



DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was opened by Steve Shoop at 7:00.

Welcome new members: Ramon Serna, Ryan Haug, Bret and Jeri Warren, Jim and Jolene Shoop, Dean Morris, Shawn and Tamara Reese.

TRAIL MARKING

Thank you Stan and the 20 members who showed up to help mark the trails on Saturday 11-21 and Sunday 11-28. The club marks about 16 miles of trails. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH MAKING SIGNS AND MARKING THE TRAILS!

GUEST SPEAKER –

Ray Serna of Jetboyz in Spring Park. He talked about tune ups, and handed out a 3 page maintenance guide. Ray's talk was very informative. Here are some tips I picked up: Grease everything in the spring to push out water before summer storage. (But pre-season is better than never) Check the power valves. Replace spark plugs and fuel filter at the beginning of each season. His maintenance checklist is available on the web site.

TREASURER REPORT- Beginning balance: \$4565. Deposits: (wearables and membership dues) \$857. Withdrawals: \$1278. Ending balance \$4021. Note: Membership dues are due NOW. About ½ of members have paid. You can send a payment of \$40.00 to WSB, PO BOX 204, Mound MN 55364. Or if you are paying Pat at a club meeting, please put your payment into an envelope and clearly mark it with your name and "WSB Club Dues". Thank you! (\$17 goes to our club, \$3 goes to Southwest Trails, and \$20 goes to MnUSA.)

HOLIDAY PARTY – Will be WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16 at the Yacht Club in Spring Park. (NOT Friday the 18th)

- Please RSVP to the E-Vite invitation so we have an accurate head count.
- We will have Chicken and Ribs catered. Jack Schuster promises this will be the best BBQ you have ever had!
- Bring an appetizer or desert to share.
- Toys for Tots: Please bring a new unwrapped gift.
- Westonka Food Shelf: Please bring a non perishable food item (or more!)
- White elephant gift exchange: If you would like to participate, bring a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. (\$10.00 max)
- 50/50 Raffle. Kevin Nobrega. ½ of ticket sales go to food shelf. The other ½ goes to the winner!
- There are also many, many local businesses that have donated to this raffle!
- There was discussion of having Big check presented to the food shelf.
- Dale Haug made a motion to match the 50% with club funds to the food shelf, up to 500. It was seconded and approved.
- Kurt and linen effects will donate table cloth and other table settings.
- Pat Sherber and others volunteered to help setup.
- Marie Jorland, Pat, and Sharon volunteered to buy paper plates, utensils, etc.

ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILE SHOW "Waconia 2010 – Year of the Deer"

The vintage snowmobile show is January 30 and 31st this year, at the Waconia Ball Room, on the south east corner of Lake Waconia. Plans include racing, trail ride, loud snowmobile contest and show with special John Deere and cross country race classes. The new Saturday afternoon grudge race program will offer "a line up against your buddy" drag race. Only \$ 5. Tethers and snow-flaps required. Check www.mwvss.com often for more details. Telephone hotline is 651-649-4688.

Steve passed out a sign up sheet for volunteering. As usual we need volunteers for Friday setup, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning and afternoon. This show is a lot of FUN to volunteer, and is a great way to see everybody. This is also our primary fund raiser, and it is a blast. The more the merrier!

FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to get your Amsoil from Jeff Cordes - jeffc@metroproinc.com, your wearables from Tim Nelson – tnelson-87@comcast.com, and your shocks rebuilt by Doug Borman.

Dale, you looked great modeling that SWEET new fleece vest!

PHOTO CONTEST.

Submit YOUR snowmobile related photo to Ksilton@lineneffects.com by the March meeting. The Board will select a winner and present an award at the April meeting.

BUDGET

Steve discussed the need to maintain a balanced budget. Our typical income is \$3175. Our typical expenses are \$5430. If we include unknown income from the antique snowmobile show (\$2500?), this only leaves \$245.

CLUB TRIPS

- The club members want MORE TRIPS! Anyone can plan a trip. More trips and smaller groups are a great idea! Plan something and invite others! Here is what we have planned so far:
 - Kurt Silton. New Years Eve and weekend (Thursday 12-31-2009 through Saturday January 2nd). Brule River Motel, Brule, Wisconsin. Make your own reservation and tell them you are with the Snoblazers (715-372-4815). Arrive and ride on your own Thursday 12-31-09. Everyone will meet for Diner at the Kro Bar, then ride 6 miles to a Bon Fire and fireworks at Dean and Karla's new house. Group ride on Friday and Saturday.
 - You can cancel within 24 hours. About 20 riders signed up so far.
 - Jack Schuster. January 8, 9, 2009: Pink Ribbon Ride, Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids MN. www.pinkribbonriders.com at 612-670-3731 or jchuster19@mchsi.com
 - **Tracy Biehl is currently the 4th highest fund raiser! WAY TO GO TRACY!**
 - Mark Locken. February 12,13,14. Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN. www.HIAlexandria.com . 320-763-6577. Ask for Jennifer. Make sure to say you are with the SnoBlazers to get the discount.
 - \$85.00 per night for 2 queen beds per room. (Mark negotiated a smoking good deal!)
 - Swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, Bar and Grill.
 - There is a good article about Alexandria Area in the MnUSA Magazine this month!
 - Even if there is no snow, you can cancel up to the last day.
 - Tom Biehl. February 27, 28. Trap and Fish Motel, Winter, Wisconsin. Call Wendy at the Trap N Fish motel at 715-266-9291. www.trapNfish.com
 - Steve Shoop. Pink ribbon ride march 20,22. Wyoming. What is that fluffy stuff you call powder?
- OTHER / CHARITY RIDES
 - February. MS Rally February 18-21, Cable Wisconsin. WWW.MSSnoRally.com 800-582-5296
- LOCAL RIDES
 - Leave the club house on lake Minnetonka at 10:00 AM Saturdays and 12:00 noon Sundays when there is snow. Show up and go!

TRAIL CROSSING

There is a new trail crossing across the Dakota rail trail walking path located 1 block west of downtown on Cottonwood Lane

PARLEY LAKE ACCESS

We are in jeopardy of losing the trail from highway 7 to Parley Lake, due to land owner resistance.

FOR SALE

There is now a classified ad section on the web site. Please keep photos small for Kurt, and remove the postings when the snowmobile sells

OTHER BUSINEESS

Toney and Caryn Wickland are having a Christmas party on Saturday December 19th from 5:00 "until the last person leaves". BYOB. 6113 sugar mill lane, Mound 55364. 952-472-0894

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday January 5th.

RIDE SAFE

check out the web site:
WWW.SnoBlazers.com

RIDE SOBER