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

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Trail News: *Now is the time to get out and brush and sign trails!* If you are willing to help with this work, please contact: Larry Dorich - Pine Lake, Gene Dallman or Scott Hetland - Pelican Lake, Bob Goodin or Jerry Baker - Starks, Scott Hetland – other locations. The Club will also be out with the tractor mowing and brushing appropriate trails. If you are interested in helping with this, contact Scott.

Fortunately, the Forest Land Group has given us the same permission as last year; again for a one year period only. As was the case last year, we have to get permission to cut or brush the trail. Eighty percent of our trails cross their land, so this is a huge issue. The Club had requested a grant to fix the bridge south of Hwy 8 but the Forest Land Company claims ownership of the bridge, so the grant was dismissed. We will have to fund the re-decking of this bridge ourselves. We have no record of agreements about who owns the bridge.

President’s Challenge to the Club: Win the Oneida County Trail Maintenance Award for this season. We do a good job on the paperwork. We need to make improvements on signage. Everyone can help with this challenge. Prior to opening the trails, we need to go through all of the trails to make sure we are ready to go. During the season, notify the trail bosses (same as above) if there is signage that needs fixing.

Award: HST’s own Larry Dorich has been selected as AWSC’s 2009 Groomer of the Year. Larry has been grooming snowmobile trails since 1973 when he used a homemade drag behind his Artic Cat Cheetah. In 1975, after an unsuccessful attempt to ride from Boom Lake to McNaughton, he approached other Club

members to develop the trail that is now known as the McNaughton Trail. Larry was the lone groomer for some time; grooming the 100+ miles from Pelican Lake to McNaughton. The groomer was hauled by truck to different areas in those days. He has been Club president twice over the years and is involved in several other Club responsibilities including the trail map, landowner easements, groomer maintenance, equipment purchase, and trail maintenance. This award brings statewide recognition to Larry Dorich and also reflects credit on Hodag Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club. Larry will be honored at the AWSC Fall Workshop in Stevens Point on Oct 24th.

Congratulations Larry!



HST Photo by Mr. Wiggly

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Club Business: Membership renewal forms are included with this Newsletter. If you have not already done so, please renew by completing the form and returning it to the address at the top. If you have already renewed, why not give the form to a snowmobiling friend? If you are receiving this issue electronically, and are unable to print the application form, please contact your editor (himself@charter.net) and we will print one and snail mail it to you.

The club received the first half of our maintenance funds for this year - approximately \$11,400. The first half of the supplemental payment will be distributed next month. We also received \$500 from the Rhinelander Room Tax. It was noted that we should be able to continue to apply for the tax revenues. Also, we sold the two very old and useless drags that we had sitting by Holiday Acres for \$250. All useful parts were removed prior to the sale.

Gene Dallman has stepped down as Pelican Lake Trail Boss. Does anyone want to step up to the challenge? Additional groomer operators may be needed this year, and anyone interested should contact Scott.

We would like to come up with a raffle idea for the upcoming season. Despite the revenues listed above, additional funds are required in order to provide trails for quality riding. A volunteer is needed to facilitate ticket distribution and collection. This will be discussed in greater detail at the October meeting.

Lenny Gescheidle is spearheading the map ad process again this year with the goal to have maps printed and distributed by early December. Donna Forsyth has agreed to chair a committee to develop a poker run for the 2009/10 season.

The Club wishes to thank Sue Ohman and Gene Dallman for their service on our Board and we appreciate all the work and time they gave to the Club as Treasurer, Vice President, and Directors.

'Other Trail' News: As reported last month, the project under the railroad bridge is progressing. Northwoods Passage has received quotes from Musson Brothers for the necessary excavation and from a fence company for headlight barrier fencing along Highway 47. As always, we are hopeful that this Northwoods Passage Snowmobile Club project will continue to move along, and be completed in time for this riding season.

Adopt – Highway: The annual fall highway clean-up has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17th at 10:30AM. Please meet at the intersection of Hwy 8 East and Pelican Ranch Rd. Ken Dumar is facilitating this project. Please contact him at 362-1556 if you can participate. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Coming Events:

Weekend of Oct. 16-18 Snowmobile USA Show & Sale. State Fair Park, Milwaukee, WI.
www.snowmobileusa.com

Saturday, Oct 17 – Roadway trash pickup at Hwy 8 east & Pelican Ranch Rd. 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Oct 20 - HST Monthly Meeting at Bucketheads in Rhinelander. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Snow Classified:

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Think Snow!!