

Minocqua Forest Riders Snowmobile Club

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NEWSLETTER September 2011

CALENDER OF EVENTS

August 29 Monday	Board Meeting	Bo-Di-Lac Fire Barn	3:00 PM
Sept. 7 Wednesday	Highway Clean-up	Hwy 70 & Mercer Lk Rd.	8:00 AM
Sept. 12 Monday	General Meeting	Moose Jaw Resort	6:15 PM
Oct. 3 Monday	Board Meeting	Bo-Di-Lac Fire Barn	3:00 PM
Oct. 10 Monday	General Meeting	Reel Em Inn	6:15 PM
Nov. 7 Monday	Board Meeting	Bo-Di-Lac Fire Barn	3:00 PM
Nov. 14 Monday	General Meeting	Hazelhurst Pub	6:15PM
Dec.	Kick Off Dinner	more info to follow	
Dec. 5 Monday	Board Meeting	Bo-Di-Lac Fire Barn	3:00 PM
Dec. 12 Monday	General Meeting	Musky Jack's	6:15PM
Dec. 31 Friday	Brat Fest	NEW MINOCQUA PARK	11:00AM-3:00PM

The 2011/2012 season dues are due NOW!

Please take the time to send in your dues right away while you are reading this newsletter. It makes our bookkeeping so much easier if dues are in early. Please use the membership form (at the end of this letter) when renewing your dues.

Get to know our new President – Pat Harkins

As your newly elected President a brief background is in order. I was born and raised in Rhinelander, WI and went to college at UW Stevens Point, graduating with degrees in Biology and Natural Resources. I loved the outdoors from an early age, often wondering the countryside in the winter on old “downhill skis” or snowshoes when I was finally able to get a pair. I had “my own” 12 foot aluminum boat with a 5hp Scott-Atwater motor on the lake in front of our house in the summer at 8 yrs. old. As the oldest of nine kids, I was always looking for a job as I grew up and worked for a “Pure” oil gas station in Rhinelander where they rented snowmobiles in the early 60’s. They were a thing of beauty-red sheet metal, flat glass windshield, no suspension other than the track, and nearly always broken down! The war of words began as trails were being established. Eventually over the last 50 years a wonderful trail system has been developed and the machines have made remarkable progress. My first machine was a 1970 Bolen’s twin cylinder Sprint, primarily used for hunting, fishing and trapping. I never made it north to ride the trails.

I eventually worked for the WI DNR for 27 years, retiring in 1999 and returning to the north woods. My wife of 41 years, Sharon, retired last year and we hope to do more riding in 2011-2012 as we have recently moved into a house we built on Diamond Lake.

As the summer quickly passes it’s time to get into snowmobile thinking mode. Many of your Board of Directors and members are already busy working on ongoing issues; beaver problems (Marcel), food stand at the craft show (Judy Zingsheim & crew), brat stand and block party on Aug. 27th at Trig’s (Lou Liggio & crew), new landowner gates and trails reroutes (Mike Deutscher, Marcel and myself), scheduling, meeting and newsletters (Sue Hiel), payment of ongoing bills, mail etc. (Sue Ramirez), soliciting map ads and payments (George Giron) and many others.

The Minocqua Forest Riders Club functions because of the very dedicated group of long time members, many of whom still donate a lot of time and personal expense for the betterment of our Club. Many are getting on in years and we recently lost longtime groomer, trail worker, BOD member Jeff Zanski. He will

be missed. His wife, Diane, is still helping with activities. Another member, groomer, trail worker and property owner we lost last year was Louie Peters, who will also be missed.

So what can you as members do to help in these trying economic times? Try to participate in our monthly membership meetings and scheduled activities. Volunteer your time to assist at an event or two during the year, we are always seeking help it seems. Most of our events are on weekends so come and join the fun. We will begin planning for the “kick off” party very soon and the date will be in the newsletter “calendar of events”. I would like to see 100 attend this year.

Many of you who cannot make it “up north” donate extra dollars with your membership dues. This is also greatly appreciated as we are taking budget cuts due to tough economic times.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank Mike Deutscher and his wife Mary. Mike is as dedicated to this club as anybody I have seen and did a wonderful job over the last 3 years as President. His accomplishments are long and many. Mary was always beside him in his work and on the trails.

Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Snowflake-2011.

In closing, Bruce Larose has agreed to be on our Board of Directors, filling Jeff Zanski’s vacancy. Bruce joined our club last year, was a recent President of a snowmobile club in Price County, and did some grooming for us last year.

Our Vice President position is currently open and I would like to fill this soon. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any interest in getting involved or know someone who may be willing to serve.

Please call me personally if you have questions, issues, or complaints. It’s best if we can resolve them in a timely fashion. I will work hard to try to resolve any issues, explain our reasoning etc. but it’s hard if we don’t hear about these things when they occur.

As our 2011-2012 season begins we will get our event chairs listed as well.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, snow is just around the corner.

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FOREST RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
For 2011/2012 Season

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Family Membership: \$ 25

Trail Grooming Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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