



# The Rider Report

## “Suit Up! Let’s Ride!”

### Back 40 Trail Riders Snowmobile Club

October 2020

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#### What does the AWSC do for snowmobiling?

How well do you know what the AWSC is about? Here’s a little information of how important they are. The AWSC is the state organization representing snowmobilers in the state legislature and with the DNR. The AWSC was established in 1969 with only 5 clubs at the start of the year and ended with 51 clubs. Currently the numbers thru 2019 are very impressive. There are 609 clubs with membership of 49,724. Keep in mind, each membership is only counted as one household. The membership increased to 40,264 when the trail pass was first implemented in 2015. Of your membership dues paid to the Back 40, \$12 goes to the AWSC which makes you eligible for the \$10 per sled state trail pass and also 8 issues of the WSN magazine. Funding for the trails are entirely funded by snowmobilers through funds paid for snowmobile registration, trail passes and gas tax. Volunteers all play a part in helping funds being paid back to the counties. Keep in mind, clubs from all over the state help maintain roughly 25,000 miles of trails that connect to all counties for public use. For 2019 the Back 40 members volunteered 144.50 hours plus use of club and personal equipment.

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#### Change in meeting locations

Our October meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2020 at Fireside starting at 7:00 pm. At the September meeting it was decided due to the COVID issues at this time we will hold our monthly meetings at Fireside through the end of the year in the meeting room across from the bar. Members feel there is more room to social distance here. We would appreciate members attending to wear face masks. I realize there are so many different opinions. We really want to make sure everyone feels comfortable coming to meetings. At this meeting we will discuss future dates for trail work, possibly a reroute on Blue Diamond, Holiday Party and possible fund raiser.

2020-2021 Season  
Monthly Club meetings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday 7:00 pm

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10/09/2020	Fireside
11/13/2020	Fireside
12/04/2020 Tentative	Holiday Party Backwoods
12/11/2020	Fireside
01/08/2021	Hawk's
02/12/2021	Narrow's
03/12/2021	Rose's Bay
04/09/2021	Fireside

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**2020 AWSC Snowmobiler of the Year article**

If your dues are current, many of you probably received your WSN magazine the end of last week. Ron Salter is featured in an article on page 18 on being named Snowmobiler of the Year. Special thanks to Mike & Mary Jo Haider for assisting in putting together the article. It was fitting to see an article on the 1972 Rupp 440 Nitro a couple pages further in. More will follow as to when we will be presenting his award.

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**Trail Passes & Dues**

You are eligible to order your trail passes as long as your dues are paid. Dues to the AWSC are being submitted weekly. Please make sure when you are paying your dues to include the correct spelling of your name as how it appears on your sled registration. If you have a family membership, make sure to include the names that your sleds are registered under. Also, if you have a Commercial Membership, please indicate the name of who the sled is registered in (cannot be a business name) You can use the membership form included in the newsletter. Trail passes can be ordered online through [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org)



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**How will this winter go?**

Many of us changed our ways of participating in things we would normally do during the summer. What we noticed, there seemed to be more recreational traffic and families spending time together! Hoping we will see this carry into the snowmobiling season too! Now is the time to introduce nonsnowmobilers that you know to snowmobiling. The Back 40 is a family friendly snowmobile club for all seasons. In the October issue of the WSN on page 10 is an article by the managing editor. I found it really hit home to what many of us experienced this past year. With all the cancellations that seem to be ongoing, one thing you can consider as being somewhat normal is snowmobiling! Hope everyone is hanging in there with the daily/weekly changes we are dealing with this year. As mentioned in the article, it really sounds like good advice:

**“PUT YOUR POSITIVE PANTS ON”**



**Back 40 Trail Riders Snowmobile Club  
Membership 2020-2021**



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**Member name (s)**

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**Address City State zip**

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**Phone email address**

**Do you wish to share your contact information with other members \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no**

**How would you like to receive your newsletter \_\_\_\_\_email \_\_\_\_\_ mail**

**Type of membership**

**Family: \_\_\_ (\$30) Number of children and names**

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**Single: \_\_\_ (\$25) secondary: \_\_\_ (\$25) \* Name of primary club**

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**Club Commercial membership: \_\_\_ (\$30) Name of business and owners name**

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**State sponsor: \_\_\_ (\$50) Includes Club Commercial membership, appear on AWSC website and WSN magazine)**

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