



**RED ARROW SNOWMOBILE ATV CLUB INC.
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December 2010 Newsletter

Presidents Corner: Wow... some serious effort at last minute trail clean-up, 12-14 inches of snow, groomers dispatched and the trails are open and ready for another season. Check out the website for some cool photos taken by Tim Brooks during the first pass in the woods. Early season conditions apply right now as there are some bare spots on the Nicolet Trail (grade) due to the high winds and some ruts in the woods from trucks that are not completely filled in...be careful!!! We are grooming regularly and will continue to do so...weather permitting. More news from the Prez in the attached report.

Snowmobile Safety Training Course was held on Nov 29 & 30 and December 2, 6:00-9:00pm, at the town hall. 13 young people graduated...100% of the attendees. Thanks to Dan Pries, Clint & Vicki Aderholdt and Bob Grobarchik for teaching the class. FYI Bob has been teaching snowmobile safety classes for almost 30 years!!!!

Christmas Party Save the date: The annual Red Arrow Holiday Party will be held in the Banquet Room at the beautiful Waubee Lodge in Lakewood on Saturday evening January 8th. A wonderful meal of tenderloin tips, chicken, salad, potatoes and desert will be prepared for us. The club will provide two (2) drink tickets for each club member. Adult drink tickets are valid for domestic beer or rail drinks. Teen/Children drink tickets are good for soft drinks. Families are encouraged to attend! Dinner Pricing (Includes tax and tip): ADULTS: \$15.00 per person TEENS/CHILDREN (16 and under \$10.00) The invitation/reply form was sent last month to all members and is again included with this newsletter to on-line members as an e-mail attachment. Please contact Norine Brooks with any questions regarding the event at norine.brooks@yahoo.com The club encourages members to bring friends and kids of all ages to this family event.

Club Clothing: Contact Norine Brooks at norine.brooks@yahoo.com for information. We have changed vendors and now have more choices of clothing items. We need to to order a minimum of 12 pieces to move an order forward.

Website: Don't forget to visit www.redarrowtownsend.com for the latest club news, **trail conditions** and links to lots of other information. We update often and post the date of the latest update on the home page. E-mail club secretary Mary Stehula at mjsteh@hotmail.com if you want to switch from snail mail to e-mail communications with the club. If you are not happy with the e-mail version you are welcome to switch back to snail mail...let Mary know.

Bonfire in the Woods & more: The weekend of the 28-30 of January will be a busy one. On Saturday Red Arrow has its big Bonfire in the Woods and Vintage Ride and Saturday and Sunday the Paul Bunyan Riders of Lakewood are having their annual fundraiser. Lots going on....come on up!!! On Friday and Saturday the MS Riders are at Carter for their big..check out at http://eventwig.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/MSSnowmobileTour/WIGGeneralEvents?fr_id=14241&pg=entry

Fish A Ree: February 12-13....Our major winter fundraiser is only about two months away!! This is a critical part of our budget for the year. If you have not sold or sent back your raffle tickets please do so as soon as possible. This year the trail funding from the state will be paid out at only about 80 cents on the dollar. That means our club will be several thousand dollars short in cash flow so a good Fish A Ree is critical. In January we will be sending out sign up forms to help work at the event. Please consider helping for a few hours either or both days.

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday January 8 th	eve	Annual Club Christmas party
Wednesday January 12 th	7PM	Club meeting...Karla's Kitchen...Townsend
Saturday January 29 th	11A-3P	Annual Club Bonfire in the Woods
Wednesday Evening Feb 2 (1 st Wed)	7PM	Monthly club meeting...Mulligan's just south of Lakewood
Sat/Sun February 12 th /13 th	11A-5P	36 th Annual Red Arrow Fish A Ree at Townsend Town Hall
Wednesday March 9 th	7PM	Monthly Club meeting...Animal's Bear Trail

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President's Report to the Membership

December 16, 2010

John Brantmeier, President

Red Arrow membership currently totals over 275 individual, family and business booster memberships. There are only a few individual memberships so that means that over 500 people now are part of the Red Arrow organization. That makes us one of the top membership clubs in both the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs and the Wisconsin ATV Association. Thanks for your membership and support!!

Recently we reached out to you regarding our plans for a new storage building for our grooming equipment. The club has been saving for years for a new building and we plan to start construction in the spring. A proposal to move our planned building to a site on land that the club would own was outlined in last month's newsletter. There was some good input both for and against this from the membership. In the end the Board of Directors voted unanimously to stay where we are on Town of Townsend property. The board felt that they had a fiscal responsibility not to saddle the club with a major debt. Other reasons included having both buildings at one location and a savings of several thousands of dollars a year in heating, taxes and upkeep. Finally, everyone on the board agreed that we need to keep our focus on our core responsibility of good trails. Members who attended the December club meeting felt it was good to move the meetings around the community. They want to visit area businesses that support our club and have a quiet area for us to meet.. Thank you to everyone who took the time to give some input....we appreciate it!

Funds to run our club come from three major sources:

- The registration fees that you pay for your snowmobile and/or ATV-UTV along with a gas tax credit for fuel burned off road are returned to clubs based on mileage maintained. ***No funds from general revenue to the state are spent on either sport for maintaining the trails.***
- Membership dues are collected from our members yearly. Membership is on a calendar year basis so 2011 renewals are due now. A renewal form was sent out last month or you can print one out from our website.
- Fundraisers are held yearly...namely our Corn Roast over Labor Day and the Fish A Ree coming up in February. It is very important that you help out by buying or selling the raffle tickets for this event. Please send them back as soon as possible to P.O. Box 248, Townsend. Need more tickets...we have more to sell...e-mail me at jbrantmeier@athenet.net if you would like us to send more to you.

With a groomer power unit costing well over \$100,000.00 these days it is important to keep our club financially sound by putting money aside regularly to upgrade our power units and drags. If anyone is in a position to make a donation to the club over and above the dues it would be put to good use for this purpose.

All members are invited to participate in club activities and events. We realize that many of you live in other areas and spend only a few weekends "at the lake" each winter. Frankly there are about 25 local Townsend families that do most of the physical work that needs to be done. Other members help out when they can for things like trail brushing or our fundraisers. New faces are always welcome to share the load. Let me know that you are interested in helping and we will surely find some things that you can do to help the club.

This year we made a major upgrade to Wildwood Trail (east at the county line off the grade) thru an ATV grant from the State of Wisconsin. The entire 3.5 mile trail was graded and graveled to provide a great hard surface...no more giant mudhole!! Again this was not general fund taxpayer money but came from the registration/gas tax fund. Snowmobilers will benefit greatly also as the rocks and ruts are gone. This trail is already in great shape this snow season.

OK...OK enough!!!! Time to get the sled out of the garage and go for a ride. Thanks for belonging to Red Arrow!!!

John

RED ARROW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 10, 2010

7:00 PM at Lakewood Motorsports

Meeting Called to order at 7:05p.m. by President John Brantmeier.

There were no new members of the 21 members present. John introduced Joe Paul, the local DNR official.

Minutes of the November 10th Meeting were approved through a motion by Ron Popp, seconded by Pete Renteria.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Jim Weyers. Pat Harrison moved to approve the report, seconded by Jeff Kroll.

Equipment and Trail Report by Jeff Kroll. The trail system has been brushed and mowed; Jeff said good job! The tractor will be ready to go next week. Trail opening is anticipated as soon as there’s snow. (Comments were made that we didn’t get the snow that has been traditionally part of the meeting at Greg & Patti’s.)

Storage Building John reviewed the recent Board decision to build the new storage building on the same property as the existing building. The Board voted unanimously to go ahead with this project with revision of the lease agreement with the Town of Townsend.

Meeting Location discussion brought forth ideas and the consensus that we should have some meetings in businesses and some in a hall.

Snowmobile Map Boxes – Pete Renteria picked up the ATV money (over \$300.) and substituted 2011 Club applications and Snowmobile Maps – THANKS PETE!

Logo Clothing - Norine Brooks indicated the supplier is digitizing the logo. Orders will have a one week lead-time. Contact her to place an order.

The Snowmobile Safety Training Course instructors Vicki & Clint Aderholdt, Dan Pries and Bob Grobarchik along with Mike Stahl presented new materials and format, certifying 13 students.

The Christmas Party at Waubee Lake Lodge on January 8 has 32 people signed up as of tonight according to Norine. The reservation form was mailed and is available on the website.

The Club Bonfire will be held in conjunction with the MS Ride and Paul Bunyan fundraiser the weekend of January 27-30. The Bonfire will be from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, the 29th.

Fish A Ree dates are locked in for February 12-13. Leaders for the various areas are needed.

Business lists with phone numbers were handed out for prize solicitation.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Clint Aderholdt, seconded by Ron Popp.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Stehula Secretary

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals that are boosters for the Red Arrow.

Cheryl Bartel’s Insurance	Halfway Bar	Sandtrap Bar/Grill	Citizen Bank
Mulligan’s Bar & Grill	Sunset Bar & Grill	Maiden Lake Supper Club	MJ Bean’s Restaurant
All-Washed Up Laundromat	Frank Erler Concrete	Barb’s Valley Inn	Flynn Lakewood BP
Geiter Septic Pumping	Pour Haus Bar & Grill	Birch Hills Resort/My Bar	Mike’s Supermarket
Brian & April Koepp	Kroll’s Excavating	Laona State Bank	Trails Motel
Northstar Motel	Hennessy’s Pub	Hillcrest Lodge Fine Food & Spirits	
Pintsch’s Hardware	Rick Opelia Family	Dan Pries Building	Radish Realty
Lakewood Super Valu	Animal’s Bear Trail	Lakewood Bar & Hotel	Townsend Shell
Golden Eagle Pizza	Ski Hill Bar	Frank Briski Financial	Lakewood Realty & Cellular
Townsend Self Storage	Ultimate Mfg. Inc.	Van Handel Fox Cities Restaurants	
Waubee Lake Lodge	Lakewood Motorsports	Powers Service Center	Northern Financial Services
Holschuh Collision	Jameson Pub DePere	Lakewood Hardware	Maple Heights Campground
Cabin Services	Perfect Lawn Edge	Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel	
Rademaker Storage of Kaukauna	Jason Harrison Family	Caroline Implement	Townsend Cabin for Rent

Please patronize the businesses that support you! Their phone numbers and web links are listed on our website under the Business Booster Tab www.redarrowtownsend.com