



PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

P.O. Box 61, Lakewood, WI 54138

AUGUST, 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Paul Bunyan Members,

We hope all our members are enjoying the summer, and have been staying healthy with the continued challenges related to the Covid-19 Virus. The purpose of this August newsletter is to keep our members informed of the various activities that have been going on since the last newsletter this past February. They are listed below.

- We had two well-attended Brat Frys in June and July this year. These Brat Frys are important to our club to help pay for diesel fuel and related grooming expenses. We want to give a big “Thank You” to all the volunteers who planned and worked them!!
- The 2022-2023 edition of the Paul Bunyan Riders Poker Run Book is being finalized. The books will soon be printed and distributed to the 40 Area Businesses that wished to participate. They are listed at the end of the newsletter.
- The 2022-2023 version of the PBR \$100 Raffle Ticket will be ready soon, and there will only be 200 tickets printed. The PBR Membership will be notified as soon as they are distributed to the selected area businesses so make sure to buy one!
- The **Snow Fun Day event will take place on January 28, 2023**. It is currently in the planning stages, and we will again be asking for suggestions from our members for improvements that will make the event even better. We value your opinions, and we certainly want your input. When you receive a phone call or email, please consider volunteering some time to help plan the event, or work a few hours during the event to make it a success. We are not planning to have the Fishing Contest this year. It just hasn't been profitable, or well attended.
- The Maiden Lake Trail snowmobile bridge (near Thelen Road) is in the process of being replaced. The old 6-ton bridge has been removed, and concrete abutments have been poured. The new bridge will have a 25-ton load capacity. Needless to say, the new bridge will be much larger, and it will have a longer span over the water, as well.
- We have completed about 70% of our trail system adding the DOT trail numbers and compass directions (16W or 16E) to the orange blazers that are attached to the “Intersection Ahead” signs. This will notify the snowmobilers in advance of which way to turn if they are not familiar with the trails, and they are following a map. There will also be blazers (with the same number and direction) at the intersections themselves so they will know for sure which way to turn, as well. And just like the road maps we use when driving a car, trails running predominately North/South will be odd-numbered, and trails running predominately East/West will have even numbers. And similar to the interstate system, the connector trails will have 3 digits (145N or 145S). An example of the new Oconto County map will be posted on the PBR website shortly. And remember, the new DOT maps are not for the folks who know the trails, they are for our visitors who don't.
- A new Calendar of Events is in the works, and we hope we will have if finalized in the next couple of weeks. It will be emailed out to our members and also posted on our www.paulbunyanriders website and Paul Bunyan Riders Facebook page(s).

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- There was a recent board meeting discussion on where and when the monthly meetings will be held. During this discussion, a motion was made to not have the Annual Meeting in September each year. The reasoning was that a Summer Newsletter has always been sent out to update the membership on all the activities that had taken place since the last membership meeting in March (which usually is not very much). This means that the Annual Meeting could be in October instead, and the September Membership meetings could be eliminated. This would take a minor by-law change to be voted on by membership at the October meeting. A motion was made by Jim Wisneski and seconded by Julie Pommering, to move to eliminate this year's September meeting, and all approved.
- Bob Prasser is planning the first brushing day for **Saturday, September 10th at 9:00am at the Groomer Shed**. Please bring your chain saws and loppers. Food and drink will be provided after the work is done. Please check the Paul Bunyan Riders Groomers Group Facebook page for more information.
- We will be having our first membership meeting of the 2021-2022 season at **Phil's Philling Station on Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm**. The Annual meeting will take place in the old restaurant. Beverages can be purchased in the other building where the bar is located. A meeting agenda will be provided.
- Our club membership continues to grow. We currently have 259 memberships with 454 members. So far there are 90 memberships that have already renewed for the 2022-2023 year. Please get your memberships in as soon as possible so there is not a delay in getting your trail passes. Our website has a printable copy of the membership form to send back with a check. You may also use PayPal for a small fee on the website. Once we pay your AWSC dues, they will email you a link to your card and number. Any time after that, you can purchase your \$10 Trail Passes for your DNR registered Snowmobiles.

We want to thank the following members who have renewed their membership as Gold \$50+ (or more) members:

Jason Brecka, Raymond Burandt & Carol Swenson, Dave & Jan Fonder, Joe Klim, Mark & Debbie Wierman, Kurt & Wendy Wenzel, Jerome & Tracey Levash, Karen & Mike Bushy, Eric & Nicole Streblov, Eric & Lori Oleson, Jeff & Kristie Gundelach, Brenda & Tony Garbo, Steve & Kimberly Miedona, Tom & Theresa Leinhart, Doug Engelbert, Lawrence & Lynn Malek, Tim & Elaine Grygiel, Lance & Kim Weidenhoeft, Jay & Cindy Samolinski, Wendy Burgemeister & Ken Schmidt, Bradley & Peggy Wetzell and Jim & Valerie Farmer.

Thanks to these members who gave an additional donation along with their membership:

Larry Westphal, Mike & Shannon Esposito, Richard Andris, Tom & Cindy Tomopoulos, Mike & Nancy Grill, Jim & Diane Sublett, Peter & Nancy Dreher, Gary & Leslee Granke, Ryan & Allison Kimmel, Jason & Jennifer Reinke, Troy Young, Tami Christensen Awe, Eric & Wendy August and Ralph & Stepanie Kieselhorst.

If we have missed someone in the lists above who joined prior to August 26th, please let Robby know at paulbunyanriders@gmail.com.

POKER RUN SPONSOR BUSINESSES for 2022-2023:

Animals Bear Trail – Bailey's Pour Haus - Billy Goat - Gina's Twin Pines/Bolin's Speedy T's – Corner Convenience - Everbreeze Resort - Firelite Lounge - Jungle Jim's – Lakewood Depot (Shell) - Lakewood Motorsports – Lazy Bear - Legend's Trailside Bar – Little Topsy – Lotter's Lakewood BP – Lotter's Townsend BP - Lotter's Suring BP - Maiden Lake Supper Club – Mountain Springs Motel & Campground - Mulligans Bar & Grill – Old Smashin's – Old Town Hall – O'Neil's Halfway Bar - Paul Bunyan Ski Hill Bar – Phil's Philling Station - Red Pine BP - Sand Trap Bar & Grill - Schoolhouse Bar - Skinny Dave's - Sunset Resort – The Olive Pit - The Rustic – Thunder Lake Bar – Thunder Mountain Valley Inn - Tony's Dock Side Bar & Grill – Todd & Barb's Rapid Resort – Trailside Bar and Grill - Water's Edge on Anderson Lake - Waubee Lake Lodge – Wendt's Sandbar Resort – Woodland Trail Winery