



Sussex Sled Bugs SNOBIZ

February 2010

February 2, 2010

7:30 PM

Keep up with the latest information on the trail system in Waukesha County by calling (414) 299-0330.

New trail maps will be available at the February meeting.

Club Trips



Club trip to Park Falls is scheduled for February 4-7, staying at the Northway Motor Lodge; 1-800-844-7144. Rooms are still available, facilities include a pool, hot tub, bowling alley and restaurant. Call Dwight Parkinson if you need any details or have questions (262) 369-1554.

Thanks Dan & Peggy Mueller (and Brandon) for putting together the trip January 21-24, in the Pelican Lake area. 40 Sled Bugs and former members; Sue & Joel Ohman; Sharon & John Mueller joined in the weekend activities. Could have used more snow but everyone had a good time, some more so than others. Brianne & Fritz didn't have as much fun as John Peters.



WELCOME – new members

Veronika & TJ Binney
Garrett Cull
Kelly & Steve Schwengel
Lisa & Sam Wysocki
Kelly & Eric Holtan
Brianne Jeras
Heather & Matthew Laedtke
Jennifer & Michael Hetzel



Wanted: We are in need of a member to be the section head for the Bugline. Basically you would be responsible for signage and brushing (if necessary). See Kevin at the meeting or call (262) 246-8342 if you have any questions or can donate your time.

If you work on the trails please turn in your hours worked and equipment used, to Kevin ASAP (262) 246-8342.

Sussex Sled Bug Outstanding Service Award Recipient, Marla Sunstrom



Marla (and husband Dennis) joined the Sussex Sled Bugs in 1993. Marla has been club treasurer for more than half of the 13 years in the club; has volunteered for numerous committees and is only a phone call away, when needed. For those of you that don't know Marla is also an accomplished basket weaver is a member of: Lake Country Basket Guild; North Carolina Basketmakers Association; Association of Michigan Basketmakers; and is currently a Mary Kay representative.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Ben Wilbert #323 took **first place** at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby at Eagle River, Jan. 16, in the 4-7 year old – Sno-X Mini 120 stock class. Ben finished 6th. on Sunday in the 7-12 year old - 120 stock class.

Mathew Wilbert #123 finished 10th. in the Junior 10-14 year old - in the 550 fan cooled class. Mathew got tangled up at the start and finished 12th. in the Junior 8-12 year old 330 fan cooled class.

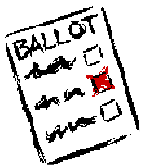
Merranda Schmid #223 finished 5th. in the Sno-X Sport Women Class.

Note: The Bug Line is a "DEAD END" at Village Bowl. The trail no longer goes north to Germantown. The Germantown Clubs have been unsuccessful in finding another way around the We Energies properties.



The AWSC (Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs) Scholarship for 2010 graduating high school seniors, planning to pursue further education in an accredited two or four year institution of higher learning. Applications must be an individual member, or a son, daughter or legal ward of family, having a current membership in an AWSC club with two consecutive year's prior membership. He or she is further required to have passed the snowmobile safety course. Forms at www.awsc.org or call (800) 232-4108. Applications postmarked no later than February 25, 2010■

ELECTIONS



Please consider becoming an officer or board member, of the Sussex Sled Bugs!! We can not have a club if we don't have people to run our organization. The election committee (consisting of Mike Tews, Dave Rowley, Phil Hohlweck and Fritz Burns) will be contacting you soon, asking if you can fill a position. Four board positions and all officers' positions are open. **PLEASE – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!** If you have any questions or would like more information, call Delores (262) 695-7704■



February 14-22 is take a friend snowmobiling week

Contact a non-snowmobiling friend, past member or governmental person and issue them an invitation... It's never too early to ask or call those folks. Check web site: www.gosnowmobiling.org ■



AWSC CONVENTION

The annual convention to be held March 12-14., at Radisson Paper Valley Hotel & Conference Center, Appleton. For reservations call (920) 733-8000 or (800) 333-3333. Convention registration & payment is due by March 1. Anyone interested in attending please contact Karen. For more information on the convention schedule, etc., go to www.awsc.org.

The AWSC will once again be sponsoring the yearly awards for the following: Snowmobiler; Groomer, Snowmobile Dealer, Snowmobile Family and Young Snowmobiler of the year. Please take the time to nominate someone that you feel has gone above and beyond in anyone of the categories. Entries due by May 31, 2010. Instructions and requirements for nominees on website. www.awsc.org■



Other Events

Snowmobile Accident Reduction Team Begins Patrols

A specialized snowmobile accident reduction team or SART is being activated in Wisconsin through next winter to reduce crashes through enforcement of snowmobile safety laws and with highly visible patrols. The team will target activities such as excessive speed, alcohol abuse and riding off marked trails. A small minority of snowmobilers choose to ride recklessly and attract unwarranted, negative attention to the sport. The team will include six conversation wardens, six marked snowmobiles and two marked enclosed trailers. Wardens will patrol high snowmobile use areas or areas that experience high numbers of facilities around the state■



Wisconsin launches Zero Alcohol snowmobile campaign

The Wisconsin DNR has endorsed a new international Zero Alcohol campaign that urges every snowmobiler to take personal responsibility for reducing alcohol-related crashes. Although zero alcohol is not a legal requirement, the DNR points out that even a small amount of alcohol can cause a tragedy. Operating a snowmobile requires peak concentration and reactions at all times. State recreational safety specialists are asking snowmobilers to make a critical choice before hitting the snow this winter: choose to be 100% alcohol-free prior to going snowmobiling and during any ride. Save the drinking for after you return home for the day■




Great Northern Sno-X Races in Kaukauna, Saturday, January 30, at Pitstop, W1560 Cty. Road KK, Kaukauna.

8:00 AM Pits Open; 8:30 AM Practice with Racing to Follow (~ 10). Spectator Admission is \$10 (10 years and Under FREE) Concessions (Beer & Food) available. www.gnssracing.com ■

Great Northern Sno-X Races in Fremont, February 4-5, 2010. For more information go to www.gnssracing.com ■

Neosho Cup Snowmobile Races, sponsored by Ridge & Valley Cruiser's, Saturday, February 13. Races start at 10 AM on the pond in Neosho. Hot food & beverages, kids candy drop, raffles & more. Free admission. For more information www.rvcsnow.com or (262) 629-9575■.

 **Pink Ribbon Riders** annual Wisconsin ride, February 19 & 20, 2010, based out of the Eagle River Inn. For more information go to www.pinkribbonriders.com. Pre-Registration required■

Slide in or drive in Buffet Breakfast – February 21st. 8:30 AM to 1 PM, sponsored by the Watertown Snowmobile Association at Donny's Girl, N8240 Cty. Trunk E, Pipersville, WI, southeast of Watertown (920) 478-2575■

Ontario Federation of Snowmobiling Clubs donates \$2.4 million for groomers



Through its Industrial Groomer Program, this OFSC investment from permit sales revenues is for 22 capital equipment projects. The placement of new or upgraded grooming equipment in many key areas of the province will enhance the capability of local snowmobile clubs to resurface their trails more consistently and effectively. "Snowmobilers should be pleased to see their permit dollars at work in this very tangible way." For the 2010 season, OFSC clubs are operating 339 pieces of heavy industrial equipment presently valued at over \$22 million. Last winter, OFSC clubs groomed 102,394 hours & purchased 1.2 million liters of fuel for their grooming operations. The annual cost per kilometer to operate the OFSC's almost 40,000 kilometers of snowmobile trails is estimated at \$496 or about \$20 million for the entire provincial system. The OFSC is non-profit organization dedicated to providing strong leadership and support to member clubs and volunteers, to establishing & maintaining quality snowmobile trails which are used in a safe, environmentally responsible manner & to furthering the enjoyment of organized snowmobiling■

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 2 - general meeting
- Feb. 4-7 – Park Falls Ride
- Feb. 10, WCSA meeting – 8:00 PM
- Feb. 16, board meeting – 7:30 PM

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Delores Scharmer... (262) 695-7704
Vice President: Dan Mueller: ... (262) 670-6312
Treasurer: Marla Sunstrom: (262) 538-4103
Secretary: Karen Jeras (262) 246-8104
Trail Coordinator: Jerry Fink (262) 538-4250
Trailmaster: Kevin Sonnemann (262) 246-8342
Newsletter: Karen Jeras (262) 246-8104

Web: www.sussexsledbugs.org

Waukesha County Snowmobile Association
www.waukeshasnow.org

Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs
www.awsc.org

PLEASE Ride only in designated areas where snowmobiling is permitted and avoid all designated wilderness areas where all motorized and mechanized vehicles are prohibited. Respect our landowners and stay on marked trails unless there is a clearly marked "Play Area". Ride only with sufficient snowcover; snowmobile on marked trails. Avoid all areas with inadequate snow cover and areas containing young trees and crops which may be hidden in the snow.



PLEASE - STAY ON MARKED TRAILS when out riding this season and remind others if you see them in violation. Riding off a marked trail can mean the loss of a section, a trail closure or a ticket for trespassing. Please treat all landowners in WI, MI & all other states with that respect,

STAY ON THE MARKED TRAILS

"Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late."
- [Don Halley](#)

