well.

Alliance Meeting

Vice President and the club rep attended the monthly meeting of the Alliance on February 5th. He has been working on a project to GPS all of the snowmobile trails in Marinette County. This has nothing to do with the map. This is a requirement by the DNR so that the clubs receive the funding from the state for up keep and maintenance of the snowmobile and ATV trails. He has to complete this work by April 15th if not the clubs could lose their funding.

He also reported that Marinette County has passed an ordinance that allows county roads to be open for ATV traffic. Some people are under the impression that all county roads are open for ATV's and that is not true. Each town has to submit a request to the county for the roads

that they would like to have open to ATV's. A road route in the state of Wisconsin for snowmobiles or ATV's is not legal unless there are signs stating that they are open. **Be Warned: If you are on a road route with a snowmobiles or ATV and a UTV and the signs are not there that road is illegal. You could be ticketed by law enforcement.**

Information for you

The Sno-Cruisers snowmobile club will be holding a meat raffle Saturday March 4th 1:00 o'clock at the Gateway Bar in Crivitz.

Spring Banquet

The Spring Banquet for the landowners is coming up on April 14th this year. It will be held once again at the Nimrod Inn in Athelstane. All snowmobile and ATV members are encouraged to attend to thank the landowners for giving the club permission to access their property for the trails. In your March newsletter I will include your RSVP and information as to cost and time for the banquet.

March Meeting

At the March meeting the club's president will be taking nominations for two officers and two board members. President, Secretary, Trail Boss, and one Director. I will include a ballot for your vote which you can return to the club by mail or attend the April meeting when the voting will take place.

That's it once again for this month. And the ground hog saw his shadow so we are in for 6 more weeks of winter. But if you looked at your calendar it also says we have 6 more weeks until the 1st day of spring. And I did not know this, maybe you did? The ground hog is nothing more than a wood chuck. And according to nature they come out of their den each February and look around, they don't give a darn if the sun is shining or not. If they don't like what they see they just turn around and go back in their dens until the warmer weather comes. They probably do this every month until the nice weather is here to stay.

We have had some really nice snowfalls in the Athelstane area with grooming done on a weekly basis which makes the trails excellent for snowmobiles. Looking out of my kitchen window and across the road at the Northwoods Bar I see a lot of snowmobiles and also a lot of them that are parked across the road along my driveway. Of course the trails are always open for ATV's and UTV's all year round except for that month in the spring when Marinette County closes them when the frost starts to come out of the ground on the trails and then dries up for trail riding once again.

Before I go

Never regret something that once made you smile, and do more of what makes you happy.

