

Bagley & Brazeau

Joyriders Snowmobile Club

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President's Corner

Have you had your first ride yet? The days of riding have been short due to the warm weather. We have snow all we need is some cold temperatures to firm up the lakes and trails. Our groomer can not effectively groom the trails when the temperature is above 32 degrees. That is why the groomer has not been out towards the end of December. Let's hope for some cold weather.

In past years our club has always supported the AWSC Club Raffle. This is a win-win for everyone. The prizes are donated by manufactures and the AWSC gets half of the money and we get the other half. Your club is a 100% AWSC member which means half of your membership dues goes to AWSC. The AWSC is a very important part of our sport because they work to insure that State and County lands remain open for us to ride on. They also support safety programs, and promote our state.

In past years we have always sent out in the newsletter, to our loyal membership, raffle tickets to sell and you have been very supportive. How ever this year the AWSC requires that unsold tickets be returned as well as sold tickets, so I had to get special permission to send them out. For that reason in this newsletter you will receive tickets along with an envelope to send back both the sold and unsold tickets. I really need your support in getting these tickets back. I am requesting that you send the sold and unsold ticket back by March 1st so we have plenty of time to process them. Thanks in advance and have a great snowmobile season.

Roy Lawrenz

Bagley & Brazeau Joyriders Dinner Ride Event

January 28, 2006

Enjoy a day of riding on our Trail System
And get a sponsor for the
Rescue Squad Fund raiser
Sponsor sheets available from club members

**Meet at 10:00 am at Klondike, WI.
Stop along trail for Lunch**

**Dinner and Raffle at the
Round Roof Supper Club
Kelly Lake, WI**

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.
Family Style Chicken & Ribs
Adults \$12.00 Children 5-12 \$5.00
Children under 5 Free

**Reservations or more information
920-897-2153**



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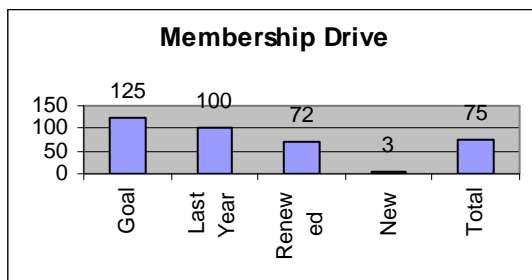
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Membership Drive

As membership chairman I am concerned about the number of members that have not renewed their membership this year. It is my feeling that with the sport of ATV increasing more people are doing that and dropping out of snowmobiling. In relationship to other clubs our renewals are running ahead of last year, but the trend is still down as indicated in the graph below.

That being said it is even more important that we involve active snowmobiler's in a club. Please ask a friend or relative if they are not a member of club to join one today.



As always I am very thankful to those active and supportive members who have joined our club this year. We thank you for your participation.

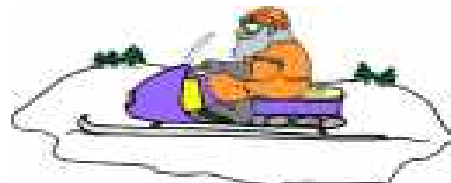
What Does It Take?

Just want does it take to get the trails in our area ready for the season. Your active club members first of all have to contact 75 landowners to ask permission to cross their land. Then we get the county involved to use county land, and request permission from 6 townships to use town roads. When that is completed the work begins.

Year to date your fellow club members have put in 591 hours of labor preparing the trails. That would include brushing the trails, marking them with those trail markers you see on posts, and rerouting trails that have been closed. In addition we again this year rebuild one of our bridges. This year we had to excavate one section of trail to make in passable and materials for the new bridge came in at a cost of just under \$5,000.

Just remember as you ride past one of those dimes in the field someone pounded that stake in. I want to personally **THANK** the trail bosses and all their helpers, officers, and active club members that make our trail system possible. With out your support snowmobiling in Stephenson, Bagley, Brazeau, Suring, Maple Valley, & Beaver Townships would not exist.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
Roy Lawrenz, President



The Cooks Corner

Do you want to share some good receipts for our members to cook that are easy after a good ride on the trail? Send your receipts to Eva Ghand, clubs Cook Chairperson to 10263 Lee Lake Park Lane, Pound, WI 54161 and I will put them in the up coming newsletter next month. We have a lot of good cook's out their so hare your secrets.

Eva Ghand

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EVENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

January 14, 2006
Black Bear Country Club
Suring, WI
10:00 a.m.

January 28, 2006
Joyriders Annual Dinner Ride Event
Watch for details in newsletter

February 11, 2006
Vance's, Klondike, WI
10:00 a.m.

March 11, 2006
Walker's Bay, White Potato Lake
10:00 a.m.

April 8, 2006 Spring Clean Up
9:00 a.m.
Joyriders Storage Shed
Lunch to follow

December 3, 2005 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Roy Lawrenz at 9:15 a.m. at the Round Roof Supper Club on Kelly Lake.

First Order of Business:

Secretary's report

A motion was made by Tony Ghand to accept minutes as mailed, seconded by Jerry Frey. Motion approved.

Second Order of Business:

Treasurers report

A motion to accept treasurers report as read by Roy Lawrenz made by Jerry Frey, Seconded by Brian Burns. Motion approved.

Third Order of Business:

Old Business:

Landowner contracts have been updated and signed with a few exceptions; some landowners are reluctant to sign. Roy requested that the team leaders identify the couple of landowners who did not sign so our paper work is up to date.

A settlement was reached on the land dispute in the White Potato Lake area to the satisfaction of the club and the landowner.

Garage door openers were installed by Tom Stadler, Kurt Stadler, and Jerry Frey, this was a 6 hour project. Thanks to you guys!

Fourth Order of Business:

New Business:

Our annual dinner fund raiser ride to be held on January 28th was discussed. It will be held at the Round Roof and cost will be \$12.00 for adult and children 5-12 \$5.00. The evening events will be similar to last years. Member will again be requested to sign up sponsors for the Rescue Squad fund raiser. Last year we were able to present the rescue squad with a nice check can we do it this year ????????

Roy made a motion to present an Honorary Lifetime membership to be given to a member from the very beginning helped develop our trail system to what it is today at the dinner ride event, seconded by Earl Macha. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Tony Ghand to sell ads for the groomer billboard by Joyce Sukowski at cost to be determined by expenses, seconded by Gene Duffy. Motion approved.

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Landowner requests the trail between Lee Lake and Klondike will remain closed until after Bow hunting season which ends January 1.

Blackbear Golf course was changed also trail on Deer Lake Rd., 203 have had some rerouting done also.

Tom contacted our Oconto County agent about grading on the ATV trails. The ATV club only graded an 8ft wide which is too narrow for 10ft wide drag. It was necessary to contract a grader on our own. He spent 3 -10 Hour days to upgrade ATV trails. Expense for this is being discussed with the ATV club. If we widen the trails it should be our expense, but if we are just bring them back to where they were in the beginning of the year it should be the expense of the ATV club.

New bridge in Wescott Lake area is going to be today's work project along with marking trails in White Potato Lake area.

Membership:

Renewed 73 and 2 new memberships.

A.S.W.C:

New maps for the 2006 and 2007 layouts are completed and have gone to printers and should be ready for distribution within 3 weeks.

CLUB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

The new state program being proposed is as follows. There will be a one-time registration, which will be good for as long as you own your snowmobile. The cost will be what the actual cost it takes to issue it. Estimated cost is \$5.00.

The program will furnish forms to all club secretaries. When members pay their club dues, the secretary will stamp or sign the form that the dues are paid. The club member will list their sled or sleds on the form and mail it with a payment to the AWSC office who will then mail out the trail pass.

The cost of the pass for club members is \$15.00. The savings for registering as a club member is right now. Non-club members registration fees will pay \$35.00. Out of state stickers will be raised at this time as well. AWSC will remit the money to the DNR, but the pass fees will cover all AWSC expenses. AWSC will be the only agent to sell the \$15.00 club stickers. All non-club members will get their trail pass using the regular DNR agents. Every sled will need a new trail pass each year just like our cars.

We know this is a very big change in our registration program, but it is needed to level the playing field for everyone. Example: Club members pay \$15.00 per year registration plus on average \$20.00 for club dues and they do all the work. Non-club members pay \$35.00 per year registration and do not participate in trail maintenance work. For club members the \$20.00 club dues plus \$15.00 equals the Non Member registration fee per year. The AWSC feels we must correct this unbalance and CAP can do it. In New Hampshire this program has raised club membership from 25% to 80%. We hope it will do the same for us. Please support the CAP program. Your AWSC Committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Burns and seconded by Jerry Frey. Motion approved.