

# THE RIDER REPORT



Season 2015-2016 Recap



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**Goal for 2016-2017**

**Start a youth club**

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**Overnight Ride**

## RECAPPING THE SEASON

With the first year of the trail pass in the books I am happy to say I felt it went pretty smooth. As a club we did grow in membership gaining 10 new family memberships, 2 individual memberships and one new Commercial membership! As mentioned in previous newsletters, one of the highlights is the addition of youth members! Further in the newsletter I will give you more details of the impact of the trail pass as well as information from the AWSC Convention we attended in March.

Not that we couldn't ride, just that it was a tough year of riding around the area. Hope you did get a chance to put some miles on the trails. Chippewa County and Rusk County were open for about 9 weeks believe it or not. With the low amount of snow and some areas with open water it didn't seem like it. Outside of the two rides the club had this year, it was great having members calling each other to see if they wanted to go for a ride. That is what snowmobiling is about. I can't tell you how many friendships we have personally made from joining a snowmobile club. You can't beat the camaraderie!

## Overnight Ride

This year we decided to go to Timber Breeze Lodge in Butternut. Many of us went up on Friday and rode most of the day and others joined us on Saturday for the day. During the three days of riding we covered Ashland, Iron and Price Counties. I found it interesting at how many years some of the members have been riding, ranging from 1 year to two of the riders having 65 years each. Breaking it all down the average number of years came in at 32 years. We had a couple first this year, the oldest and one of the youngest members riding and three generations of riders! The best comment made about the ride was from Austin, he thought riding at night in his snow coach was fun! Looking back on this you can't help but be reminded that snowmobiling is truly a family activity.

## Progressive Dinner Ride

The second ride of the year was the Progressive Dinner Ride. After the club meeting we had appetizers at Rose's Bay, soup & salad at



**Ron & Austin Winners of the Chippewa County Snowmobile Organization photo contest! Thanks to everyone who voted!**

Winterhaven, entrée at Fireside and dessert at Lured In. Thank you to all the stops for the great food and service. If you didn't make it this year, you might want to consider going next year. You won't be disappointed!

### **Election of officers**

At the March meeting the nominations and elections for Vice President and the Board of Directors were held. We decided to do the final vote for the offices as there was only one nomination for each position. Garret Lockburner remains as the Vice President, Bob Jensen and Jon Maresh remain on the Board of Directors and we welcome David Carlson to the Board of Directors.

### **Special thanks**

We would like to give our thanks to Ralph DeLuga for serving on the Board of Directors from 2007-2016. Ralph served on the board since day one of the beginning of the club. I will never forget when we held an organizational meeting to see if there was any interest in starting a new snowmobile club back in 2007. When we were just getting

started with the meeting in walks Ralph and Carol to come check things out. What a great feeling just knowing how much of an impact they were to the community to see they were interested. We have nothing but respect for the direction he helped take the club. Again, thank you to Ralph as well as Carol.

### **Trail tear down**

On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> we will start with the trail tear down. If you can help meet at Jon Maresh's on HWY 40 down a couple houses across from Larrabee's. If you have an ATV and can bring it that would be great.

### **April meeting**

Our final meeting of the season is being held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Rose's Bay. Some of the items we will be discussing are the upcoming Corn Feed, getting raffle tickets out to sell, setting meeting dates for next year and ordering shirts. We waited on ordering clothing as we are going to add "Tenth Season 2007-2017" to the logo. More will be sent out on this in a couple weeks. We have purchased the items for the Corn Feed raffle. Thank you to David & Lisa Carlson for the donation of the Minn Kota Endura trolling motor and to Gary Gotter of Sport Motors-Harley Davidson for the donation of the BRP CGX2 video camera. We greatly appreciate the donations. On the last page of the newsletter you will be able to see pictures of the prizes. Remember to save August 13<sup>th</sup> for the Corn Feed. This will be our 9<sup>th</sup> one!

### **AWSC Convention**

After attending the AWSC Convention in March one cannot come back not feeling energized. This is one of the best conventions we have attended over the years. Catching up with fellow snowmobilers from across the state and sharing information and of course stories! At the convention they recognize the recipients of the AWSC scholarships as well as the President's Cup Award. This year Sue and Don Hamilton were present with the President's Cup Award. Don started the Military Appreciation Ride 8 years ago. This ride is held in Eagle River and is open to any and all veterans and their families. Sue recently retired from the AWSC office in DeForest. If you are interested in information on the Military Ride go to <https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Military-Appreciation-Ride>

## Trail pass information

A lot of questions are being asked about how the trail pass worked for the first year. I can tell you that it is pretty impressive considering it being a not so great snow year. The final numbers are not in yet, however, it is estimated that it generated about an additional two million dollars! As of February 29, 2016 there were 117,347 trail passes sold. Couple things, our work is cut out for us in educating snowmobile owners about the trail pass and the savings they get by belonging to a snowmobile club that is affiliated with the AWSC. You know that all the registrations sent out from the DNR in the past 2 years informed them of the new trail pass requirement. If every sled that is registered would have purchased their trail pass it would have been up another 100,000 passes sold. The AWSC sold 61,996 and the DNR sold 55,381. During the months of January and February you can tell the people who got caught not purchasing their passes before they wanted to ride. Between the AWSC and DNR they sold 65,010 alone during this time. That's almost 55% of the total sold! Every month except February did the AWSC sell more than the DNR. It appears approximately 44,000+ had to pay \$30 per sled instead of \$10 per sled by waiting too long or not belonging to a club.

## When the 2017 trail pass will be available

The trail passes for the 2016-2017 season are not available until after July 1, 2016. You will want to make sure your dues are paid before you order. Once your dues are paid we do forward your membership on to the AWSC, but keep in mind that we only submit memberships once a week so allow time. Hopefully this will clear things up for you. As always, if you have any questions about the trail pass, please do not hesitate to email us or call and we will get you the answer, if we do not know the answer we will get it for you!

## K.A.O.S (Kids and Adults on Sleds)

As you can see from the front page, there is a goal out there to start a youth club or get the youth involved. At the AWSC Convention I asked to sit in on a committee meeting of the youth advisors to see what we can do for the youth of the club. I never realized what K.A.O.S. was about. Let me tell you, this is such a great opportunity for our youth. The purpose of the AWSC K.A.O.S Youth Program is to give the youth an understanding of how the snowmobile program is organized starting from the local clubs up to the International level. K.A.O.S is considered a leadership training program for young snowmobilers. The goal is to train the younger members to take over leadership roles in order to keep clubs as strong as they currently are. I did bring back a DVD which explains the group as well as the activities they do. If anyone would like to see it email me and I will see that you get it. I was amazed at the number of youth at the convention as well as at the Directors meeting on Sunday. The first advisor who started this group 12 years ago just stepped down and to see the respect that the youth had for her as well as the respect she had for them was so great to observe. I know we have many members who are out of the area, thoughts maybe we could set a date and see about an activity such as kayaking at either Round or Long Lake just for an idea or maybe the Ice Age Center for a hike. A good age for this group would possibly be age 10 and up. If anyone is interested or has any ideas please let me know. We do have some youth that are showing interest in the club. As a club president this is very awarding!

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## **Member Establishments Events and Hours**

### **Back 40 Dining & Cocktails – 715-568-4064**

Food – Bloomer Sno Hawk Trail

Call for hours

### **Backwoods Bar & Grill – 715-353-3003**

Food & Lodging - Trail 14 alternate

Closed Monday & Tuesday

Call for hours

### **Fireside Bar & Grill – 715-868-1172**

Gas & food - Trail Corridor 31

Sunday open 11:00 am to close

Closed Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday open 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Friday and Saturday open 11:00 am close at midnight

Wednesday all you can eat wings

### **Hawk's Resort – 715-967-2302**

Food – Trail 14 alternate

Open Monday, Wednesday-Sunday 11:00 am to Close

Closed Tuesday

### **King's Inn – 715-967-2374**

Food – Blue Diamond Trail

Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm to close

Sunday 11:00 am to close

### **Narrow's Resort – 715-924-4053**

Food – Trail 131

Closed Monday & Tuesday

Call for hours

### **Lured In Resort & Campground - 715-353-2725**

Food – Trail 131

Thursday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Tacos)

Friday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm (fish fry)

Saturday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (breakfast)

Sunday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (breakfast)

### **Rose's Bay Resort – 715-353-2527**

Food – Trail 131

Monday – Saturday 11:00 am to close

Sunday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

### **Winterhaven Resort – 715-868-5985**

Food – Trail 131

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# Back 40 Trail Riders Snowmobile Club

## Membership 2016-2017

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Member name (s)

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Address

City

State

zip

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Phone

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Email address

Do you wish to share your email & phone number with other members  yes  no

How would you like to receive your newsletter  email  mail

Type of membership

Family:  (\$25) Number of children and names \_\_\_\_\_

Single:  (\$20) Senior:  (\$15)

Secondary:  (\$15)\* Name of primary club \_\_\_\_\_

Club sponsor:  (\$25) Name of business \_\_\_\_\_

State sponsor:  (\$45) Club membership included (appear on AWSC website and WSN magazine)

- Senior dues are the same for primary or secondary membership. One household member must be over the age of 65

Mail dues to:

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c/o Don Gunderson  
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(715) 868-0006

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Club website: [www.back40trailriders.com](http://www.back40trailriders.com)

Dues are payable for the season starting in September. With your primary membership you will receive the WSN magazine, a complimentary \$3000 accidental death and dismemberment benefit. This benefit is for each adult household member and any children under the age of 19.

**BACK 40 TRAIL RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB ANNUAL CORN FEED RAFFLE**



**1<sup>st</sup> prize**

Ruger American .270 Winchester all weather stainless finish

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

Mossberg Patriot .270 Winchester walnut stock 3x9 scope

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

BRP CGX2 video camera

DONATED BY SPORT MOTORS-HARLEY DAVIDSON

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize**

Ruger 10/22 Carbine wood finish

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize**

Minn Kota Endura trolling motor 40 lb thrust

DONATED BY CARLSON'S

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**CORN FEED AUGUST 13, 2016 FIRESIDE BAR & GRILL 12:30 PM TO 5:30 PM**

**DRAWING AT 5:30 PM FIRESIDE BAR & GRILL ON AUGUST 13, 2016**

License number R0028417A-14875 (gun winners must meet all state and federal guidelines)

**Tickets**

**\$5 each or 3 for \$10**