



Tri County Snowmobile Club News

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Trails Opened Late Due to Lack of Snow—Again

The opening of the gates occurred much later than usual due to the lack of snow. We opened the gates December 30 and 31st to be as ready as possible for that seemingly rare but needed storm of that beautiful white stuff.

Packing operations began Tuesday January 3rd and are going well. We may be able to start the actual grooming soon. Packing and clearing the trails without pulling a drag works very well to set up good trails with a small amount of snow.

Trails will get 4 to 8 grooms per week depending on weather and the amount of snow that falls. We now need lots of snow before the trails will be in good

CLUB INFORMATION

Officers elected at the October 2011 meeting are:

Greg Olender- President- 563-9484
Mike Harper- Vice Pres- 774-4468
Bob DeDecker- Treasurer- 563-9307
Lee Coates- Secretary - 396-2754

Directors:

Alan Bilski 563-5350
Roger Peterson 563-8451
Ed Rizzi 563-8008

MEMBERSHIPS

Please obtain your \$3.00 membership as soon as you can from a current club member, or by mailing a check to us.

The year on your address label indicates the last year that we have record of dues being paid.

CLUB WEBSITE—HELP!!

We are seeking a person to take over the monitoring and updates for the clubs website. Pat Patterson who set it up and has done a great job for a number of years now has other commitments.

UP Logon has hosted our website and deserves thanks for their help. Dean Carollo, owner, has always been willing to assist us as needed.

If you can help with the website please attend a meeting or contact the president at olenderg@gmail.com.

Improvements

A trail improvement project has been completed just North of Fumee Lake at Upper Pine Creek Road. This repair has changed the road crossing and approaches. Thanks to the Zanon's, Drake's and Bilski's for their permissions and Al Bilski for his work on the project.

New Club Address

With the moving of the president to his retirement home the official address has changed again.

The new address is:

Tri County Snowmobile Club
2671 Sundog Lake Rd.
Republic, MI 49879

Help Needed-Get Involved

The sport of snowmobiling depends on vounteers to keep the trails in place and in shape for riding.

Club meetings are held the first Monday of all months except June, July and August at the Americ Inn or the Wauceedah Town hall in Loretto. Get your friends together and attend a meeting. Give back to our community.

Fumee Lake Grooming

If you do not already know, the club grooms the cross country ski trails at Fumee Lake. The grooming of the ski trails is done as needed and is funded by the Fumee Lake Commission. Our club is glad to be involved in this community activity.

LANDOWNER DINNER

The date for the Land Owner Recognition Dinner this year has been set for Thursday April 12, 2012. Please mark your calendar for the most important gathering of the year.

Equipment and Grooming

We currently operate a 2009 Pisten Bulley tracked vehicle, a 2004 Fendt wheeled 4wd tractor and a 2008 Fendt 4wd tractor with Soucy rubber tracks. Four drags are rotated between the different power units as snow and trail conditions dictate. Value is almost \$500,000.

Groomer drivers are Rick Trepanier, Rick Gendron, Lee Coates, Rick Larson, Jared Gendron and Chase Freeman. We thank them for their efforts.



CLUB RIDES 2012

Show up at the start locations or call our ride committee.

Ride committee:
Ed Rizzi—563-8008
Louie Walters —774-3918

Weather and trail conditions permitting, this years club rides will be held on selected weekends. Rides begin mid morning and are usually complete by mid to late afternoon.

The club ride is run at a moderate speed of 30 to 35 mph. We will ride as a group using etiquette and trail manners. Always keep to the right and expect oncoming traffic.

ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THE PERSON BEHIND YOU IS, MAKE SURE THAT PERSON IS STILL BEHIND YOU.

As snowmobilers, we promote safe and responsible snowmobiling at all times.

Saturday January 14, 2012
FELCH (Solbergs -246-3227)
Leave Ball Rd. at 9:00 Fumee at 9:30

Saturday January 21, 2012
RANDVILLE (Randville 542-3801)
Leave Fumee Jct at 10:00

Saturday January 28,2012
PERRONVILLE (Perronville 466-2675)
Leave Ball Rd. at 10 AM

Saturday February 4, 2012
REPUBLIC (Summer Pl. 376-2419)
Leave Ball Rd at 8 AM Fumee at 8:30
*160+ mile ride -few stops quick pace

Saturday February 11, 2012
POWERS (Sidetrack 497-5221)
Leave Ball Rd. at 10:00 AM

Saturday February 18, 2012
GWINN (Lynns Café 346-5800)
Leave Ball Rd at 8AM Fumee at 8:30
*170 mile ride-few stops,-quick pace

Sunday February 26, 2012
LABRANCHE (246-3554)
Leave Ball Rd at 10 AM

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Membership Application

Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

**Send to: Tri County Snowmobile Club
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