



ROLLING HILLS

Snowmobile & ATV Club
WASHBURN COUNTY WISCONSIN



March 2026

From The President

HIGH COSTS OF MAINTAINING THE TRAILS

While the costs of many items have somewhat moderated of late, the costs of maintaining our trails system are still very high. We were just faced with \$18,000 worth of repairs to our New Holland tractor. While our costs escalate virtually every year, the state grants we receive do not. We have been receiving about the same dollar amounts from the state grants over the last many years. Consequently, we must plan and organize several fundraising events annually such as raffles and poker runs. We frequently publicize our fundraising events in our Newsletters, Facebook, and emails to our members and others. Please make every effort to attend and participate in these fundraising events and support us in maintaining the best trail system in Wisconsin!

~ Randy

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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES...

We hope that you will join us in some fun and socializing

Saturday April 18th we are planning a club meeting/spring atv/utv kick off. Time: 10 to 2pm. Located at the Shell Lake Community Center. We are planning to cook/sell hamburgers and hot dogs. We are working on a guest speaker. Greg Olson, WATVA NW Regional Rep will be there to speak..

Hoping for a great turnout for people to meet our board members and learn what it takes for our club to exist.

We are working on a poker run for July 18th or 25th. Working on coordination with a host location.

We are set to be in the Rodeo Parade.

Working on our summer club trip.

Please contact the club -



Rita at rgoveronski@yahoo.com 715-308-5509 or

Craig at craighanson28@gmail.com 715-520-0551

News from the Trail Boss

Trail Clearing: After the first ice storm in

December we cleared the trails so they were safe to open and groom.

As temperatures moderate it will be necessary to remove the remaining brush and leaning trees before April 15th, the oak wilt deadline. Please call or email with your availability and I will schedule teams to cover our 140 mile system. 715-635-8661 or jjdienstl@gmail.com.

Trail Boss-Jim

Recruiting youth into our snowmobile and ATV community is vital to the survival of our sport. Here's some information this up and coming organization - K.A.O.S.:



**ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN SNOWMOBILE CLUBS
YOUTH KAOS PROGRAM
(Kids and Adults On Snowmobiles)**

MISSION : The purpose of the AWSC KAOS Youth Program is two-fold. First it is to give the youth an in-depth understanding of how the total snowmobile program is organized, starting from the local clubs up to and including International. Secondly, KAOS is considered a leadership training program for young snowmobilers. As dedicated volunteers are getting older, our goal is to train the younger members to take over leadership roles in order to keep our organizations as strong as they currently are.

MEMBERSHIP: Each county elects one/two high school age snowmobilers (high school age being 14-18) who will represent their county in the statewide youth program known as KAOS (Kids and Adults On Snowmobiles) as a **Youth Representative**. Once a member of KAOS for a minimum of two years, youth can apply to become a **Youth Advisor**. These youth are selected by the Adult Committee and the Youth Chairman/Advisor(s). Youth Advisors can be ages 18-21 and serve as mentors to the Youth Representatives.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: The KAOS Program begins with the blessings of the **AWSC Executive Board and the Board of Directors**. Their directives are given to a **Youth Chairman/Advisor(s)**. The Chairman/Advisor works firstly with an **Adult Committee** who form policy, implement ideas, and supervise all youth activities and projects.

EXPECTATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Each Youth Representative is asked to attend the Annual Fall Workshop, the Annual Spring Convention, the summer Director's meeting, and the winter Director's meeting. Their responsibilities at these events are (a) to meet and discuss ideas on how the youth can get involved and plan future projects; (b) meet the adults of the snowmobiling community to learn from their experiences how they, as future leaders, can become involved; (c) attend the Director's meetings to get an understanding of how the snowmobiling program operates; and (d) join various adult committees to gather more knowledge and have some input of the opinions of youth.
2. Youth Representatives are to attend their local adult club meetings, county meetings and/or alliance meetings as much as possible. They are to report what is happening in the youth program, offer assistance, and ask for support.
3. Youth Representatives are to engage with other snowmobiling youth from their own community and teach their peers the importance of involvement for the future of the sport.

Winter Club Ride



We had a great turn out and perfect weather for the club ride. There were fifteen to twenty members scattered all over the trails and more fun to be had in the evening get togethers.



Club Trip Reimbursement

Eligible members who attended the club snowmobile trip to Red Cliff can submit for reimbursement by mailing your hotel room invoice to:

**RHSC
PO Box 91
Spooner, WI 54801**

Or sending a pdf copy to mbalkeefe@gmail.com. Eligibility includes any member who has contributed at least 40 hours of work on the trails, or in an administrative capacity in the preceding year, and Board Directors who have attended at least nine General and Board meetings in the preceding year. Up to two nights of lodging and taxes shall be reimbursed.



Meat Raffle News



- UPCOMING MEAT RAFFLES -

March 13 - Northwinds Resort & Bar 6:00 PM



TRAIL CONDITIONS

Monday March 2, 2026

Snowmobile Trails:

Effective 2/19/2026 - With the recent rain and lack of snow to follow, all Washburn County Trails will be Closed Effective Immediately, except for the Wild River Trail (Trail 35) and the Shell Lake Grade (Trail 39S). This closure will include Snowmobiles, ATVs and UTVs and will remain closed until further notice.

Please be advised that ice conditions continue to vary and traveling on any lake is never 100% safe. Washburn County Forestry does not maintain anything past the high water point. Please use caution if you are out on any lake.

Winter ATV Use:

As a rule, all official Washburn County ATV trails are considered open to year round use unless otherwise noted, with the exception of the spring closure from April 1 through the first Friday before Memorial Weekend. Most snowmobile trails, on Washburn County Forest lands, are open for motor vehicle use under 900 pounds from December 1 through April 1. This means that ATV's are permitted on snowmobile trails that are not on private lands, during the winter months. UTV's are allowed on these same trails ONLY during non-groomed conditions. The Washburn County portion of the Wild Rivers Trail and the rail grade to Shell Lake are open for UTV use during snow groomed conditions; These are the only trails open to UTV use once trail grooming is commenced. Please note that the April 1 closure is flexible; Trails may close earlier depending on conditions. Land use agreements with private landowners for snowmobile trails do not permit the use of ATV's at any time of the year.



For Current Trail Conditions, click here



March 9 - 5:30 pm

Board Meeting
Tony's Riverside
All are welcome to attend

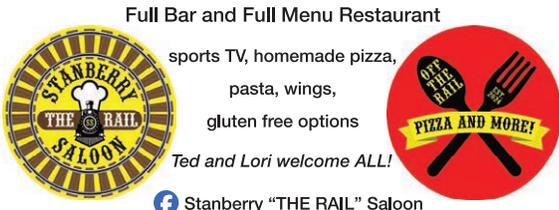
March 13

Meat Raffle
Northwinds Resort 6:00 pm

April 18

Club Meeting
Shell Lake Community Center
10 - 2 pm

Sponsor Spotlight



Full Bar and Full Menu Restaurant

sports TV, homemade pizza,
pasta, wings,
gluten free options

Ted and Lori welcome ALL!

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CAMP RIDE CAMPGROUND

Located on the Wild Rivers Trail in Spooner, Wisconsin with spacious parking at each seasonal and nightly site.

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