

Hodag Sno-News

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The monthly Newsletter of Hodag Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club; P.O. Box 621; Rhinelander, WI 54501

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Happy New Year!

Trails:

Trails are open, we need another significant amount of snow to make them great. Cold temps have kept what we did have, but we have not seen any fresh snow in weeks! Trails still listed as fair early riding condition. We need to go through trails again and mark areas with required signage. Several places have not been marked properly, brushing is still needed in areas also. President Jim Jungers has sent emails to all of you where help is needed and along with him and Terry Miller; they have supplied us with needed signage and posts in bundles for particular trails to get them placed. Thanks to anyone who has helped with this. We needed to order more caution signs, they will be on their way.

Note where you are at so the club can be reimbursed for **OUR** time to make the trails safe and great for anyone who is riding them! Our sponsors and local establishments thank everyone for bringing in more business for them! And always think of our members who not only do the work, but for those who are dedicated enough to keep reapplying, wherever they may live. **Take pride** at what you do and encourage others to help if they can.

Thanks again for all who are active and make the trail system work!

As always; please be sure to turn in your time sheets to:

Dick Emerick at 715-362-7964 dick.e@live.com 4260 Lakeshore Dr. Rhinelander, WI 54501 OR one of the BOD members. Thank you for your time!

Please use the attached Timesheet to report your work.

http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst_newsletters/files/Trail%20Work%20Timesheet.%202015-16.pdf

Trail Maps:

Anyone who is involved in distributing trail maps; please keep an eye on your designated area, refill regularly and collect money. This is one of the biggest ways to earn money for the club. Coasters were distributed again as well.

Thanks again to all who helped with map ads and put it all together!

Equipment:

The Club has purchased a new drag due to an older one which gave way. Introducing our brand new HST drag for the Pine Lake area!

There are over 22,000 miles across the state.

If you love riding and take pride in your home town, become an active member. Every club is in need, even a few hours of your time to volunteer for an event, fundraiser, or trail maintenance is such a help for us all. Be an example of a safe rider, stay on the trails, read the signs. Respect our landowners who make this connection around our state. Show children how to ride; safely; how to respect the trail system, and the importance of being a volunteer and a TEAM as a club member.



Your AWSC# is always the same as the year before. You can obtain your membership number from:

- Your club membership chair
- Your WSN magazine mailing label
- Your yellow AWSC membership card

Renew your membership and get your discounted trail pass. If you are a new member, it will take up to two weeks before you are able to get your membership #. Some earlier trail passes that were sent from AWSC may be wrong. A NON-RESIDENT pass could have been sent to WI residents. Check your pass! Call the WI DNR 888-936-7463 to correct this!

Order your Trail Passes HERE: <https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration/Order-Passes-Online>



\$10 each sled if you join a club affiliated with AWSC for WI residents and NON-WI residents who have a registered sled in WI.

\$30 each sled purchased through the DNR for WI residents & NON-WI residents for sleds registered in WI.

\$50 each sled for NON-WI residents & sleds not registered in WI.

December Meeting (Christmas Party):

Another full house at Twin Pines. The club made extra cash from our generous club members who had participated in the Christmas gift raffles, and 50/50 raffle. Donations to the local area food pantry was another great help to the community. Food was abundant and terrific from everyone and thank you Twin Pines once again for supporting Hodag Sno Trails and letting us use your establishment!

At this time we were currently at 203 members, 32 new, 71 non-renewed. A good chunk of our membership is out of town. Trails around the Al-gen we were still working on around the swamp area. A beaver dam blockage was taken out. Areas we could not get to needed brushing. Thanking everyone for the trail work done! Need to be more organized when opening the trail system next year and want to see trail bosses; about 5-6 needed. We need better communication at what is being worked on. 50/50 won by Nicole Bartz.

Fundraising Committee:

We would still like to organize a committee for fundraising. Our club is non-profit and we need to come up with new and fresh ways to bring in money to pay our debts, to include the new Piston Bully purchase. Please contact Dave Walter 920-210-8086 daring_dw@yahoo.com

Any interest; anywhere in our club, please step forward!

Membership:

We are at 234 current members with new members joining. 59 have not renewed yet.

For anyone that wants to join HST, on-line and mail in applications are available at www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html

The membership year is now October 1 thru September 30. The **deadline** for Annual dues is **October 1**. Those not paid up by December 31, will be dropped from the roster. **Your membership is valuable to the community and is much appreciated.** Recommend us to your friends!
Get your family, and friends out. Children are so welcome to join our club rides. We are patient with anyone whether you are not familiar with the trail system or are very new to riding.

It is never too late to renew!

MS Snowmobile Ride:

Men & women both can ride and raise money to help with MS programs & research for multiple sclerosis. Check out Rick Sweo's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/rick.sweo> for information or if you would like to donate.

State:

Fatalities: 1 – 1/5/18 Iron Co/Mercer – Victim left the trail and struck a tree. Speed/alcohol factor.

Calendar of Events:

Jan. 13th Sat. **Club Ride** – Meet at Northwoods Banquet Center 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 16th Tues. – Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boondocks

Feb. 11th Sun. – Club Ride – Meet at Northwoods Banquet Center 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 20th Tues - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Fishers *****(Changed from Rusty Nail)**

Feb. 24th -25th - Sat.-Sun. – Club Ride Overnight – announcement coming soon.

March 16th -17th – Tentative Shoeder's Open House

(Help with our local business with brat fry and good money raiser for the club thanks to Shoeder's support!)