

# Near North Trail Riders News

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## Mark Your Calendars



Meetings held at Athelstane Town Hall  
County Rd A&C 9:00 AM  
April 13<sup>th</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup> June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Banquet April 13<sup>th</sup> Nimrod Inn  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Club Shed on Eagle River Road



## Member Attendance Drawing

Just two numbers were drawn this Saturday for a winner. The first number was 11 and that number belonged to the treasurer. Being an officer of the club she does not participate in the monthly drawing. The second number was 7 and that belonged to Justin Hirschmann. He received a check in the amount of \$11.00 the number of people who attended the February meeting. Justin was also the lucky winner last month.

## Marinette County Alliance Report

Our Vice President attended the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and reported that all of the Marinette County trails are open and are in very good condition. Zack Albright the recreational officer reported that between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> of February there was 5 accidents resulting from OWI's. 19 tickets were issued in January and 26 in February also 3 warning tickets in February. The DNR reported that there has been no fatalities in Marinette County this winter season. There is a property owner on Smith Creek Road that has threatened to close the trail due to off trail riding. The recreational officer is working very hard to resolve this issue. If this section of the trail were to close it would be very difficult to re-route it. However at this time it remains open. Snowmobile riders are very fortunate to have property owners who allow clubs to use their property for the trails. **Please stay on designated trails or we will lose them.** Also AWSC rep Andy Malecki reported that a hearing will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> concerning the Blue Mound State Park which could affect snowmobiling in all state parks. The next Alliance meeting will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Hoovers in Wausaukee and not the village hall due to Election Day falling on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Equipment and Trail Report

All repair work has now been done on the tractor and it is back. All other equipment in good

running condition. Trails now remain in excellent condition with grooming being done weekly. After the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting Groomer Boss Justin Hirschmann is asking if anyone is available to help the tracks will need to be taken off of the tractor for summer trail work on the ATV trails. If anyone is able to help with this job please meet at the club shed on Eagle River Road.

### **Election of 2 officers and 2 board members**

In your newsletter this month you will find a ballot to cast your vote for Vice President, Treasure, Groomer Boss and one Director. **Please put your ballot in an envelope and sign your name across the seal. This makes it a legal document and the envelope cannot be opened until the meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Landowners Spring Banquet**

You will also find an RSVP to fill out and send back to the club by April 5<sup>th</sup> with your check made out to The Near North Trail Riders and also how many people will be attending. **Please do not put your RSVP in the same envelope if you are going to cast a ballot.** If you do we will not know that you want to attend the banquet as ballot envelopes cannot be opened until the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Well that's it again, another month has come and gone, we had to turn the clocks ahead, and the first day of spring is a week away. The trails continue to be groomed and are in excellent condition for now, but with the warm temperatures and that old sun climbing higher in the sky and rain that is predicted it is hard to tell how long the trails will hold up. But there is still a lot of snow out there. Me being only 4 feet 8 inches I can stand behind the snowbanks in the yard and no one knows I am there. As for Buddy our dog as I reported last month that he lost his ball in the snowbank, he still has not found it. I had talked to a club member who goes south for the winter who told me in January when we still had not gotten a lot snow but the trails were still good and we had those way below freezing temperatures said he was heading South instead of waiting until February so at least he could ride his motorcycle. Well I got news for him he left too soon. LOL!!! And the other day on the weather channel the information was that because of the ocean currents we can expect the next five winters to be like this past one. All I can say to that one is we will just have to wait and see. For those of you who are Irish hope you have a great St. Patrick's Day. But then again aren't we all Irish on St. Patty's Day? Don't forget about the Spring Banquet on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. We invite the landowners so we can acknowledge them and thank them for letting the club use their property for the trail system. And now an Irish wish for you and something to think about too.

*May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness comes through your door. And you got to try your luck at least once a day, because you could be going around lucky all day and not even know it.*

