



NEXT EVENT: ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILE SHOW, Waconia MN. Saturday, January 31 and Friday, February 1. Volunteers needed. Please call Mike Schulz at (cell) 952-836-7610 (home) 952-472-1102. WWW.MWVSS.COM.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The January meeting was opened by Dale Haug at 7:00 Pm on January 6. 45 people were in attendance. Al and Alma's really treats us great with good food and good service.

GUEST SPEAKER: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COORDINATOR, SAFETY DIVISION.

Background: 13 years with MN DNR. He worked in the field in Anoka, Isanti /Cambridge, and up north training. He is now the recreational vehicle coordinator, safety division. He noted that Wisconsin recently had 5 fatalities - over one weekend!. They will (editor's comment: and should) pull you over for violations such as registration sticker, trail stickers, tail lights and reckless driving on certain trails. Also, you must display registration on both sides. No excuses! You must drive with traffic at night while on the State Highway ditches. The most common causes of accident is speed, alcohol, and night time driving. The typical stopping distance is 200 feet in ideal conditions (day time) at 40 mph. That's probably farther than you think - measure it some time. DUI is the same as getting one in your car/truck. In 1997 Minnesota had 30 deaths on snowmobiles. So they made legislation tougher, and it has worked. Be safe and slow down!

YOUTH SAFETY TRAINING CLASSES: 8 hours minimum for Youth. Typical is Tuesday night and Thursday night class, then Saturday driving portion. The DNR provides the training materials. Stan Wise is a certified instructor. Classes are often offered through local clubs; and we are welcome to create one.

There were lots of good questions. (There are very nominal fees for sticker replacement). Any one born after 1976 must carry a Snowmobile Safety Certificate. Anyone under 18 must wear a helmet. See WWW.MNR.gov. 16 or older can pass the written CD test and do not require the driving test. Coming in 2009 there will be aCD for 12-16 year olds (can start at 11 you get your certificate at 12).

TREASURER REPORT, PAT

Opening \$2862. closing \$3402

55 paid members, 13 new this year. 65 active members. This is up from 47 paid members last year

ANTIQUE SNOWMOBILE SHOW - Same format as last year. This is a big event!. They had 5000 people through the doors last year. \$30,000 -50,000 budget

This is the main event for our club. We need more people to sign up. This is our number one fund raiser. We are still light on volunteers for Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Please, we really need everyone to participate. This is HUGE for our sport. And is very family friendly.

This is very easy and fun volunteer duty. (No Kidding)

WWW.MWVSS.COM. President Obama says EVERYONE needs to step up and participate in this environment....

SATURDAY EVENTS:

- R.O.L.A. oval/lemans racing. This year and unique to Waconia will be multi-cylinder classes added!
- One of the world's biggest vintage snowmobile swap meets. Come check out tons of vendors and individuals from all over the U.S. and Canada with parts, sleds, memorabilia and more for sale.
- Stock Kitty Kat races for the kids, on the lake, at 12:30 pm on Saturday. (no 120's)
- "Run-for-Fun" radar runs, on the lake, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm on Saturday.
- Vintage riding: Take your old sled out of moth balls and bring it down for an 11 mile ride with 500 of your old-sled friends. The biggest vintage ride anywhere. NO Minnesota trail permit required for this vintage ride.
- Saturday night banquet with special guest speakers, a live auction and a great dinner. By RSVP only to Sue Goede at 1+(952) 657-2221 days.

SUNDAY EVENTS:

- World's biggest Vintage Snowmobile Show with over 45 classes and 140+ awards this year. We've added Survivor and Clone classes.
- Drag Racing! One of the most important vintage drag racing events all winter. You can bet you'll see some smokin' hot sleds at this years event! Read more about it in our racing section.
- Think your sled is LOUD? Enter it in the Loud Snowmobile contest - it starts at _____ sharp. Add your name to the registration list in the ballroom on Sunday morning.
- Silent auction of great vintage snowmobile memorabilia form 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- 3:00 Awards Ceremony
- Special interest displays

Check out the Super Trax Magazine article: Why everyone should come to the Waconia Antique Snowmobile Show.

FEBRUARY CLUB RIDE: SAW MILL INN, GRAND RAPIDS, MN. FEBRUARY 6 AND 7. 800-235-6455

Information and flyer are available on the website. WWW.SNOBLAZERS.COM Or contact Mark Lochen at 952-472-7932

Rooms will be held in the club's name until January 23. We have 25 rooms booked so far.

Friday, you are on your own. Several club members usually meet at American Legion at 7:00 AM, and caravan up on Friday morning. Call Mark to confirm.

On Saturday we will split up into 3 or 4 groups. We will start riding at about 9:00 AM on the Taconite Trail among others.

Group leaders: Mike Schulz or Carla Pederson will lead fast group, Mark Locken, Craig Follett, Paul Holden

MARCH CLUB RIDE: George Giffen has offered up the Cedar lodge in Hayward on the first weekend march. There will be more information at next meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Was a great success!! Great turnout! Came in on budget. Thank you Doug and Linda Borman & George and Lynn Giffen for securing the room. Paul and Sharon for the main dish. Kirt and Stephanie for decorations. Steve Shoop for toys for tots. Mike Schulz for door prize guru. In addition to the toys for tots donations, we donated food and \$300 to the Westonka food shelf! We got a very nice thank note from Jack Wise at the food shelf.

THE CARVER COUNTY SNOWRUNNERS CHRISTMAS PARTY was Saturday January 10 at Goose Lake Auto. Several members attended.

CLUB HOUSE

It has been moved about 200 yards east and 30 yards south. Please recharge the propane and battery if necessary.

At the last club meeting Mike Schulz suggested an "official local club ride" on Martin Luther King weekend Saturday January 17. There was a great ride from 10:00 to noon, and then Chef Dale "get-m-while they're hot" Haug cooked burgers and brats for 50 plus people! Then we checked out the Excelsior pond hockey tournament "artic fest". A great time was had by all!

AMSOIL. Get your oil from Jeff Cordes! Our price to members is cost + 15% so it is a lot cheaper than any where else. For example, Interceptor oil is \$34 vs. list at \$38.

WEARABLES: Doug Johnson won the drawing. We are still looking for some one to help with clothing.

NEXT MEETING February 3. Guest Speaker will be Mound Fire and Rescue discussing "first responder" and basic First Aid. The meeting will be upstairs this month. We are looking for a guest speaker for March

TRAILS

Our marked trail is currently closed by Parley Lake Road and State highway 7 due to a new land owner / developer. The ditch along highway 7 is open and is being groomed, but there may still be some trail signs. We are working on getting this area properly marked, but it is difficult re-mark a trail once the ground is frozen. Please stay off this area and follow the new signs.

ELECTIONS

Nominations for the board of directors and the board members will be at the March meeting. Elections will be at the April Meeting.

Up for election is President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 board member positions

The following members are serving their second of 2 year positions:

OTHER BUSINESS

Jack suggested that new members should get a map. The board thought this was a good idea, and will bring it up to the membership meeting Dale suggested we should follow the recommendation of southwest trails and donate \$500 to MnUSA to keep the State wide organization in the black. He will bring this up at the next club meeting.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday February 3rd, 7:00 PM, at Al and Alma's. Arrive at 6:00 if you would like to eat dinner. Meeting is upstairs this month.