

# Lakes & Pines Sno-Trails

March 2011 Newsletter



## General Membership Meeting Recap

**Date:** March 19th, 2011  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Voyager Village

**Attendees:** Gail Keup, Ben Keup, Emily Gall, Larry Main, Dave Anderson, Rick Long, Ron Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Stan Heintz, Curt Smith, Jim Barshack, Mark Spease

### President's Report

**TRAIL AT A&E CLOSED INDEFINITELY.** Motion carried to add/repair a fence on landowner's property, and to replant natural growth that has been compromised due to the existence of the trail.

Motion was carried to participate in the "Lake State's Resources Alliance" fundraiser. This is a multi-use organization.

### Secretary's Report

Revised the advertising rates and stipulations. Regulations are as follows: Advertising is limited to MEMBER'S ONLY / First come, first serve basis / Rates are \$50/year for a static message, and \$75/year for the ability to change your message monthly, if desired. Motion carried.

### Equipment Report

The cost of rental for a 3-Point Mower was estimated around \$10/hour.

Gordon Johnson presented the option of purchasing a Sickle Bar. Mark Spease will check on price and report such next meeting.

### Trail Maintenance Report

A few members will be meeting this month to go over trail maintenance and signage. They will report back for next month's meeting minutes.

### New Business

Discussing the possibility of a permanent on premise sign at the trail maintenance building.

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### Board Members:

Gail Keup	<i>President</i>
George Kuechle	<i>Vice President</i>
Paul Kipping	<i>Treasurer</i>
Emily Gall	<i>Secretary</i>
Brian O'Toole	<i>Membership</i>
Ben Keup	<i>Equipment</i>
Larry Main	<i>Trails</i>
Tina Childers	<i>Fundraising / Events</i>

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**April 16th**  
**9:00AM**  
**The Shop**

# The Economic Impact of Snowmobiles

*courtesy of snowmobile.org*

Snowmobilers in Canada and the United States spend over \$28 billion on snowmobiling each year. This includes expenditures on equipment, clothing, accessories, snowmobiling vacations, etc.

Surveys show that, on average, snowmobilers taking overnight trips (24% of these surveyed) take 3 - 5 trips per year, spending 2 nights per trip away from home.

Snowmobiling is responsible for "spin-off" economic benefits such as: 1) jobs for 90,000 people; jobs which enable those people to further stimulate the economy through additional expenditures on goods and services; jobs which provide significant income tax revenues to provincial, state and federal treasuries and dramatically reduce unemployment and welfare payments. 2) millions of dollars in tax revenues derived from snowmobile-related businesses (including, but not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, dealers, resort and hotel facilities, restaurants, service stations, insurance agencies, hardware stores, banks, credit unions, etc.). 3) millions of dollars in winter tourism spending which support local snowbelt economies. 4) millions of dollars in local and provincial/state sales and gas tax revenues.

Snowmobiling has rejuvenated the economies of many communities and is an important segment of the active outdoor recreation economic engine.

Provincial and state travel bureaus actively promote snowmobile tourism through snowmobile information guides, trail maps, and the establishment of toll free numbers with information on snowmobiling opportunities and conditions.

The University of Minnesota Tourism Center completed an analysis of the snowmobile industry in Minnesota in 2005 and reported the snowmobile industry generates substantial tax revenues at the state and local level. Over \$51 million in taxes were paid at the local and state level directly related to snowmobile activity. Federal tax receipts were not included in the report.

Economic impact reports across North America show the positive economic significance of the sport of snowmobiling at all levels.

## Soup Contest

April 14th, 7:00 PM



**West Point Lodge & Campground**

**(715)635-7622**

Call Dawn for more details!

## A&H

## Country Market

**V**ideo Rental

**G**as & Convenience

**G**roceries

**E**xit & Tackle

**H**unting & Fishing Licences

**715.635.8429**



# THE SHOP

## BAR & GRILL

**Progressive Happy Hour M-F**

**Dinner Specials M-SAT**

**Breakfast Saturday & Sunday Mornings**

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## Did you know?

There were 226,152 registered snowmobiles in Wisconsin in 2010

Approximately 82% of all active snowmobilers are male; 18% female.





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## **Burnett County Forest ATV/UTV Rules and Regulations**

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1. All ATVs and UTVs must be registered or licensed in order to ride on Burnett County Forest Lands.
2. Off-road motorcycles are not allowed on Burnett County Forest Lands at any time.
3. From April 1 until the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, all Burnett County Forest lands are closed to ATV/UTV use.
4. From the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through September 15, you may operate your ATV/UTV on State-funded summer use trails only. Only machines meeting the state definition of an ATV/UTV are allowed on these trails. All other trails are closed to ATVs and UTVs. See summer use ATV trails map for trail locations.
5. From September 16 through November 30, you may operate your ATV/UTV on existing snowmobile trails, fire lanes and logging roads on Burnett County Forest Lands. Logging roads must be at least 8 feet wide in order to ride on. Remember some of these trails cross other ownership, and it is illegal to ride there without permission. It is your responsibility to know whose property you are on. Please note: These trails are also currently multi-use trails, which means that any street legal, licensed vehicle can be on these trails. Trails are not being maintained this time of year.
6. From December 1 through March 31, you may ride your ATV/UTV on state-funded winter use trails with a 4 inch groomed snow base. These trails are shown on the Winter Use Trail Map. If we do not have snow, the Frozen Ground ATV Winter Trail will be open for use once the ground is frozen. These trails are shown on the back of the Winter Trail Map. All other trails are closed to ATV/UTV use.
7. Your ATV/UTV must be equipped with a U.S. Forest Service tested, and approved spark arrestor. This arrestor shall be properly maintained and in effective working order.
8. You may NOT operate your ATV/UTV in a reckless manner, without regard to other persons or their property, and such that injury and property damage is likely to occur. You may not pursue any wild animal with the intent of harassing such animal.
9. You may NOT operate your ATV/UTV in any wetlands or within 50 feet of the ordinary high water mark of any surface water, unless on a designated trail.
10. You may NOT operate your ATV/UTV when County or State emergency fire regulations are in effect, or when WDNR wild fire danger is posted at the RED FLAG ALERT.
11. You may NOT operate your ATV/UTV on trails or roads that have been gated, signed or bermed as closed to motorized vehicles.
12. No off trail riding is allowed.

If you have questions, please contact the Burnett County Forest and Parks Department.

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