

## SUSSEX SLED BUGS SNOWMOBILE CLUB - HISTORY 1970-1995



**Valerie Teague represented the Sled Bugs in the WCSA Queen Contest.**

The first Ice Breaker dance was held in October - turn out was OK but a loss to the club was reported. Music was by The Rock Atomics.

President Michael Kolupar presented the Outstanding Service Award to Bob Farkas and Sharon Mueller for the numerous hours they have contributed to the club.



**Sharon Mueller, Mike Kolupar, Bob Farkas**

Sharon has taken care of club membership, served on the Board of Directors, works numerous hours at Lions Daze and helped keep "John" in line. Bob is currently the Vice President, on the Board of Directors, Safety School Instructor and former Trail Master. Bob also works numerous hours at Lions Daze, on the float and volunteers for all those jobs that no-one else wants to do.

The trails never opened in the 1991 - 92 season so we will have a \$27.00 carry-over to next years trail open contest.

In January of 1992 the Sled Bugs purchased an adjustable backboard for the fiberglass toboggan for donation to the Sussex - Lisbon Fire Departments to be used with the Rescue Sled previously donated.

In February 23 people attended another well organized trip planned by Jerry Fink. Jerry was the "tour guide" from Virginia, Minnesota to International Falls, Grand Rapids and back.

A motion was reviewed and seconded by the Board of Directors to allow Safety School graduates to join the club for \$20.00. New members only.

Bill Schepp volunteered to be chairman of Ice Breaker II Dance, on October 17, 1992 with music by "Black Tie & Sneakers".

The Lions daze booth was a success again this summer. Curly fries were added to the menu. Next year the plan is to get T-shirts for all workers. John Mueller agreed to be chairman in 1993 — but NO beer or alcohol will be allowed in the booth.

Sheriff Arnold Moncada attended our October meeting and asked members to get involved!! Moncada said that his officers can not be everywhere, so we need to be the eyes and ears for his department.

Any accident in the excess of \$500 must be reported to the DNR. Michigan wants \$10 user fees.

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Bylaw changes included: Membership of appreciation; Committee chairman should be appointed by president if no one volunteers; and all committee chairpersons should attend regular and board meetings to keep president and board informed.

Extensive damaged of 182 bushes was done on Lieds Nursery Farm property. Part of the damages are on Sno-Birds trail. A reward was posted in the local papers offering \$500.00 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons. Sheriff Department did receive an anonymous call but no arrest was made.

Club member, Sue Wilke won a \$100 gift certificate donated by Reinders at the Open House.

Lisbon Sno-Knights are thinking about disbanding and have been invited to attend the September Board meeting.

Santa made a surprise visit to the Christmas party.

At the January 1993 General Meeting we had a roast of "Nice-Guy" Harry Findler, followed by an ice cream social.

On January 9, 1993, the Sled Bugs held the last of our famous "chili dumps" at the Trapp Farm, complete with Christmas decorations, snowmobiling, roast marshmallows and our famous bon fire. The property has been sold and will be subdivided (Eagles Ridge). At trail clean-up supplies will be moved and stored at the Wierl Farm on Woodside Road.



**Trapp Farm Storage Shed**

Katie Wierl won \$63.00 in the trail open contest January 12, 1993.

Corn still standing on parts of the trail system was picked by members and delivered to the Farmer on January 23, in 10 degree weather.

On December 6, 1992 Bob & Betty Fryda lost their barn and crops in a fire. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded that the Sled Bugs donate \$500.00 to help rebuild. Motion carried. The Club also volunteered help with the clean up.

In February the Sled Bugs donated \$50.00 to the DARE program of Waukesha County.

At the February meeting, Bill Schepp officially filled the vacated "Snow Priest" position and became the club's official "Snow Wizard".



**Snow Wizard Bill Schepp**

Dressed in his official costume, Bill handed out copies of the poem found on the second panel of a Calvin and Hobbs cartoon and would like to have it chanted at all meetings.

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Instead of the usual dinner with entertainment, on April 21st, the club held a "social hour" with drinks & Hors d'oeuvres, for the Landowners at Marchese's Danceland, from 5 to 8pm.

Several times the issue of whether to purchase or lease tools or equipment for the club, instead of using the members tools has come up. After a discussion it was decided that we could lease if necessary and always pay for replacement if a members tool is broken while working on the trails.

Lions Daze workers wore "bright pink T-shirts with black letters" and were a big hit in the Park for the weekend. Mini pepper poppers were added to the menu. The venture this year was once again successful and many thanks to Webb Commissary and Dave Stamm for storage facilities for the weekend. John Mueller and Harry Findler agreed to be chairpersons once again in 1994.

A Junior Club or Single Membership has been discussed numerous times as we have a lot of teenagers and young people in the club.

September 11th, a 25' extension to the Findler Memorial Bridge was added, with the help of Harold Butschke and the County groomer. Lunch was served on the bridge for the workers.



**1993 Harry Findler Memorial Bridge**

In October the Ice Breaker III Dance was held with "Black Tie and Sneakers" furnishing the music.

Elaine Kraut of Genesse Aggregate Corporation was our guest speaker at the November Open House. She gave a very informative presentation on the mining operation and future development of the load. Final result plan is a 270 acre lake with varied living style for the pit property.

The 1993 Outstanding Service Award was presented to Steve Haasch.



**Steve Haasch**

Steve held the office of Vice President, President, is currently on the Board of Directors, is a Safety School Instructor, does the newsletter, works numerous hours at Lions Daze and on the trail system.

Club Policies were reviewed: All checks for a club function are to be made out to the Sussex Sled Bugs Snowmobile Club and not the committee chairman. The club will issue a check for deposit and/or expense.

\$125.40 was collected from the members at the Christmas party and donated to the Food Pantry along with the Christmas Tree that Bill Schepp brought for the party.

The famous "chili dump" did continue!! On February 5, 1994, the outing was held at the Fink house as the former Trapp Farm is becoming a subdivision.

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Bill Burkard won \$28 in the trail open contest.

Deanna Scharmer and Bob Schiebe each had a team in the Twiddly Winks Tournament Feb, 12 & 13th.

15 club members left February 23 for Yellowstone National Park. Jerry Fink once again put together the arrangements.

Tom Porte, Bob Schiebe and Keith Clover organized a poker ride on February 24th. Winners were: Ed Wilbert - 1st. place; Dave Reihle - 2nd. place and Kris Glinieck 3rd. place.

\$50.00 was donated to Pack #95 Boy Scouts for their camping wagon.

Delores Scharmer and Karen Jeras took over the Lions Daze Booth. Curly fries were dropped and cauliflower put back the menu. Thanks to everyone for the tremendous amount of help and cooperation with the event. Especially Steve Haasch. John and Harry kept good records and with their knowledge and help we made it through another season and had a successful event. This year a reefer trailer was rented from Sysco and for the first time all products and ice were kept at the Park.

Won first place in the "Civic Division" with our float.

John Boivin participated in a bicycle ride to Door County to raise money for the Leukemia Society. The Sled Bugs donated \$50.00.

With continued development in and around Sussex, trail work gets harder every year. This next season we will have a new trail east of the tracks on Waukesha Avenue going north from the Bug Line, using Halquist Property. Thanks to Dean Havel for making 5 new stake pounders for trail work.



**On October 21 & 22nd. Brianne Jeras represented the Sled Bugs in the AWSC Queen Contest in Stevens Point.**

At the November general meeting, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$200.00 to Children's Hospital to purchase gifts for the Children. Donations were received from Avenue Lawn & Leisure, America Outdoors, Bachmann's, Yamaha Outlet, Gohr Power and Pannetti Yamaha. Also from the WCSA, Menomonee Falls Snow Falls; Dousman Sno Troopers; Merton Flake Chasers; Oconomowoc Throttle Jockeys; North Lake Nomads and Sinissippi Trailhawks. Toys, books, crayons, etc. were donated to the Children in the hospital on behalf of the Sled Bugs and aforementioned organizations.

With new management at the Sussex VFW we have been asked to remove the trophy case from the property. Case and trophies will remain in storage until we decide where to put it up.

As of November 16, 1994, the Sussex VFW is under new management and our present contract is no longer in effect with Hellas'.

Thanks to Guy Starr of Sussex Bowl - with last minutes notice, we were able to hold the December meeting/Christmas party at the Bowling Alley. Until future notice, all General and Board meetings will be held there.

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Capt. Vincent of the Waukesha Sheriff Department was at the January 1995 General meeting and said, "Snowmobilers should stick together, get through the bad press coverage and continue our recreation, as a lot of good comes from snowmobilers, BUT BE CAREFUL". Accidents are happening, and most of the time the only one responsible, is the person operating the machines.

Choose your friends - look out for them and each other! Be responsible - REMEMBER - "friends don't let friends drive drunk".

As of January membership in the AWSC was at 23,902.

Personnel Access bill AB 133 has passed. This allows the individual Town and/or Municipality to set up and mandate their rules and regulations to allow access trails to main system without being marked with green arrows.

Once again, extensive damage occurred in Lieds Nursery Farms. The Menomonee Falls Sno-Birds & the Sled Bugs offered a reward but no arrests were made.

On January 7th, Rick & Lisa Ross had the annual chili dump in their garage. Weather was in the 20's and Vince Wierl rode his bicycle over to the outing.

John Boivin reported that Stender's of Big Bend donated gift certificates in the amounts of \$150, \$100 and \$75 for the person that collects the most money for the Leukemia Society before the March general meeting. Dean Havel won first place, John Boivin second place and Lisa Ross third place.

Keith Clover won \$27.00 in the trail open contest.

Bob Schiebe and Donna Clover represented the Sled Bugs in the Tiddly Wink tournament.

In March the Sled Bugs donated \$25 to Bev Schepp for her participation in Waukesha Memorial Hospital bowling bash. All proceeds from the bowling bash will be donated toward the Hospitals' transportation of patients.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Phil & Sandy Hohlweck.



**Sandy and Phil Hohlweck**

Phil is a safety school instructor, someone whom is willing to lend a machine to a friend, always out working on bridges and/or trails and loves Lions Daze. Phil has been the chili dump chairman for years, assistant trail master and a member of the Board of Directors. Sandy is the club treasurer, bowling party chairman, works long hours at Lions Daze and is willing to help out whenever needed and doesn't even ride a snowmobile.

Instead of a Landowners dinner or social hour, the club decided to have commemorative coffee mugs with our "25th. Anniversary 1970 - 1995" logo. The mugs, filled with candy, coffee and hot chocolate were personally delivered to the Landowners by Dave Rowley, Delores Scharmer and Karen Jeras.

Marge Roach is serving as Treasurer of the AWSC. Membership in AWSC is now over 25,000 families.

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"The reward was worth it—1st place in the Civic Division and chosen as "Favorite of the Crowd" said Ed Wilbert, float chairman. Thanks to Bill Burkard and Johnny from TTI Transport for the tractor and trailer for the float. Also thanks to Pam & Dennis Condon and everyone for the many hours of work on the float. Sleds from 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995 were on the float - "25 years of evolution". Pictured with the float is AWSC queen contestant Brianne Jeras.



**1995 Lions Daze Float with Brianne Jeras**

Our "munchies" booth did not do as well, as years past, but we did realize a profit. Thanks again to everyone for the cooperation and hard work in all the hot weather we experienced. Karen Jeras & Delores Scharmer have agreed to run the booth again in 1996.

At the October general meeting, AWSC Historian Jerry Wante and WCSA director Harold Butschke presented the **Sled Bugs** with a "Certificate of Recognition" for 25 years of dedication.



**AWSC Certificate**

Charter members: Vince & Katie Wierl, Jerry & Bernie Berdoll, were presented to accept the certificate. Each club membership also received two anniversary commemorative mugs.



**Left to Right: Jerry Wante, Bernie Berdoll, Jerry Berdoll, Katie Wierl, Vince Wierl, Harold Butschke.**

For the 1995—96 season the **Sled Bugs** and Menomonee Falls Sno-Birds have decided not to have a trail on Lieds Nursery Farms because of all the damage that has occurred in recent years.