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April 2011 Newsletter

Presidents Corner: This newsletter finds us “in between” snowmobile and ATV season. Most of us have been busy putting the sleds away for the summer and/or getting the ATVs and UTV’s ready for another season. Most places in the state allow ATVs and UTVs to ride legally starting May 1st. Here in Townsend we are lucky to be able to ride legally on marked town routes all year round. Most of the questions I have gotten recently center on the legal use of UTVs (side by sides). Go to <http://www.wiutv.org> for the latest information on legal UTV registration and use. Also, check out the ATV/UTV item below for more information. We will be having a UTV page on www.redarrowtownsend.com soon that will give more details. As the summer season unfolds I would encourage all members to stay involved with club activities and meetings. There is a lot going on this summer....keep in touch with your snowmobiling friends by attending summer club events.

Red Arrow Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday morning April 30th at the Townsend/Lakewood Ambulance building just south of Townsend on Hwy 32. Coffee and “doughnuts” will be available at 8:30 and the meeting is at 9AM (should last about 1 hour). We encourage all members to attend this meeting. Election of officers and one board member will be on the agenda along with a review of our past activities and future plans.

New Storage Building: As soon as the frost is out and things dry up we will be getting started with our new building. More details and photos on the website as the construction progresses.

Club Clothing: We are looking for a club member to take care of the clothing program. For now if you are interested in club apparel e-mail jbrantmeier@athenet.net for information on what is available. Thanks to Norine Brooks who has been handling the program and introduced new items for our members to proudly display the Red Arrow colors. Apparel will be available for purchase at the annual meeting on April 30th.

Website: Don’t forget to visit www.redarrowtownsend.com for the latest club news, 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.

ATV/UTV Season starts May 1st: 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. Most Town of Townsend roads are ATV/UTV legal but that does **NOT** include Hwy 32 or County Hwy T. The Town of Doty has stopped allowing the use of Archibald Lake Road in their township. That means you cannot ride the full loop from Lakewood to Townsend this year.

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday April 30 th	9AM April Annual Meeting at Ambulance Garage
Sunday May 1 st	All ATV trails and routes open in Oconto County and beyond
Saturday June 25 th	9AM meeting at My Bar followed by club ride and public event
Monday July 4 th	Float for 4 th of July Parade
Saturday August 20 th	9AM Club meeting (Corn Roast final planning) followed by club ride
Saturday Sept 3 rd	Corn Roast at Barb’s Valley Inn
Wednesday Sept 14 th	7PM Monthly Red Arrow meeting

Letter to Town of Townsend: Each year the Town of Townsend asks area clubs and organizations to give a report at their annual meeting in April. The Red Arrow report for this year is quite impressive so we decided to reprint it for all our members to review. Red Arrow has accomplished a lot and we thank all our members who have been involved in any of the things on the following list:

April 12th, 2011

To: Town of Townsend

Re: Annual Meeting Report

Thank you for all the support that Red Arrow has received from the Town of Townsend the last 5-6 years. We would like to review what we have accomplished during that time to make our area a premier snowmobile and ATV destination.

- Partnered with the DNR, DOT, Forest Service, Oconto County and the Town of Townsend to finally get a true trail thru Townsend for Snowmobiles, ATV's cyclists and walkers. Hundreds of hours of volunteer Red Arrow and town official work made this happen.
- Supported the Town of Townsend decision to open the town roads for ATV use. When dust became an issue the club donated \$9,000.00 to the town for the purchase of a water truck and then spent another \$1,000.00 for a new pump to fill the truck. We share the expense of a driver with the town.
- Moved the Fish A Ree to the town hall. This has resulted in a much more community supported event as local citizens can come in street clothes. Attendance and profits have grown substantially since the move.
- Purchased a used tracked Ultimate Groomer...previously the club had one tractor and an 8 foot wide drag to do all of our snowmobile trails.
- Traded our 9 year old tractor for a new 2007 John Deere and purchased a 2nd 10 ft Ultimate drag. We now have two power units, two 10 foot drags and a back-up 8ft drag. In addition we just purchased a Land Pride leveler for use on the Nicolet Trail during the summer.
- Upgraded all of our signage & kiosks on the snowmobile trails making it much easier to find your way around our part of the area wide trail system. We are gradually taking all the signs off of trees and putting them on steel posts per a request from the National Forest Service. Currently we are about 66% done with this project.
- Our club provided the leadership for 6 ATV Clubs from Forest and Oconto County to meet quarterly with National Forest Service Staff to improve ATV riding opportunities on the Nicolet National Forest Footprint. Our first 6 club goal was to connect all towns in the north of Oconto County and the south of Forest County. This goal has been reached and it is now possible to get to every ATV trail in Forest, Florence, Marinette and Oconto County from Townsend without using a trailer. Sometimes it is a long way around but possible. Now the group is working to add additional miles of ATV trails. You can already ride an ATV all the way to Michigan trails if you want.
- Took over a summer fundraiser called the Corn Roast four years ago after it was launched by the Valley Inn. This event on Labor Day weekend has proven quite successful both at fundraising and bringing people to Townsend on the last big weekend of the year.
- Partnered with the Forest Service, the DNR and Oconto County to fill the mud holes and remove rocks on Wildwood Trail (the trail east at the county line to Spring Lake Road) utilizing ATV grant money. This trail had been very difficult to groom and was a hazard for riders for years...especially during low snow conditions.
- We spend approximately 1000 volunteer hours per year maintaining and upgrading our ATV and Snowmobile trails around Townsend. We have widened, brushed and leveled almost every trail in the area that we are responsible for. Currently, we have about 275 individual, family and business booster members...many who help with the work.
- Launched our website www.redarrowtownsend.com about two years ago...over 29,000 individual hits to date. This winter we had an average of 1000 hits a week from Christmas to mid March and lots of good comments.
- The club obtained a grant and is working with the Forest Service (with township support) to gravel the Forest Service portion of the Nicolet Trail from the Valley Inn to the county line this summer.
- Finally, with township support we are constructing a 3 bay groomer storage equipment building on the same Hummingbird Lane site where the current club building is located. Fundraising for this building has been going on for four years. We expect this to be finished before the next snow season.

Again, Thanks for your past support!!! The Board of Directors and membership of Red Arrow appreciate our great working relationship and look forward to continued cooperative efforts to promote Townsend.

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

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Geiter Septic Pumping	Pour Haus Bar & Grill	Birch Hills Resort/My Bar	Mike's Supermarket	
Brian & April Koepf	Kroll's Excavating	Laona State Bank	Trails Motel	Maiden Lake Supper Club
Northstar Motel	Hennessy's Pub	Hillcrest Lodge Fine Food & Spirits		Brunner Services
Pintsch's Hardware	Dan Pries Building	Radish Realty Lakewood Super Valu		Animal's Bear Trail
Townsend Shell	Lakewood Realty & Cellular	Townsend Self Storage	C&R Truck Repair	
Waubee 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		Forest TV & Appliance
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Business Booster Tab www.redarrowtownsend.com