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**RED ARROW SNOWMOBILE ATV CLUB INC.**  
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**May 2011 Newsletter**

***Presidents Corner:*** Our annual meeting was a big success. There was a great turnout with lots of talk about the great snow season we had and the opening of the ATV/UTV Trails. There were several new faces at the meeting and a good number of ATV riding members. It seems making the side by sides (UTVs) legal for trail riding has drummed up lots of new interest in summer trail riding. Thanks to all of you who came to our annual meeting. All officers and current director Ron Popp were reelected for the next year...congratulations to all my fellow officers and Ron for their hard work on behalf of the club.

***ATV Safety Course Scheduled:*** Red Arrow will again conduct a safety course for riders of any age on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>. The course will be held from 5:30PM to 9PM ....attendance both evenings is required. The \$10.00 DNR fee will be waived for all Red Arrow members and their children but pre-registration is required. Anyone born after January 1<sup>st</sup> 1988 must take the course to ride legally anywhere in the State of Wisconsin. E-mail John Brantmeier at [jbrantmeier@athenet.net](mailto:jbrantmeier@athenet.net) for additional information. Class will be limited to the first 30 persons who register so act ASAP. The DNR posts classes on their website and they are open to the general public on a first come first served basis.

***New ATV/UTV Route/Trail open to Animals Bear Trail: There are 3 ways to access the new trail/route from Townsend.***

**Option 1** is to take Nicolet Road (off Nicolet Trail) by Mike's Grocery to Valley View Road (left) and follow it to Burnt Dam Road. This will take you past My Bar, Hillcrest Lodge and Sunset Resort. Follow Burnt Dam all the way to Forest Hill and take a left to Sawyer Lake Road. Turn right on Sawyer Lake Rd to Setting Lake Road (left) and follow it to a sharp bend west to Saul Springs Road south. Follow Saul Springs Road to the "T" and turn left on Eickhoff Road to County T. Cross T onto the O'Brien property and follow the marked trail to Hwy T/64 and Animals. This is about a 20 mile ride from Townsend Shell. **Option 2** is to take Forest Hill Road (about 1 mile north of Townsend off the Nicolet Trail) and follow the same route as Option 1 above after you pass Burnt Dam Road on the left. This is also about a 20 mile ride from Townsend Shell. **Option 3** is to go up the Nicolet Trail and continue past Barb's Valley Inn to Mosquito Lake Road (Do not cross Hwy 32) and follow it all the way to Diamond Roof Road. Turn left on Diamond Roof and go all the way to Sawyer Lake Road. Turn left and go to Setting Lake Road and follow the instructions in Option 1. This is about a 24 mile ride from Townsend Shell. This is a great new riding opportunity thanks to the Townships of Townsend, Doty and Wolf River along with landowners Patrick and Jenny Obrien. Thanks to them all and adjoining Hidden Bear Trail and White Lake ATV Clubs for helping us make this 3 year long project a reality. Later this summer look for Hidden Bear Trail to open a trail/route south from Animals that will turn east and then north back past the Halfway Bar and connect to the Nicolet Trail in the area of Thelen Road. Once completed we estimate that this loop will be about 50 miles of mostly gravel roads and trails making for a great day trip around the west side of the Nicolet National Forest.

***New Storage Building:*** The wet weather has made a slow start on the building project but trail boss Jeff Kroll (Kroll Excavating) has the site cleared and is hauling in fill. We hope to get construction started soon.

***June Meeting and Event at My Bar/Birch Hills:*** Vice-President Tim Brooks is taking the lead with our first public service fundraiser for the benefit of the Townsend/Lakewood Ambulance Service. The date will be Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> with the benefit 1PM to 5PM with music, food and raffles. The day will start with a club meeting at 9AM followed by a 3 hour ATV/UTV trail ride and then the party. The public will be encouraged to attend as we raise funds for a great cause in our local community.

***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](mailto:jbrantmeier@athenet.net) for information on what is available. .



**Left:** Club member Mark Stehula (middle) who owns Complete Plumbing in Appleton discusses work to be done at our new groomer storage building with club members and contractors. Thanks Mark for donating your time. **Right:** view from the north of the new fence on the Obrien property. This trail will be used for both ATV and Snowmobile and is now open. See directions in box on previous page.

**Corn Roast Tickets and Worker Sign up form:** We are starting early this year on promoting our big Corn Roast event. Jim and Barb the new owners of Barb's Valley Inn are excited to again host the event on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The ATV/UTV parade will start at 10:30 at Townsend Shell with the Corn Roast going from 11AM to 6PM. Jim and Barb are continuing the fun into the evening with two great bands so plan now to attend. Enclosed are raffle tickets that we really need your help to purchase or sell to your friends and family. With the price of diesel fuel and no increase in DNR monies for 10 years our budget is stretched thin. Our fundraisers are vital to the economic success of the club. **Do your part...all tickets returned by July 4<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for an early bird drawing for a Red Arrow Fleece...your choice of size and red or black color.**

Also enclosed is a **"Worker Sign Up Sheet"** for the Corn Roast. Again, we know it is planning way ahead but if you can let us know when you can help that day it will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions e-mail Annetta Janda at [w\\_janda@yahoo.com](mailto:w_janda@yahoo.com) (there is an underscore \_ between the w and j as in w\_j) or give her a call at 715-850-1633

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**Website:** Don't forget to visit [www.redarrowtownsend.com](http://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](mailto: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.

### **UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Sunday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	All ATV trails and routes opened in Oconto County
Saturday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	9AM meeting at My Bar followed by club ride and afternoon party
Monday July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Float for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade
Wed July 6-Thur July 7 <sup>th</sup>	ATV Safety Class at Townsend Town Hall 5:30-9PM both days
Saturday August 20 <sup>th</sup>	9AM Club meeting (Corn Roast final planning) followed by club ride
Saturday Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Corn Roast at Barb's Valley Inn
Wednesday Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	7PM Monthly Red Arrow meeting

### **RED ARROW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 9:00 a.m. Townsend/Lakewood Ambulance Building**

**The meeting was called to order** by President John Brantmeier at 9:00 a.m. with John introducing the officers and directors and asking those attending to introduce themselves. There were no additional agenda items.

**Minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting** were approved as published on the website through a motion from Bob Yadro, seconded by Ron Popp.

**The Treasurer's Report** was approved as presented with a motion by Pat Harrison, seconded by Frank Briski. Jim reported that Pete Renteria has recently collected over \$341.00 from the map boxes he maintains. (Over \$700.00 total this year...the Club thanks you for your efforts, Pete!) The Club received \$770 from Ski Doo thanks to club members completing forms and turning them in to Lakewood Motor Sports. Jim reviewed the current Cash Flow Analysis and updated the attendees regarding the Club's Storage Building Project. He also mentioned that the groomer fuel costs were \$6500.00; which was lower than anticipated.

**President's Annual Report** – John thanked those members who have contributed to the club by helping with events, trail maintenance and other ways that help keep the club going. He highlighted the following 2010-2011 accomplishments:

- We received DNR grant money to fix the Wildwood Trail (from snowmobile/ATV registrations)
- Forest Service grant will be used to gravel the one mile of trail from Valley Inn to county line.
- The Building project has come together; a big thanks to the original committee comprised of Jim Weyers, Dale Ott and Ron Popp
- The website had over 1,000 hits per week during the snowmobile season
- Great fundraisers provide funds for the Club's needs

**Equipment and Trail Report:**

Jeff reported that two of the three grooming drags have been repaired and will be painted. There is no scheduled maintenance on the Ultimate. Report was approved through a motion by Dan Pries, seconded by Jim Weyers.

**Snowmobile Trail Closing** – John requested a resolution for presentation to Oconto County Snowmobile Alliance that no Oconto County club closes their trails for the season until March 31<sup>st</sup>. The varying schedules of surrounding counties caused confusion this past season, striving for consistency and better communication.

**ATV Trail Report:** ATV trails open 5/1; the Forest Service has requested ATVs stay out of the forest until 5/10 due to the current wet conditions. Our Wildwood Trail is soft according to Pat Harrison.

**Election of Officers:** Since Dorothy Wagner moved away, no one has volunteered to form a nominating committee. John explained that the election is done according to Roberts Rules of Order. All officers have agreed to run for re-election; one director position (currently held by Ron Popp) is open. After nominations for each of these positions were closed; a unanimous vote was cast for each: John Brantmeier, President; Tim Brooks, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Pat Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Mary Stehula, Secretary; Jim Weyers, Treasurer, Jeff Kroll, Trail Boss and Ron Popp, Director.

**Logo Clothing:** The Club thanks Norine Brooks for handling the clothing program; she will no longer be doing this and the Club is looking for someone to take over this task. There is an inventory of fleeces, sweatshirts, T-shirts and caps available.

**Summer Meetings** as noted – the June 25<sup>th</sup> event at Birch Hills Resort's My Bar will include raffles and music according to Tim Brooks. Proceeds are intended for the Ambulance Service.

**Corn Roast:** Annetta Janda will once again head up this event. She is looking for lots of help! She has lists for people to use to collect wheel prizes, etc. John emphasized the need to sell the raffle tickets – low ticket sales at the Fish A Ree caused less revenue from that event.

**Jim Wisneski**, a club member and very active Hidden Bear ATV member, brought us up to date on the trail developments. Our August 20<sup>th</sup> Club meeting and ride coincides with the planned Hidden Bear event at Animals.

**Open discussion** included a comment from Bob Yadro regarding watering the Nicolet Trail in town; after discussion he realized the benefits involved.

**Meeting adjourned** through motion by Ron Popp, seconded by Dorothy Laundrie.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Stehula, Secretary

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

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Townsend Shell	Lakewood Realty & Cellular	Townsend Self Storage	C&R Truck Repair	
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