

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News:

We had a great turnout for the trail brushing & marking work day on December 3rd. Pictured below are (l to r): Dick Emerick, Tony Seubert, Dennis Martens, Scott Hetland, Jack Dunkel, Rick Sweo, Jim Forsyth, Morgan Larson, Rick Haefner, Lenny Gescheidle, and Bob Goodin. All members earned their dollar burgers at the Northwoods Hideaway.



HST Photo by Himself

Oneida County trails could open as early as Wednesday, Dec. 14th. The clubs will need 3 days to have trails ready once the decision is made. However, Club members can go out and *pack* the trails starting Monday, December 12th. Please ride your sleds accordingly and focus on packing swamps (riding the width of the trail) and brushing. Don't forget to report your time to Scott along with any sign issues. All land use issues are resolved except for a recent one that developed on the McNaughton Trail. We are hopeful that it can be resolved, but if we have any re-routes, that is where it will be. Our groomers are ready for the season and the tractor has been out with brusher.

The short (12') bridge off the North end of the Malvern Fire Lane had shifted off its foundation and was essentially rebuilt this month using telephone pole timbers. This was another club project with no State involvement because of the dearth of DNR bridge money mentioned in last month's *Hodag Sno-News*.

Club Business:

Christmas Party! This event will be held at Judy's Twin Pines on CTH C at **7:00 PM** on Tuesday, December 20th following the business meeting which will begin an hour earlier at **6:00 PM**. Judy's will provide the main dish and the Club will furnish two drink tickets for each member. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass and a small inexpensive wrapped gift for the raffle. As we did last year, we are also requesting members to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Rhinelander Food Pantry. This is a busy time of the year, but those members who do not attend will have missed a good time! Come and get your free map.

Fundraiser: This year we will be selling discount cards to area merchants. A facsimile card is enclosed with this newsletter to show the discounts. **This is a good deal – REALLY!** Our goal is to sell 500 cards at \$20 each. This would earn the Club \$5,000 or \$10 per card; if we sell less than 500, the earnings per card will be lower but we will still make a profit.. Each card contains over \$250 of discounts and incentives as well as a raffle ticket for a \$500 cash drawing to be held at the March meeting. The card savings, however, are good for the entire year. Please note that if a person used nothing more than the two \$8 car washes, they would have bought a raffle ticket for the remaining \$4 and placed \$10 into the Club's coffers! Utilizing only one of the remaining offers would enable them to break even and the raffle ticket would then be free. This says nothing at all about the 38 other coupons for cash off or free food & merchandise.

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Club Business (Cont'd): Because there's a raffle involved, we cannot legally sell cards/tickets through the mail; please pick yours up from area vendors or contact Bob Goodin (715) 369-9280. They will be available at the Christmas Party as well and would make excellent stocking stuffers.

November HST Meeting: Twenty seven members attended the meeting held at the Bowling Alley. In Scott's absence, Lenny chaired this meeting masterfully. Rick & Mary Sweo gave reports on the AWSC meeting and the seminars they attended in Stevens Point. They both felt it was a worthwhile meeting. Many of the other items discussed appear elsewhere in this newsletter. One thing which was mentioned briefly is that our Bombardier groomer is now 15 years old and that we should start thinking about a replacement. Mark Steinhardt won the 50/50 raffle, netting \$25 for him and for the Club.

Pelican Lake Vintage Race: HST's sponsored vintage race is February 4th. We need 20 volunteers to repeat the success of last year's effort. A sign-up sheet for track workers (flag/staging) and concession stand helpers will be distributed at the December meeting. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help, please e-mail Scott.

Membership: As of December 8th, 49 of our 119 members have renewed, If you have not renewed yours, please take a few minutes to use the enclosed form to do so. We are always looking for new members so please don't hesitate to ask a snowmobiling friend.

A Personal Note: Dick Emerick has agreed to take over *Hodag Sno-News*. He can be reached at dick.e@live.com or (715) 362-7964. After 6 ½ years, Frank believes it is time for someone else to take over. Thank you all for reading and thank you Dick, for stepping up to the plate.

County & State News: A new CAP/STEP Bill has been introduced in the State Legislature in yet another attempt to increase the monies in the DNR Snowmobile fund. LRB 3295 is another measure which would not raise general taxes but would increase the cost of our sport for riders who are not members of any snowmobile club. The 2011-2012 version of CAP/STEP simply makes registration a one-time event. An annual trail use pass (sticker) will be required on all sleds. The cost for this annual sticker will be \$35.00. If an individual belongs to the AWSC and a local club, the cost of that member's trail pass will be \$15.00. This bill is different from last session's measure; gone are the "ornaments," the provisions for funding law enforcement, alcohol awareness, etc.

Oneida County is starting a project to GPS all trails in the county. One of goals will be to provide clubs an accurate listing of landowners for all trails. The County may ask clubs to help to expedite the project. This would be a great tool for the clubs.

From The LaCrosse Tribune (readers may remember this case):

WAUPACA, Wis. (AP) - A rural Weyauwega man was sentenced Tuesday to 11 years in prison for running down and killing deer with a snowmobile nearly three years ago. But Rory Kuenzi, 27, will serve the sentence concurrently with the 23 years he already is serving for killing a pedestrian while driving drunk. Kuenzi, his brother, Robby Kuenzi of Weyauwega, and Nicholas Hermes of Waupaca were each charged in the deer deaths. Robby Kuenzi and Hermes will appear in court in December for status conferences on their cases.

Snow Classified:

Men's Cold Wave snowmobile Jacket, Black & Yellow, size XXL \$35.00 (715) 369-3980

Enclosed Aluminum Trailer; 2006 Saber Cat 500cc, ESR LX; and 2001 ZL Cat, 500 EFI ESR;
Both with low miles & covers. Phone (715) 362-1064

Coming Events:

Tues. 12/20 - HST Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM Judy's Twin Pines on CTH C near Rhinelander.

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Weekend of 1/13-15 Classic Vintage Weekend, Eagle River Derby Track www.derbytrack.com

Week of 1/16 - 22 Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby www.derbytrack.com for details

NVSRS Vintage Races: (www.nvsrs.org for details)

January 7, 2012 - Stella Ovals sponsored by Stella Fire Department

January 28, 2012 Sugar Camp Ovals Host: Sugar Camp Snowmobile Club

February 4, 2012 Pelican Lake Ovals **sponsored by Hodag Sno-Trails**

February 11, 2012 Stella Enduro *Non-Points Race* Host: Stella Fire Department