

Forest Riders

Snowmobile Club

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Membership Renewal Notice

Your 2018 - 2019 Membership is Due Now!

There are two ways to renew your membership for the upcoming snowmobile season:

- Visit our Minocqua Forest Riders Website: <http://www.minocquaforestriders.org> and click on the “**Join Our Club**” link on the home page, fill out the form and make your payment using PayPal.
- Fill out the form on the most recent trail map or print the form off the website and mail it to us along with a check.

All memberships will expire on April 30th, 2019 regardless of the month the membership starts.

*** Volunteer Opportunities ***

Our club is seeking someone to take on the task of **Social Events Coordinator**. This person will be responsible for planning our annual Kickoff To Snowmobiling Party and our annual Member Appreciation Dinner. This year, both events will be held at Norwood Pines Supper Club. This person will coordinate an itinerary for the evening, plan the menu to be served and publicizing the event and/or invite members to the event. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves to plan social events and get involved at the next level of club participation.

Roadside Clean-up Coordinator Needed: Each year our club has been involved in the state highway clean-up project. Our club's responsibility is to rid Highway 70 West of roadside debris. Typically we have volunteer crews doing this twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring. Typically the group meets for an optional breakfast at the Black Bear Bar prior to heading out to the highway. Last spring our coordinator for this activity resigned and our club has yet to find a replacement. The responsibilities of this position are to organize a work group and keep the state informed of our activities.

Please contact a representative of the club if you are interested in either of the above positions.

On Saturday, October 13th, the club will be hosting the 2nd Annual Trail Maintenance Party at the equipment shed. The purpose of this event is to let you experience what it takes to maintain our trail system while getting a chance to socialize with fellow club members. The event is open to both men, women and children of appropriate age! See **Page 4** for the details.

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct 13, 2018	Trail Maintenance Party	Location: MFR Equipment Shed
Oct 16, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Oct 16, 2018	General Membership Meeting	Location: Behnke's BuckSnort Resort
Nov 20, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Nov 20, 2018	General Membership Meeting	Location: Aberdeen Restaurant & Bar
Nov 30, 2018	Kickoff to Snowmobiling Party	Location: Norwood Pines Supper Club
Dec 18, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Dec 18, 2018	General Membership Meeting	Location: Hazelhurst Pub
Jan 12, 2019	Chili Buffet	Location: The Boathouse
Jan 12, 2019	General Membership Meeting	Location: The Boathouse
Jan 15, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Jan 26, 2019	Northwoods Cruise for Cancer Ride	Location: The Boathouse
Feb 16, 2019	Brat Party	Location: Musky Shores
Feb 19, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Feb 19, 2019	General Membership Meeting	Location: Musky Shores
Feb 23, 2019	Snowmobile Raffle Drawing	Location: Rustic Pines
Mar 19, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Mar 19, 2019	General Membership Meeting	Location: Bitters & Bull
May 7, 2019	Membership Appreciation Dinner	Location: Norwood Pines

Visit Us In The Cloud

Keep up to date about club information between the publication of the newsletters by either finding us on the Internet or "liking" us on Facebook. Becki Nieze will once again work as our Communications Coordinator and Sue Holle will be keeping you up to date on Facebook.

Find us on the **World Wide Web** at: <http://www.minocquaforestriders.org>. We encourage you to share your snowmobiling experiences by emailing club related pictures along with captions to forestriderspictures@gmail.com.

Like us on **Facebook** by typing "*Minocqua Forest Riders Snowmobile Club*" into the Search box. We want and appreciate your input in regard to our club. If you have any photos, stories, interesting snowmobile facts or comments, please message us and we will share your information with the rest of our friends.

Executive Committee

Curt Christensen	President
Art Wehnert	Vice President
Susie Shanks	Secretary
Jim Heller	Treasurer
Tom Teichmiller	Appointment

Board of Directors

Bob Rynders	Director
Tom Teichmiller	Director
Jerry Larson	Director
Steve Margitan	Director

Appointments

Becki Nieze	Communications
Sue Holle	Map Production
Bob Rynders	Trail Supervisor
Curt Christensen	Assistant
John Hollander	Equipment

President's Report

Well, it's that time of year again. I'm sure the leaves changing colors is getting everyone excited for the upcoming snowmobile season. Even though I won't be able to ride our trails this year (I continue to recuperate from injuries sustained in an accident this past summer), I'm still looking forward to a long and very white winter.

I have two items to report to you:

This past spring, the Board of Directors signed an APHIS (Animal And Plant Health Inspection Services) contract to help control the beaver population throughout our trail system, hopefully stopping them from damaging culverts on the trails. The agency did have some success, however, there was also some extensive damage done.



Pictured above is Bob Rynders replacing a rusty 5' steel culvert with three 3' polyurethane tubes.

Phase II of our Business Sign installation will be completed this season. Trail sign space has been sold to select club sponsors whose business name and amenities will appear on signs, in coordination with the area signs that were installed prior to last season.

Snowmobile Raffle



Many of our members received raffle tickets to either sell to relatives, neighbors, and friends or to purchase for themselves. If you received tickets and do not want to buy or sell them, please return them to the club so we can find another way of selling them. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Rotary Club Partnership

This year, Art Wehnert took over the responsibility of coordinating our club's volunteer effort to help the Lakeland Rotary Lunch Club set-up and tear-down their Beef-A-Rama food & beer garden. Eight to ten of our members participated in this task. We also had club members volunteer to help out with the food service, including your Vice President who was the hotdog chef! Last year, the Rotary club donated \$3,000 to our club for this work.



Club Snowmobile Rides

Members Larry and Nancy Schum have once again volunteered to coordinate eight club rides, beginning the first Wednesday in January. The rides will rotate between Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each week the Schum's will lead a ride to a variety of lunch destinations throughout the northwoods.

Information about each ride will be available on our website and on Facebook. We will also use our member email blasts to keep you posted throughout the season.

Equipment Shed Work Nights

This year, John Hollander has been appointed Equipment and Maintenance Manager by the Board of Directors. Pat Harkins will be working with John in coordinating this volunteer opportunity.



Each week, John will create a list of projects that need to get done on **Tuesday** nights at the shop. This is an opportunity for you to help maintain our equipment or work on special projects related to maintaining our trail system. To get in on the fun, contact Pat at pwharkins@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer and be added to the work night email list.

MINOCQUA FOREST RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

2nd Annual Trail Maintenance Party

Saturday
October 13th

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Forest Rider Equipment Shed

The purpose of this event is to let you experience what it takes to maintain our trail system while getting a chance to socialize with fellow club members. The event is open to both men, women and children of appropriate age!

Coffee and rolls will be served between Eight-Thirty and Nine O'clock while we organize into work groups. Our six Area Leaders will have projects for you to work on out in the trail system. We'll be back at the equipment shed no later than Two O'clock for a luncheon, which includes malt beverages and soft drinks.

Some of the projects can be accessed by an ATV. If you have one, bring it to the event and get in a ride as well as help maintain our trails! Dress appropriately by wearing footwear designed for hiking in the woods and bring a pair of work gloves. A chainsaw is useful as well.

This is a great opportunity for you to get a chance to see what our regular trail workers do and to participate in the ongoing work that is needed to keep our trails in outstanding condition.

**Please RSVP Mike Deutscher at (715) 356-3883
or mmtub@yahoo.com**

Quality Snowmobile Trails In Wisconsin's North Woods

Timeline for Securing a Discounted Wisconsin Trail Pass

Joining Our Snowmobile Club:

1. Your application is received by the club.
2. No later than seven business days before the end of the month, your AWSC Membership Request will be processed with the AWSC.
3. The AWSC mails membership cards to us at the end of the month.
4. We mail new AWSC membership cards, during the first week of the next month, back to our members.
5. Apply for your discounted trail pass, on-line or at the AWSC office, at which time you will be given a receipt.
6. You can ride with this receipt until your trail pass arrives in the mail from the DNR.

To sum things up, it takes about a month for you to get your AWSC membership card after you apply to renew or become a member of our club. To ensure that you have a trail pass when the season opens, join our club ASAP so you can apply for your Trail Pass during the fall months ahead. Contact us if you purchase a new sled during the season and we'll work with you to expedite this process.

Same Day Service

If you already have an AWSC membership you can apply for your Discounted Trail Pass, either on line or at the AWSC office. You will be given a receipt and you can ride with that until your sticker arrives in the mail from the DNR.

Purchase a full price, \$30.00 Trail Pass, from the DNR on-line or at a service center. You'll get a receipt and you can ride with that until your sticker arrives in the mail.

Snowmobile Raffle Report

The Minocqua Forest Riders have a proud heritage and an even more promising future. The reputation of our 125 miles of **LEGENDARY TRAILS** is not without continued planning, goal setting, hard work and the financial resources needed to maintain and improve the trails.

In order to uphold this incredible reputation, quality trails are required. In addition to tireless volunteer time, proper equipment is critical to ensure that trail improvements and maintenance can be done by our workers. To this end, our club is conducting its **Fourth Annual Snowmobile Raffle**.



Last spring we purchased a 2018 Ski-Doo MXZ Blizzard 900 ACE Snowmobile for the First Place Prize. Yamaha Motor Corp, USA and Ryden Marine of Minocqua provided a 2018 Yamaha SnoScoot Snowmobile for the Second Place Prize. Tony and Rochelle Priesgen donated a Two Place Triton Trailer as the Third Place Prize and Jay Sanders (HVAC Plus) donated a Hot Dawg Garage Heater for the Fourth Place Prize. Also, George and Gloria Tamms (American Litho) donated the printing of the posters and tickets.

This year Steve Shanks continues to be the Raffle Committee Chairperson. Along with help from Pat and Sharon Harkins, Steve's making sure that the snowmobile is visible throughout the greater Minocqua area and that tickets are available for sale. During the summer months, tickets were sold at various community events.

Thank You volunteers who helped out with these ticket sales. The committee is also working with many of our Map Ad sponsors who volunteered to help out our club by agreeing to sell raffle tickets at their businesses.