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NEAR NORTH TRAIL RIDERS

ATHELSTANE, WI

Meetings are held at Athelstane Town Hall County Rd AC, Athelstane, WI

January 24th 25th & 26th Over Night Club Ride to Land-O-Lakes
Meeting February 8th 9:00 am Athelstane Town Hall

Member Attendance Drawing

Five numbers picked this month before we had a winner. The numbers 22 and 24 were Vice President Kelly Barns and me Sandy the secretary. We do not participate in the drawing as we attend the meetings each month. The numbers 5 & 6 belonging to Doug and Julie Gerke were not in attendance for the meeting or Dave Polzin with the number 17 and finally number 14 Melisa Opicka was the lucky winner. She received a check in the amount of \$24.00 the number of people who attended the December meeting.

Over Night Club Ride

President Lonnie Swaney said he is asking those that are going on the ride January 24th, 25th & 26th to meet at the Northwood's with plans to leave by 8:30 that morning. The first stop will be in Goodman for breakfast and then on to Armstrong Creek for gas and then perhaps a stop at Long Lake and then on to the hotel at Land-O-Lakes. Anyone who will be trailering their sleds to the Northwood's are welcome to park their trailer or truck across the road from the Northwood's in Marlin DuChateau's yard. Groomer Boss Justin Hirschmann will be driving the support vehicle.

Trail Equipment & Shed Report

Groomer Boss Justin Hirschmann reported that the trails are being groomed weekly. Thanks to Dennis Hermes and Todd Stadler also Dave Polzin and Luke Muntner for doing a great job keeping the trails groomed and in good riding condition. There will be some minor repairs to the Sure Track groomer after a run in with a tree. The new furnace has now been installed at the club shed. Justin will go on Facebook and our web site to see if someone would be interested in purchasing the old furnace or you may call him @ 920-737-1876.

Marinette County Alliance Report

Vice President Kelly Barnes was not at the meeting so Andy Malecki gave the report. He reported that there has been three fatalities this year. There is going to be an expo at the Marinette County Expo Center and they are offering if any of the area clubs want to participate a free booth. He also said that all the clubs are experiencing the same problems and not being able to groom some areas due to the warmer weather and standing water. He also reported that as of the end of December 31,914 of the \$10.00 trails passes have been sold. There are also 39,374 AWSC members. There is 120 units now using the GPS system. Also there will be a groomer show in St. Germaine on February 5th & 6th.

Military Ride

The Military Ride will be held this year on January 20th at the world championship derby complex. This ride is dedicated to the military men and women and their families that serve and protect our country. As in the past The Near North Trail Riders will send a monetary gift for the ride to show our support.

Thank you Card

The club received a thank you card from the Athelstane Fire Dept. Auxiliary for their gift from the Near North Trail Riders for the Secret Santa Shop. And one of the clubs landowners.

Well that's all the news for this month. Here we are in a new year and a new decade. Is it possible that 20 years as slipped away? I can remember 20 years ago the world was supposed to come to an end and all computers and phones were going to crash but 2000 came with no problems everything went on as usual.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and got everything they wanted or did not want and the day after Christmas headed out the door to brave the crowds to return or exchange. Did hear from a friend of mine that she made a pass through one of the store parking lots and just headed back home because there was no parking space anywhere to be found.

As for me I had a really nice Christmas first in Green Bay at my daughter's house than the following weekend my two daughters and their families showed up at my house for Christmas once again. How fun was that two Christmases in one week! Also I guess I don't have to do the snow dance so much anymore and you know that can wear a person out. Because I got a big five foot blow up snowman that says Let It Snow!!! We shall see how it works. We are still getting small snowfalls and of course that helps the trails. But riders are to still be aware of water on some of the trails. The east trail for sure. For now have a terrific month until I return!

And something to think about before I go

The trouble with trouble is that it always starts out like fun. And the best place to put your troubles is in your pocket. The one with the hole in it.

