

“SUIT UP! LET’S RIDE!”

# The Rider Report

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## HOW WAS YOUR SEASON

Is anyone else feeling a little disgusted with the snow we have been getting the last few days? Don't get me wrong I love snowmobiling, however, realistically now that the trails are closed in our area it has to end for the year! Hopefully you were able to go on rides and make memories this year. One of the best memories I will cherish from this year is back in February our daughter and her family were here for "Grandpa's Fishing Weekend" which ended up being a snowmobiling weekend instead and probably will be for years to come. Believe it or not our daughters never really rode sleds back in the day. Not having helmets for the boys ages 8 and 6, we were able to borrow helmets from some friends and managed to round up a two-up sled so all of us could go for a ride to the warming house in the Blue Hills and roast some hot dogs. Our daughter rode with me and when we hit the trail I heard her say "wow, this is beautiful" without being on a sled they never would have experienced the beauty of the trails. The next morning when I asked the boys what they wanted to do first and you guessed it they chanted SNOWMOBILE.....SNOWMOBILE! no fishing the rest of the weekend! Memories are priceless!

## CORN FEED AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

Make sure you mark your calendar for our annual corn feed on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Fireside! Raffle tickets are in and ready to be picked up if you would like to sell some. Just call 715-868-0006 or email and we will see that you get some. Remember this is our only fundraiser we do.



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BACK 40 TRAIL RIDERS, N880 SCHOOL RD, NEW AUBURN, WI 54757

**CORN FEED RAFFLE**

*Drawing August 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm*

**FIRESIDE BAR & GRILL**  
N12745 Fireside Lake Rd, New Auburn, WI 54757

**1st prize: Browning A Bolt 3/ 30-06 wood stock**  
**2nd prize: ION Electric Ice Auger 40V 8" cut**  
**3rd prize: Ruger SR9C 9mm stainless**  
**4th prize: \$100 cash**

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10      Lic. #R0028417-A-29492

**Corn Feed: 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

Gun winners must meet all state and federal guidelines. Guns to be picked up at Rod & Gun Sport Shop in Chetek, WI. Need not be present to win

HOW YOUR SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION AND TRAIL PASSES ARE WORKING

**Registration Numbers  
3/12/18**

Snowmobile (active registrations)	
Public	217,266
Private	5,876
Municipal	383
Antique	6,705
Commercial	2,035
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232,265</b>

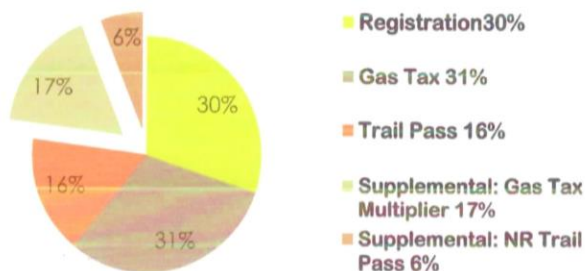
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**Trail Pass Numbers**

Trail Passes - March 1, 2018	2016-17 Season
Resident - \$30	60,415 58,970
Club Discounted - \$10	62,928 61,979
Non-Resident - \$50	20,546 16,766
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143,889 137,715</b>

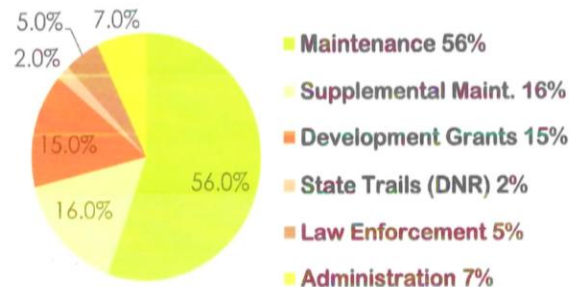
Numbers from Go Wild & AWSC.

**Source of Funds**



**Expenditures**

**Fiscal Year 2017**



**Trail Grants**

**2017-18 Awards (FY18)**



The information above was presented by the Wisconsin DNR at the recent AWSC Convention. It is interesting to see the number of sleds registered, number of trail passes sold and where the funds come from and how spent. Remember, the money from trail passes goes into the snowmobile segregated fund, which is used to pay for maintenance and development of snowmobile trails. Pay your dues for the 2019 season now and you can order your trail pass for 2019 after July 1, 2018! Doesn't hurt to start planning for next year!

## **BACK 40 GIVES BACK**

As a club we believe in giving back to organizations or charities that support the communities and sport of snowmobiling. This year we donated to the following organizations:

**Bethel Boogie** - Donations are for the New Auburn Fire Department and food pantry

**Rusk County Shop With a Cop - Christmas is for Kids** - Kids spend a day Christmas shopping, bowling and a pizza party with county police officers

**Military Appreciation Ride** - This ride is for veterans and their families. Donations for this help honor veterans and their families with snowmobiling activities. This event introduces many to snowmobiling for the first time!

**TOWN OF BIG BEND HELIPAD PROJECT** - A helipad landing is being developed near the intersection of HWY 40 and County Rd. D for a landing zone for emergency medical helicopters

## **HOW FAR WE HAVE COME**

Since we became a club in 2007 it is unbelievable how much we have accomplished! Some of you may not be aware that when we first organized we did not have any trails to maintain. We did offer to help other clubs with trail maintenance if they needed it. In 2009 we were approached by the Blue Diamond Trail Breakers wondering if we would be interested in taking over the Blue Diamond Trail and Trail 14 as they were disbanding. Knowing the importance of keeping trails open we were very pleased being asked. Thru the years we have made many changes from reroutes, new trails, bridge repairs, culvert replacements to name a few! I am happy to say that the efforts of the club have not gone unnoticed by Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation Forest and Trails Division! In a recent email they closed with "We can't thank you enough for all of the time and energy donated by your members to the Back 40 Trail Riders and the Chippewa Valley Snowmobile Organization. Your work has resulted in noticeable improvements to the trails in the Blue Diamond Area". That is a huge compliment to The Back 40! As a club we are very fortunate to have such great members who care about the sport of snowmobiling and are out there helping be it on trails or events. **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!**

## **AWSC OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The AWSC is looking for nominations for "Of the Year Awards" for young snowmobiler, family, dealership, groomer and adult snowmobiler and new this year Club of the Year. If you would like to nominate anyone or the club you can get the information at <https://www.awsc.org/Clubs/Of-the-Year-Nominations> Deadline for the nominations is June 5, 2018.

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND EVENTS**

APRIL 13, 2018	CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM AT FIRESIDE
AUGUST 11, 2018	CORN FEED AT FIRESIDE

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**TIPS FOR PUTTING YOUR SLED AWAY FOR THE SEASON!**

Check your owner's manual. Some snowmobiles have parts that require special attention.

- Repair any damage or general wear and tear from the season
- Drain the fuel from the machine, or fill it up and use a fuel stabilizer Drain fuel from carburetor.
- Give her a good last wash and wax to remove any salt or other harmful substances.
- Spray fogging oil into the cylinders to prevent corrosion.
- Disconnect the battery. Consider using a battery maintainer or give it a light charge monthly.
- Jack it up to avoid moisture and keep weight off the suspension.
- Grease lube points on the suspension and chassis.
- Remove the belt, store it unrolled.
- Clean the clutches.
- Loosen the suspension.
- Block exhaust, air intake, cooling holes and any other openings to keep animals out.
- Store your sled in a dry place protected from the elements and pests, and consider covering it.

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