

“Sno News is Good 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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Trail News: We have good news all around! The landowner issue on the trail from McNaughton to Pine Lake has been resolved and that trail will be open for this season. Many thanks to Larry Dorich for making that happen. We can now pursue the Skunk Creek Bridge project although it would be next year at the earliest before the work could be done. Also, we are pleased to report that we have received the land use contract from Forest Land Group in North Carolina. We could not operate without the latter.



Your Club completed the replacement of the wearing surfaces on two bridges in the Town of Pine Lake this past month. The photo on the left shows Jerry Baker, Bob Goodin, Jim Wimberger, Rick Covin, Dick Emerick, & Dennis Martens nailing deck boards onto the bridge near McNaughton on October 20th. The bridge on the Bear Trail was resurfaced on the 18th by the crew shown in the picture on the right, namely: Jerry Baker, Justin Herman, Dick Emerick, Larry Dorich, & Bob Goodin. Thanks to Vance Baker who coordinated the work and took both photos and to those members who volunteered their efforts.

Trail work day is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3rd. We will be inspecting, marking, and brushing a good section of our trails that day. Please contact Scott if you can help. Workers will need a 4-wheeler for transportation (not everyone will need a chainsaw).

Although we have early snow at this writing, the earliest our trails can open is December 14th because of a late hunting season this year.

Club Business: Thirty-two members attended October's meeting at the Al-Gen. The 50/50 raffle was won by Joan Dallman, netting \$39 for her and \$40 for HST. Greg Weinfurter of Press Express presented a fundraising proposal which the members present voted to pursue. The Club will be selling \$20.00 discount cards with discount coupons from some of our sponsors and other local merchants. Bob Goodin will be handling this project, which is expected to be our major fundraiser this season. The cards will be available at the December meeting.

Maps are in the final stages prior to printing and will also be available at the December meeting. Although the sponsor list changes slightly each year, we have had no significant loss of sponsors from previous years. We were able to save about \$1500 in printing costs by switching to Press Express from the Eagle River printer we had been using.

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Club Business (cont'd): Membership renewal is ongoing, as always. Good trails require a strong club which necessitates a robust membership. A renewal form is included with this newsletter; please renew your membership. If you have already done so, please pass the form along to a snowmobiling friend.

HST will be sponsoring the Northern Vintage Snowmobile Race Series (NVSRS) race on Pelican Lake on Feb. 4th. If you enjoyed participating last year, circle the date on your calendar.

We did not receive any Room Tax money this fall. The City of Rhinelander and Town of Pelican have been quite generous in the past; we will apply again.

Future Meetings:

November – Bowling Alley

December – Judy's Twin Pines

January – Hopes Landing (Pelican Lake)

February – Forsyth's Resort

March – Rusty Nail

April – The Haven (Rhldr)

County & Regional Activities: The closing of the Corridor 13 Trail near Three Lakes appears almost certain at this point. This is due to a disgruntled landowner and really has very little to do with snowmobiling. Its impact, however, is huge. It is a funded trail and the clubs will lose revenue from much more than just the closed portion. Being a corridor trail, a reroute over water is not permissible. Furthermore, if they are able to put together an acceptable alternate route in the next year or two there is not guarantee that the funding would still be available. As most readers know, there is a chronic shortage of snowmobile dollars and many other trails waiting for funding.

Speaking of funding, a \$400,000 bridge was recently constructed across the Rainbow Flowage in St. Germain. This took the lion's share of all the money in the DNR Snowmobile Fund's bridge budget and is one of the reasons our two Pine Lake bridges were re-decked at HST's expense. The Rainbow Flowage Bridge was built because of a reroute caused by a few bad sledders riding across a landowner's parking lot instead of the trail and thereby ruining it for everybody. "It sure don't take much, folks..."

A Snowmobile Safety Course will be presented by HST and the Oneida County Recreational Deputies on December 3rd & 4th. This is the required course for young riders. Please contact the Oneida County Sheriff's Office for details. Graduates will receive a one year Hodag Sno-Trails free membership.

Snow Classified:

Men's Cold Wave Bibs, size 2XL – like new - \$35.00 Call 715-369-3980

2005 Aluminum 2 place snowmobile trailer, V neck drive on-drive off with ramp \$750

2009 Ski-Doo MXZX 1200 E-Tek 4 stroke \$8000 Call 715-362-0799

Snow Classified is available for members and sponsors wishing to buy or sell snowmobile related merchandise. Contact the Editor.

Coming Events:

Weekend of November 11th – 13th – Snowmobile USA Show and swap meet. Patriot Center at Cedar Creek Mall south of Wausau. Go to <http://www.snowmobileusa.com/shows.shtml> for details

Tuesday, November 15 - HST meeting at Hodag Lanes at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, November 15 - **Deadline** for Ski-Doo cash giveaway program. For details, please visit http://en-us.ski-doo.com/Clubsupport2011/Files/en-s/Pdf/RulesReg_CSP_SD11.pdf#zoom=100

Saturday, December 3rd – HST Trail Workday. (See Page 1)

Weekend of December 3rd & 4th – DNR Snowmobile Course in Oneida County Call 715-361-5100

Tuesday, December 20th – HST Christmas Party at Judy's Twin Pines. Mark your calendars!

December 30th – January 1st - Ironwood Pro-Vintage Snowmobile Olympus racing event. Gogebic County Fairgrounds, Ironwood MI. Go to www.westernup.info (activities & events) & www.hurleywi.com