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February 2011 Newsletter

Presidents Corner: Thanks to all of you who worked at, donated prizes for or attended our 36th Annual Fish A Ree on Valentines Weekend. The weather was great, the crowd was huge and best of all we had a good profit that will go right back into our trail funds for both snowmobile and ATV in the Townsend area. See the attached press release for full information about the event and the prize winners. You can also see event photos under the "2011 Fish A Ree tab listed under Club Meetings & Events.

The bad news is that as this is being written our trails are in very poor condition. Snow is expected over this coming weekend and we will resume grooming as soon as possible. There is still lots of snow in the woods...we need some fresh cover on the remaining base. Keep checking www.redarrowtownsend.com for up to date conditions. We will post the straight scoop to let you know if it is worth driving up to ride.

2011 Dues: We have had questions about when club dues are to be paid. **All unpaid memberships are calendar year and due now**...there may be some confusion if you have an AWSC card with a different expiration date. Your AWSC membership is based on when you first joined the club. For example if you joined in March 2008 you would have a card that shows you are current with AWSC until March of 2011. Our club secretary sends the renewals in as we get your club membership and AWSC is extended accordingly. Note: Business Booster memberships include full club privileges plus a listing on our web site, a listing in the monthly club newsletter and a wall card to display at your business.

Club Clothing: Contact Norine Brooks at norine.brooks@yahoo.com for information. We have changed vendors and now have more choices of clothing items in stock including some great looking fleeces. We need to order a minimum of 12 pieces to move an order forward but we can surely order items as we have enough to proceed.

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. We continue to get 500-750 hits a week. 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 was a busy one. We had at least 200 riders stop by our Bonfire in the Woods on Saturday January 29th. Lots of fun...photos on the front page of the web site. Paul Bunyan Riders also had their event that same weekend and the MS Riders were at the Casino. The trails were busy!!!

ATV/UTV Season coming soon: Oconto County trails will open on May 1st for the season. It is important to note that only the Polaris Razr (50 inch rule) is legal on some Nicolet National Forest Trails and marked roads. UTV's are legal in Oconto County and generally speaking you can ride a UTV anywhere it is marked for ATV. The National Forest Service has different standards causing some confusion. Know where you can ride and avoid a citation for being in the wrong place. No "cross country" ATV or UTV riding is permitted in the national forest. Stay on trails and routes marked for ATV use.

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday March 9th 7PM Monthly Club meeting...Animal's Bear Trail
Saturday April 30th Annual Club Meeting 9AM Townsend/Lakewood Ambulance Building south of town
Saturday June 30th Red Arrow ATV/UTV Family Fun Day at My Bar/Birch Hills Resort
Saturday September 3rd 5th Annual Red Arrow Corn Roast & ATV Parade at Barb's Valley Inn

RED ARROW MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
February 2nd, 2011 **7:00 PM at Mulligan's**

The meeting was called to order by President John Brantmeier at 7:05 p.m. with 15 members present.

There were no additional agenda items.

Minutes of the December 10, 2010 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter and on the website.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented with a motion by Karen Czyzewski and seconded by Tim Brooks. Jim acknowledged a \$50.00 check from Women on Snow and a letter by Pam Butler thanking Red Arrow and other clubs for the great trails during their event last weekend.

Equipment and Trail Report: The trails are in great shape according to Jeff. He thanked all those grooming for doing a great job. The club spent \$1,500.00 repairing our back-up 8 ft drag and it should be good for many more years. It is primarily used in the early season to avoid damage to our two 10 foot drags. John mentioned that there is a new trail from 9 Mile Resort to the Wolf River trail that avoids going over the bridge at Langlade. A great new way to go west and north.

Building Project: The club is moving forward with a new equipment storage building next to the existing building. It will be 54 x 64 and could be a full three bay shed. It will have five overhead doors to start with. The corner without the door can be used in the future for a meeting room if the need arises. It will be insulated and heated. Several heating options are being explored but no final decision. We only need to keep the temperature at 40-50 degrees and only during the coldest months. Local builder Pichotta Homes LLC will be the general contractor.

Annual Meeting: With Easter falling in the middle of April this year there is a conflict with the scheduled date. A motion was made and seconded and approved by all present that the final Saturday of April will be the meeting date...namely the 30th of April. John asked if anyone wanted to head the nominating committee as long time member Dorothy Wagner has moved south. At this point no one volunteered. Call John Brantmeier if you are interested. All officers and one board member are up for re-election.

Logo Clothing: Norine Brooks is taking new orders monthly. Now have t-shirts, fleeces, (in black and red) sweatshirts and hats available in stock for immediate shipment.

Club Bonfire: was held along with the MS Ride and Paul Bunyan fundraiser, the weekend of January 27-30. Our Bonfire was from 11AM to 3PM on the Sat of that weekend. Jeff Kroll reported it a great success with at least 200 riders stopping at the event. Need a sign next year telling people what the event is and asking them to stop.

Snowmobile Maps for next year... The Oconto County Alliance is already working on this and Tim Brooks is soliciting ads from local business owners.

Fish A Ree: An outline of the work schedule was presented. We need about 12-15 more volunteers each day to fill out the crew needed. All "Captains" are in place to lead each area of activity including bar, fish contest, food, raffles and entrance door sales.

Correspondence: Received an e-mail from a group in Juneau complimenting club on website.

It drove their decision to come up to ride our trails.

Open discussion included Pat Harrison applauding the building committee consisting of Jim Weyers, Ron Popp and Dale Ott for all of their efforts on the initial planning of our new club building. All present heartily agreed!!

Meeting adjourned through motion by Karen Czyzewski, seconded by Mike Vande Walle.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Biese, acting Secretary January 25, 2011

"Red Arrow 36th Annual Fish A Ree was Huge Success"

Saturday and Sunday of Valentines Weekend was warm and sunny. The nice weather brought huge crowds to winter events across this area of the state. Red Arrow's 36th Annual Fish A Ree was no exception as record crowds packed the Townsend Town Hall both days and made the event a huge success.

The big crowds enjoyed raffles, music and lots of good food. Club President John Brantmeier wants to express a great big thank you to all the club members who worked at the event and the many businesses who contributed prizes for our raffles. Almost every business from Wabeno to Mountain helped us and we appreciate their help...return the favor by shopping locally!!

The winner of the \$500.00 of gas from Townsend Shell was Steve Buly of Hartland. L. Barybruch of Newton won the shotgun from Pintsch's Hardware and the \$100.00 gift certificate from Mikes Supermarket was won by Larry Rummel of Wabeno. \$100.00 Savings Bonds from Laona State Bank and Citizens Bank were won by Kim Wenningen of Hubertus and John Brantmeier of Townsend. The \$50.00 gas cards were won by Merlin Kropp of Green Bay, Tom Kroll of Townsend, Brandon Frazzini of Suamico, Jim Raddant of Shawano and Kenton Langman of Manitowoc.

With the warm weather lots of fish were entered in our two day fishing contest. On Saturday Burr Pawkow caught the largest Walleye, Bekkah Van Epperen the largest Northern, Donald Nelson the largest Bass and Warren Mittastade the biggest Panfish. Sunday saw Gordon Gust bring in the largest Walleye, Halley Braun the biggest Northern, Bob Wagner the top Bass and Tim Martin had the winning Panfish. The \$100.00 grand prize for the biggest fish of the weekend was taken by Bekkah Van Epperen with her 4.82 pound Northern caught on Saturday. Second chance prizes were won by Keith Arendt, Bob Kochen and Trevor Champshire. Thanks to all the anglers who supported our event.

The informal Vintage Snowmobile Show was well attended. A large variety of old sleds were shown including a 1970 Snow Pak painted since new in the Green Bay Packer colors. An unrestored original, it was the hit of the show!!

A very nice event profit will help the Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club maintain their record of having some of the finest snowmobile and ATV trails in this part of the state. Thanks again to all who helped make this event such a success.

Red Arrow club meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday evenings of the month. Check our website www.redarrowtownsend.com for meeting locations and up to date club information.

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

Halfway Bar	Citizen Bank	Mulligan's Bar & Grill	Sunset Bar & Grill	MJ Bean's Restaurant
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	Maiden Lake Supper Club
Northstar Motel	Hennessy's Pub	Hillcrest Lodge Fine Food & Spirits		
Pintsch's Hardware	Dan Pries Building	Radish Realty	Lakewood Super Valu	Animal's Bear Trail
Townsend Shell	Lakewood Realty & Cellular	Townsend Self Storage	Ultimate Mfg. Inc.	
Waube Lake Lodge	Lakewood Motorsports	Northern Financial Services	Van Handel Fox Cities Restaurants	
Holschuh Collision	Jameson Pub DePere	Lakewood Hardware	Maple Heights Campground	
Cabin Services	Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel	Rademaker Storage of Kaukauna		
Jason Harrison Family	Caroline Implement	Townsend Cabin for Rent		

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