

# Hodag Sno-News

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**Trail News:** You have probably read or heard of the problem the Eagle River and Three Lakes Clubs are having with the closure of a portion of the main trail south of Eagle River due to a landowner’s being unhappy with a DNR ruling unrelated to snowmobiling. While this does not affect our Club’s trails directly, it does serve to remind us of how important our landowners are to the sport.

HST is currently working to resolve a number of land use issues on our system at this time and we will provide further information on closures or re-routes, if any, in the next few Newsletters. We still plan to re-deck the bridge on the McNaughton Trail this Fall; volunteer labor will be needed and the membership will be notified via e-mail once that work is scheduled.

**Club Business:** Your Club received about \$60,000 in trail maintenance payments last year, which is about average for recent years. Unfortunately, we did not receive any Room Tax money this spring – it was the first time in several years that we were left out. We will have to have a successful fundraiser this season to help with the shortfall; please bring your ideas to the October meeting.

The first Map committee meeting was held at Lenny’s house in September and that annual effort is well underway. We are pleased to report that ads have been coming in at a good pace this year. The decision was made to switch printers, and we will be using Press Express in Rhinelander this year rather than the Eagle River company used in the past.

Participants in the Fall Highway pickup are shown below. They are (from left to right) Front Row: Kathy Bennett, Pat Wahouske, Jerry Baker, Jim Ellis, and Sue Ellis; Back Row: Harry Hardy, Dick Wahouske, Bob Goodin, Ken Dumar, Paul Cahak, and Scott Hetland.



(HST Photo by Himself)

**Free Money!** Ski-doo is again giving \$10 to Clubs for each member who drops off a completed form at any Ski-doo dealer. The deadline this year is November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a form in the mail, you can print one at: [http://en-us.ski-doo.com/Clubsupport2011/Files/en-s/Pdf/RulesReg\\_CSP\\_SD11.pdf#zoom=100](http://en-us.ski-doo.com/Clubsupport2011/Files/en-s/Pdf/RulesReg_CSP_SD11.pdf#zoom=100) Note that our club is listed as *Rhinelander Hodag Sno-Trails, Inc.* This was done purposefully to avoid confusion in the way that the checks are distributed. Please contact your editor ([himself@charter.net](mailto:himself@charter.net)) if you cannot print one and he will get it to you.

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## Miscellany:

A part of the interior of the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum in Naubinway, MI is shown at right. This museum features antique sleds and is well worth the stop if you are in the area. Naubinway is located 44 miles west of the Mackinac Bridge on USH 2 in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Check out

<http://www.exploringthenorth.com/naubinway/museum.html>

for admission prices and hours.

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**AWSC Notes:** The Fall Workshop will be in Stevens Point November 4-6. Rick & Mary Sweo will be attending on behalf of HST. The two items below are from AWSC notices to indicate ongoing efforts for and by sledders:

### Wisconsin Legislature General Info:

Over the past two weeks, members of the AWSC Legislative Committee have visited with the nearly 40 newest members of the Wisconsin Legislature. The greater majority of these meetings took place in the State Capitol.

The purpose of these visits was to provide a very basic description of Wisconsin's snowmobile program, its history and effect on our state's economy. New legislators and their staff members were also informed of the size and number of snowmobile clubs present in their respective districts.

Our goal was to take advantage of the lull in legislative activity and compliment the hard work you and your club members have already accomplished in reaching out to new legislators. In these meetings, legislators commonly stated that they had met or had been contacted by snowmobilers in their districts, and for this we cannot thank you enough.

### On the Yellowstone issue (from Jack Welch of the Blue Ribbon Coalition):

Update: the news is good from the Park Service. On December 15, 2011 the gates will open for the 2011-2012 season for snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park.

"... the fight over Yellowstone has been a long, contentious and complicated battle. We are now in the 13th year of our combined efforts to maintain snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park. **Please remember, the fact that Yellowstone remains open to snowmobiles represents one of the most profound victories over the extreme environmental movement in our lifetime.** Enjoy the victory and make your plans to come and enjoy Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks this winter on a snowmobile!"

### **Coming Events:**

Sat. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> NVSRS's Annual Member Meeting: Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Northwoods Banquet Center, 1540 Pueblo Drive, Rhinelander, WI

**Tues. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> HST Monthly Meeting at Al-Gen Supper Club, 7:00 PM**

Tues. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Ski-doo Club Support cash giveaway. See bottom of page 1.

**Think Snow !!!**