

# Drifters Snowmobile Club

Founded 1967  
P. O. Box 641  
Neenah, WI 54957-0641

## December Newsletter!!!



**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:30p.m. in the Winncrest Banquet Hall @ the Rodeo Bar & Grill, 2788 Towne Court, Neenah. We would like all members & friends to attend & enjoy the fun! Trail Twister prizes to give away!! **Note:** BOD will meet at 7:00p.m.



**Holiday Party Update:** The Holiday Party is on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Kodiak Jacks in Oshkosh. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The club will pay for 3 drinks per paid club member. The dinner will be based on the point system. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**. You can email me (Lisa Bombinski) at [mlekk@new.rr.com](mailto:mlekk@new.rr.com) or [lbombinski@jkkeller.com](mailto:lbombinski@jkkeller.com) or call me at 920-850-2314.



**Trail Marking Update:** Great turnout this year for marking trails even though we were unable to mark many of the trails due to standing corn. Mark Bombinski & Ken Romberg will continue to mark trails as they become available. **A SPECIAL THANKS to Eve Schierland for the use of her shed.**

Carl "Sonny" Borchert, age 77, of Larsen, passed away on November 1, 2008. Sonny was a founding member of the Drifters Snowmobile Club. A card & memorial was sent to the Borchert family on behalf of the Drifters.

**Groomer Update:** Work continues on the groomer.

If you are interested in driving the groomer this year, please contact Ken Romberg ([kromberg@athenet.net](mailto:kromberg@athenet.net) ph# 920-858-9583 or Mark Bombinski ([mlekk@new.rr.com](mailto:mlekk@new.rr.com) ph# 920-850-2548).

Mark will create a drivers schedule for the groomer.

**New Members:** Recruiting new members will be 2 points per membership – this will be voted on at the December meeting.

**DNR Snowmobile safety course:** This safety course is scheduled on December 13<sup>th</sup> for the members who signed up.

### CAP FUND:

Proposed Legislation "CAP" (Club Assistance Program) Fund otherwise known as the "CAP FUND":

The facts:

- 1) There are 214,000 Registered snowmobiles in the state of Wisconsin
- 2) 60,000 of those belong to Snowmobile clubs of which those members- contribute by volunteering to mark, brush, maintain trails, groom etc.
- 3) The proposed legislation would attempt to make it a level playing field for all via... initiating a one time registration fee of \$15.00 and initiating a trail pass at the cost of \$35.00 each for all to ride the trails. For those who belong to a

club would enjoy a \$20.00 discount. Actual cost for snowmobile club members would be \$15.00/season. Other than the one-time registration fee of \$15.00 which would be good for the life of the snowmobile, there wouldn't be any added increase for the snowmobile club member.

4) The Winnebago and other North East Wisconsin County Snowmobile Alliances are planning a bus trip of volunteers to take the day off during the week (i.e. a Tuesday or Wednesday or a Thursday those are the days that the house is in session) to visit Madison the state capitol in an attempt to lobby our state senators into taking serious consideration of the proposed CAP Fund legislation. \*Date of bus trip to be announced\*

5) If those of us currently supporting our local snowmobile clubs (approx 60,000 members) do not make the bus trip, you can bet that those other 154,000 free loaders will & they will not want to pay any more than they are already giving, which is nothing...including continuing "non support" of the trail systems.

In closing we all (us Snowmobilers) need to act now by doing our part and taking the day off of work and getting on that bus to Madison. If we don't the freeloaders will continue to enjoy our beautiful trails at the expense of the few active club members throughout the state. **Thank you in advance for your help and support!**

**Items for Discussion:**

- Groomer Update
- Trail Marking Update
- Finalize 2009 Club Ride
- Open Floor

**Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!**



**BELOW IS A MEMBERSHIP FORM - NEED ALL DUES PAID ASAP!**

Ask a friend to join the club or hand it to someone you meet on the trails who doesn't belong to a club. For club correspondence, e-mail will save time and money on postage and printing. Please indicate on your form email address for club correspondence. Please submit a form in order to help us keep the membership rolls current and accurate.

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**\*\*\* DRIFTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP FORM \*\*\***

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ \$25 Family: \_\_\_ \$20 Single: \_\_\_ \$100.00 Commercial Member: \_\_\_

Club membership fee includes the magazine Wisconsin Snowmobile News, and membership benefits in Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC). AWSC is the statewide organization supporting Wisconsin snowmobilers' interests, including county and state legislative activities. Return completed

form with membership fee to: Drifters, PO Box 641, Neenah, WI 54957-0641 or bring to a meeting. The Drifters meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month through May, 2009, in the Winncrest Banquet Hall at the RODEO Bar, Neenah (Winchester Road II) at 7:30 PM.