

Near North Trail Riders News

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News by Sandy DuChateau



Mark Your Calendars



Meetings: February 9th, March 9th
April 13th May 11th & June 8th
Spring Banquet: April 13th
Open House June 1st



Member Attendance Drawing

Our President picked 3 numbers from the coffee can before we had a winner. The first 2 number drawn was numbers 8 and 9. They did not attend Saturday's meeting. The third number and the winner was number 16 who received a check in the amount of \$21.00, the number of people who attended the December meeting.

Equipment Report

Not the best at this time. Due to an electrical fire the tractor is back at Beaver Machine. And a service rep had to come out to the club shed to re-calibrate the Sure Trac groomer. Our Trail Boss reported that the Sure Trac groomer is now ready to go out on the trails once again for grooming.

Trail Report

The Athelstane area received a good 5 inches of heavy wet snow on Monday January 7th (About Time) The groomers were out and club members at Saturdays meeting reported that the trails were in very good riding condition when they put about 100 miles on their machines on Friday January 11th. The Groomer Boss asked at Saturdays meeting that if anyone is interested in helping out with grooming of the trails to please contact him @ 1-920-737-1876.

Alliance Report

The Vice President and club rep reported that he attended the alliance meeting on the evening of January 7th. He reported that Zack Albright the new Marinette County recreational officer was in attendance. He really did not have much to report at this time, except the Southern Marinette trails are closed as well as the Oconto trails. For trail information people should check the county trail reports. The Ranger City Riders snowmobile club was sponsoring a chili cook-off on January 12th and the AWSC's Miss Snowflake was going to attend. The fiscal year

now for the AWSC will be July 1st until June 30th. Of each year, the same as our fiscal year. The AWSC will also be raising their membership dues from \$10.00 to \$12.00. There was a difference between the original funded miles in Marinette County as it has been 20 years since an audit was done. The original miles before the GPS was 494.3 miles and after the GPS was completed there is 511.9 miles.

Just a Reminder

At Saturdays meeting Our President reminded us that at the March meeting he will be taking nominations for 2 officers and 2 board members. If you would like to nominate someone for those positions be sure to attend that meeting.

Annual Meat Raffle

The annual meat raffle was held this past Saturday at Dawn & Bobs Fire lane Bar and Grill on County Road C. There was a terrific turn out. A lot of people there to support The Near North Trail Riders. There was a variety of bucket raffles to choose from and also a 50/50 raffle was held. I want to thank everyone who helped to make this a successful event for the club but especially I want to thank Dawn and Bob owners of the Fire lane our host for this club event.

Well that's it for your first letter of the New Year. Hard to believe the old year is gone and we are into a new one. Like they say time flies when you're having fun. But I must report that the Old Farmer's Almanac has been far from right so far this winter and my window is not much better either when I check to see what's going on. But I guess we have to be thankful for the 5 inches of heavy wet snow that was received this past week in Athelstane of course we did not need the rain that came after the snow. Just a lot of ice on roads and sidewalks and peoples driveways left from the rain. But never the less the groomers where able to get out and work on the trails.

It's going to be a big year for us with the clubs 50th anniversary coming up in December of this year. If anyone can remember or has information about the clubs existence, like past presidents, vice presidents, or any member of the board please let me know so that I can pass it on to members in next Decembers newsletter.

I do know that talking to the clubs honorary member that he remembers trail grooming was done with a bed spring!! A big difference from what is used today.

And now as I end your newsletter this month I want you to think about this.

Only by giving are you able to receive more than what you already have. And
When you have exhausted all the possibilities. Remember.
You Haven't!!!