

Lakes & Pines Sno-Trails

July 2011 Newsletter



General Membership Meeting Recap

Date: July 23, 2011
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: West Point Lodge

Attendees: Stan Hientz, Ben & Gail Keup, George & Terry Kuechle, Tina Childers, John Glewe (buck), Gary Bietel, Jim Fischer, Larry Main, Scott Fell, Ron Johnson, Dale Peterson

President's Report

Ron Johnson is going to look for the land use agreement for Pauline Boyle who has requested a copy of it.

Treasurer's Report

Report reviewed. Looking at the electric bill charges, think it may be a bit high. Going to look more closely at what all the charges are at the next meeting.

Trail Maintenance Report

West beniot & 140 , property owner asked us to sign field so riders do not use the field the club is anticipating extensive trail clean up will be necessary this fall due to the storm on July 2nd

Fundraising Report

Casino night looking at location and dates. Nothing confirmed at this time.

Golf outing is be planned for the Monday after Labor Day. Snowmobile trip/ride. Planning on the same weekend as last year looking at a couple different locations including cable, Hayward and Ashland.

Checking into the status of the raffle license.

New Business

Vice President George Kuechle
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**NEXT MEETING:
To Be
Announced**

SOUND

Sound levels for snowmobiles have been reduced 94% since inception. Pre-1969 snowmobiles were noisy. At full throttle, these machines emitted sound levels as high as 102 dB(A) from a distance of 50 feet.

Snowmobiles produced since February 1, 1975 and certified by the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee's independent testing company emit no more than 78 dB(A) from a distance of 50 feet while traveling at full throttle when tested under the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J192 procedures.

Additionally, those produced after June 30, 1976 and certified by the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee's independent testing company emit no more than 73 dB(A) at 50 feet while traveling at 15 mph when tested under SAE J1161 procedures.

For comparison purposes, normal conversation at three feet produces approximately 70 dB(A). It would take 256 78 dB(A) snowmobiles operating together at wide open throttle to equal the noise level of just one of the pre-1969 snowmobiles.

Problems with excessive noise levels do occur when irresponsible snowmobilers modify the snowmobile exhaust system or substitute the factory system with an after-market racing exhaust. In most states and provinces this practice is illegal and grossly misrepresents the sport.

COMPARING SOUND EMISSIONS BETWEEN OTHER ROAD VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES

In a paper written Greg Davis and Neil Marietta of Michigan Technological University, tests were performed comparing sound emissions of production trail-ridden snowmobiles to that of other everyday

vehicles that travel by road such as passenger cars, motorcycles and semi tractor/trailers. The tests show in many cases, snowmobiles are noticeably quieter. A snowmobile under full throttle emits the same sound level as a truck pulling a camper or an offroad Jeep traveling at constant highway speeds applying very little throttle. So if you refer to a worst case scenario, a snowmobile leaving a stop sign and applying full throttle, the noise produced is still about the same as a very common vehicle simply cruising down the road.

Now, if we look at the worst case scenario in the opposite sense, some motorcycles accelerating and applying nearly full throttle produces nearly 6 times the noise to your ear that a snowmobile driving the same way produces. In a more common example, a logging truck pulling a loaded trailer down the highway traveling at 45 mph will produce twice the noise of a snowmobile applying full throttle. A 4X4 pickup truck pulling a boat on a trailer at a constant speed makes more noise than a snowmobile. Other vehicles have been tested and noted in the paper.

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Wisconsin Snowmobile Fatalities Decline for 6th Straight Year

Posted by *Snowtech* (www.snowtechmagazine.com)
Keeping snowmobilers from speeding at night is being credited as a major factor in a decline in snowmobile fatalities for a sixth straight year in Wisconsin, according to the state's Department of Natural Resources.

Seventeen people were killed in snowmobile crashes during the 2010-2011 snowmobile season, down from 21 fatalities in the 2009-10 season.

The new permanent speed limit of 55 miles per hour for night snowmobiling, along with a greater effort to educate snowmobilers in safety, contributed to the decline in fatalities, the DNR said. "This was the first year for the permanent night time speed limit of 55 mph," said DNR snowmobile administrator Gary Eddy. "The law proved to be effective in the past so that's why we decided to make it permanent."

The limit had been in place on a temporary basis since 2006 until it was enacted as a permanent law in May of 2010. According to DNR records, 23 people died in snowmobile crashes in Wisconsin in 2008-09, 25 in 2007-08, and 26 in 2006-07.

Snowmobile Education Courses Now Available Online

Operators of snowmobiles now have a convenient online method to receive Snowmobile Safety Certification through an Internet web course recently introduced by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The internet course is available at

www.snowmobile-ed.com/wi.

Wisconsin law allows only those 16 years of age or older to take this online course. Those 12 to 15 years of age must take a classroom course

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