The Rider Report

FREEDOM IS THE MILES WERE ROLLING ON

FEBRUARY 2016

February 5th - 15th is "Take a Friend Snowmobiling" week

Create memories on the trail

As the season is well underway and our snowmobiling days are very limited this year it's not too late to introduce your friends who don't ride or maybe you can reintroduce friends who have gotten away from it. One thing I hear from many people who have gotten away from it is "it's too cold....I don't like to ride fast....I don't want to ride that far" to name a few. I totally get it. When I was a passenger on the back of a two up sled I felt cold all the time, didn't always appreciate the speed, not being able to see what was ahead and so on. When Don told me he was getting a sled for him and the two up was going to be mine I thought there is no way you are going to get me to drive a sled. Well here I am 14 years later and on my third sled. Try getting me to be a passenger again. Not happening! Keep in mind if you are introducing someone to snowmobiling you only get one chance to make a good first impression so make it good! Remember the 3 "S's" slow, simple and short. Make sure they know the functions of the sled, teach them the hand signals and make sure you tell them how to dress. Another suggestion, hand warmers that work! Make stops along the way so they don't get fatigued and start to dread the ride. If you do this you are guaranteed to have a great ride and need I say memorable. You can say I took them for their first ride!

February meeting date changed

Our February meeting is being changed to February 6th at 1:00 pm. We felt that with the club activities three weeks in a row could be a little much so we decided to have a short meeting before the Progressive Dinner Ride. The meeting is scheduled to start at 1:00 pm. So if you are not planning on going on the Progressive Dinner Ride you still can take in the meeting. This means the February 12th meeting is cancelled.

Progressive Dinner Ride

We will be having our Progressive Dinner Ride on February 6th. We will have a short club meeting at 1:00 pm at Rose's Bay and start out there with appetizers, after that we will head to Winterhaven for soup and salad then onto Fireside for the main entrée and ending at Lured In for dessert. The cost for this will be $30 per person. Your choices for the entrée are Cat Fish, 8 oz. Garlic Butter Sirloin with 4 shrimp or 10-12 oz. Prime Rib. Your choice of baked potato, deep fried baked potato homemade chips or French fries. If you are planning on going please RSVP by February 1st your entrée choice by email back40trailriders@yaoo.com or by phone at 715-868-0006.

Year of no snow...so far

Needless to say, with the higher temperatures and no snowfall, trails have not exactly been in the best of shape. Clubs have encountered many things out of the ordinary. For example we had issues with swamps mainly. When Chippewa County trails did open 3 weeks ago, we did not because it just was not safe. Also some of the other trails in Chippewa County did not get groomed or open for the same reason. Right now the trails in our area are in fair to poor condition until we get more snow. We are now open here, but Trail 14 is not getting groomed yet with the swamps not all being safe yet. Thank you to the members who helped pack the swamps. We did ride the last couple weekends in the area and trails will be great if we can get a few more inches of snow. In looking at trail conditions throughout the neighboring counties we all are in the same situation.

Amazing youth of the Back 40

We could not be more proud of the number of youth we are gaining in our membership. Over the past year we had two of the youth help out. At the Corn Feed Timothy volunteered to help where needed. Let me tell you the one job he did that not too many people like to do is sell Mini Raffle Tickets. When asked if he would, he didn't even show the "did I really just volunteer to do this" look! He did an awesome job, he talked with the people, worked the crowd and most of all showed respect. Then we have Faith, who is 13. When we sent out the email for help with trail work a couple weeks ago her Dad emailed and wondered about her helping. Faith wanted to learn about trail work and see how things are done. This work day was to pack the swamps and help widen the trails in case the groomer would not be able to groom. Not to mention one of the coldest trail work days! Great to see the interest from the future keepers of our trails! I see some real leaders coming up.

Trail pass reminders

I cannot stress enough how important it is to get your trail pass now. Your options, order now and get the discounted rate of $10 per sled or get caught without ordering a head of time and go to the DNR and pay $30 per sled to go riding. Keep in mind that when you send your dues in we will enter you in the AWSC system, however, we have to wait 48 hours before your number is confirmed so you will not be able to order until after that. Membership dues are sent to the AWSC online twice a week if needed. Feel you can ride the trails without a trail pass be prepared to pay a fine of upwards of $200. Don't be caught without your pass.

Trail Conditions

Wondering what trail conditions are in the Chippewa, Barron and Rusk County area? Couple ways you can find out is on the club website which is **www.back40trailriders.com** or if you have not like our facebook page Back 40 Trail Riders. Better yet, scan our QR code on the front page of the newsletter and check for updates on the trail!

Snowmobiling, it's a family thing

Picture this, you are married, snowmobiling is your passion and you start a family. You do not want to settle for not being able to ride for a few years. What do you do? You get a Snowcoach for the kids and start them out young! This is just what Garret & Cristy did. Austin who is about to turn 3 is loving his new ride. His little brother Mason will have to wait until next year! On a side note, both boys have attended club meetings already!

UPCOMING EVENTS

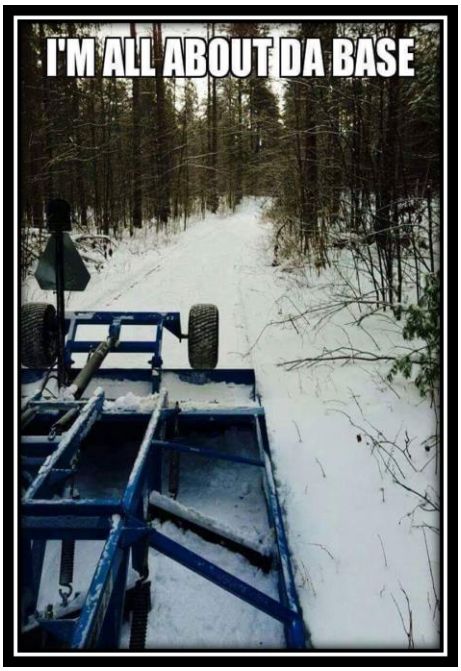
February 6
Progressive Dinner Ride 1:00 pm
Rose's Bay (appetizers)
Winterhaven (soup & salad)
Fireside (entrée)
Lured In (dessert)
RSVP by February 1st
Cost $30 per person

February 6th
Club meeting
1:00 pm
Rose's Bay

March 11
Club meeting
7:30 pm
TBD

April 8
Club meeting
7:30 pm
TBD

August 13
Corn Feed
Fireside Bar & Grill
More info to follow



Back 40 Trail Riders Snowmobile Club
Membership 2016-2017

Member name (s) _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **zip** _____

Phone _____ **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** _____

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:
Back 40 Trail Riders
c/o Don Gunderson
N880 School Rd.
New Auburn, WI 54757
(715) 868-0006

Club email: back40trailriders@yahoo.com
Club website: 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.

CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
Closed Monday and Tuesday
Open Wednesday through Sunday 11:00 am to Closed

King's Inn – 715-967-2374
Food – Blue Diamond Trail
Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm to close
Sunday 11:00 am to close
February 13th DJ - Squeeze Box - 8:00 pm
February 20th ICE GOLF! Get a foursome & grab your clubs for some FUN on the lake!
Sign up at Noon, Tee off at 1:00

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
Closed for holidays reopen Thursday, Jan. 14th
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

AWSC State Sponsors

Back 40 Dining & Cocktails
Dennis & Rosa Lea Bachman
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Backwoods Bar & Grill
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Weyerhaeuser, WI 54895
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Fireside Bar & Grill
Jim & Tami Wold
N12745 Fireside Lake Rd.
New Auburn, WI 54757
(715) 868-1172

Hawk's Resort
Kerry & Deb Hawkenson
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New Auburn, WI 54757
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Kings Inn
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