



NEXT EVENT

**TAKE THE CLUB HOUSE OFF THE LAKE PARTY – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>**

Ride at 10:00 if there is snow. BBQ at 12:00. The club will provide Burgers, Brats, Buns, Chips, and Coke. BYOB and any other dish you would like to pass. New member, Tom Brostrom has volunteered to bring the food. Thank you Tom!

The Club house is located about 200 yards south and 300 yards east of the beach on cooks bay straight out from the lost lake channel. Look for the sleds.

NEXT EVENT:

**CLUB RIDE CEDAR LODGE (private resort!) – HAYWARD, WI, MARCH 6,7,8.** Call George Giffin at cell 612-325-1888 or [ggiffin@frontier.net](mailto:ggiffin@frontier.net). He has room for 13 couples and 15 individuals. **CONDITIONS ARE QUESTIONABLE** (They are the same as here). Come to the club meeting to discuss plans. Or talk to George.

\$40 per couple / \$20 per person. George says he will cook breakfast of bacon, eggs, and pancakes on Saturday and Sunday for everyone!

We might grill on Saturday Night or go out. A \$35 Wisconsin trail pass is required. You may be able to go to Wisconsin DNR and register for a dual state trail pass for 30 bucks for two years. [https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wi\\_public/goHome.do](https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wi_public/goHome.do)

**FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING**

The February 3, 2009 meeting was opened by Dale Haug at 7:00 PM with welcome and introductions

**GUEST SPEAKER: MOUND FIRE AND RESCUE**

Greg, the Chief, was celebrating 35 years of service to Mound, today! Greg is the only full time employee; everyone else is “on call”. The department responds to 9,700 calls per year! Matt has only been with the department 11 years. He is a paramedic and field training officer for North hospital and works on the Medi-vac helicopter.

Their main message was: Do you have an emergency response plan? Think about the “what if”. If it is predictable, then it is preventable. Rookie riders often have the heightened senses and get into less trouble. Accidents often happen to the seasoned rider who got “comfortable”.

Always have a Plan: How does 911 get to us? How do we contact 911. Cell phones may not work. Who in the group carries a GPS? There is a huge advantage for 911 if you can give a GPS coordinate of an accident. Most of the time 911 can find your cell phone location using triangulation of the cell towers, but it takes a lot of time!

Note nearby land marks. What was the last major highway we crossed? If accident happens, do we drive forward or do we drive backward? Is there a space for a helicopter to land?

Make sure to designate 1 person to call 911. Sometimes people assume someone else is going to do it, and the group forgets!

Also remember the Good Samaritan act: You can not get in trouble if your intentions are good.

There was some discussion on the Club sponsoring more specific training such as CPR (certification) or non certified training on such topics as how to open an air way, secure bleeding, splint a broken leg. Stay tuned.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY: THE FISH FRY IS JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

Carla summed preparedness up very well: At minimum you should have a lighter, bandage, flashlight, tow strap, and basic tools.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Balance \$3,200

**ANTIQUÉ SNOWMOBILE SHOW RECAP**

There were about 3100 people on Saturday. That is a new record! There were 650 vintage sleds on the vintage ride on Saturday. That is also a new record! There was a great turnout on Sunday as well!

John deer is the sponsor for next year. The date should be the first weekend in February.

[WWW.MWVSS.COM](http://WWW.MWVSS.COM).

**LAST WEEKS CLUB RIDE, SAWMILL INN, GRAND RAPIDS, MN FEBRUARY 6,7,8.**

About 30 people rode on Friday. We had about 50 people ride on Saturday. The conditions were good but the grooming was variable. On Saturday we split up into several groups. My group managed to find smooth trails toward the east. Taking various paths, all groups met up for lunch at the Scenic Pines Bar and Grill about 1:00. As usual, the revelry was boisterous at the hotel bar on Friday night. Saturday night was a bit more subdued with most of us feeling beat up after 1 or 2 days of hard riding.

## FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to buy your Amsoil from Jeff Cordes, your wearables from Dale Haug, and get your shocks rebuilt from Doug Borman

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS will be at the March meeting, and elections will be at the April meeting. Show up or get elected

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009. Guest speaker is Doug Franzen, lobbyist for MN USA

## DAKOTA RAIL

14 club members showed up to the Mound parks and recreation meeting on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup>. The three rivers park police have been giving warnings and tickets to snowmobilers crossing the trail. Several club members spoke in favor of creating trail crossings so they can access Lake Langdon and then Lake Minnetonka. Mayor Mark Hanus spoke to the committee (as a citizen) and stated his disappointment that the trail had the un-intended and un-announced consequence of keeping people on the north side from accessing Lake Minnetonka. The parks committee was all in agreement. The committee made a motion to recommend to the City Council to place crossings at three spots along the trail in Mound. The city of Mound, Three Rivers Park District, and the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority will all have to agree. It is anticipated that the first year would be some type of matting for the crossings and include signage. (Similar to what the city has done at one of the parks). Permanent, hardened crossings are the long term goal.

## BOARD MEETING

At this week's board meeting there was discussion regarding donating money to MnUSA to help keep them in the black. Look for an e-mail and more information at the March meeting.

The Board voted to buy an improved key holder and solar battery maintainer for the club house.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

Trail De-Marking

Deck Party

Al and Almas boat ride

Spirit of the lakes parade. July 18. Fireworks.

Maxwell bay boat party August 2 or 9?