



Wow! Our trails were open for a week or so in January. Hopefully the thaw doesn't last too long, and we can get our trails in shape. There is plenty of snow up north if you have the opportunity to trailer north to ride.

**The February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting** will be held at Schoepp's Resort, N586 Schoepp Rd, Sauk City, starting at 7:00 p.m. Come early to order a pizza and socialize before the meeting.

**Yellow Thunder Scholarships – Reminder:** Applications are due by February 15, 2020. The scholarships will be awarded at the Landowners' Banquet in the spring. Applications can be downloaded from the YT website, or contact Jenny Rake at 608-698-4953 to send you a copy.

**The Annual Meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>** at Ben and Debbie Larrabee's shop (N1172 Chrisler Road, Lodi). This is a location change from the Calendar of Events. From Lodi, take Hwy 60 towards Sauk for ~ 4 miles. Turn right on Reynolds Road. Go ~1/2 mile and bear left on Chrisler Road. Driveway is up hill ~1/2 mile on the right side. YT will provide snacks. Bring a camp chair and your own beverages.

**Membership News/Board of Directors** – Thank you, everyone, for your membership in Yellow Thunder, and to those that have recruited new members. At the Annual Meeting, we will be electing three members to the Yellow Thunder Board of Directors. Please consider becoming a Board Member, as new ideas, energy, and new volunteers are needed to keep our club strong and progressive! If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact any current Board member, or a nominating committee member, which would be any of our three outgoing Board members: Malorie Storey, Dan Schoepp, and Nate Mender. Thanks to our outgoing Board members for their years of service to Yellow Thunder.

**Winter Fundraiser – Reminder:** Will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Dorf Haus in Roxbury. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Raffle tickets are still \$50 each, with a top prize of \$3,000 along with many other cash prizes and side raffles. To check availability of tickets, contact Gail Krause at 575-7961. **Anyone with tickets to turn in, please bring to the next meeting or contact Gail to make arrangements for getting them turned in.**

**Winter Fundraiser Side Raffle Donations - Reminder:** We're still accepting member donations to the side raffles, which can be a gift basket, your favorite bottle of liquor or wine, a case of beer, or a cash donation of any denomination. Please bring to the February or March meetings, or contact Sheri Hicks (575-8368); Linda Brereton (513-8796); or Clare Stronach (592-5321) to drop off or arrange a pick-up. We also ask that you please label your item for recognition. **Thank you in advance for your support!**

**AWSC Convention** – The AWSC convention will be held on March 20-22, 2020, at Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin (608-831-2000). The AWSC room block closes Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Early-bird registration fee of \$15 is due by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. After that, registration is \$25 per person. No refunds after March 5<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is always a great time, and all snowmobilers should consider attending. For more information, go to <https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/2020-Spring-Convention>, or call AWSC at 608-846-5530.

**Soup Nights - Reminder:** Free soup is available to snowmobilers when the trails are open—Tuesdays at KD's Bar & Grill, and Thursdays at Schoepp's Resort. Stop in for hot soup when you're out on the trails.

**Miscellaneous** • A BIG thank you to George Urban at Midway Oil (105 Water Street, Prairie Du Sac) for again donating diesel fuel to Yellow Thunder for operating the groomers! Please give him your business. • The January attendance fund winners were Toby and Lori Hellenbrand. Since they were not present, the attendance fund will carry over to the next meeting.

**STAY ON THE TRAILS** – Remember that when the trails are open, everyone must stay on the trail. Cutting corners or riding off the trail is the number one reason why landowners close trails that cross their property. Please spread the word to stay on the trails, or we run the risk of losing more trails! It's also your responsibility to know whether trails are open before you ride. →

**Dates to Remember:**

Feb. 11 .....February Meeting, Schoepp's Resort, 7:00 p.m.  
Feb. 15 .....Scholarship applications due  
Mar. 10 .....Annual Meeting, Ben and Debbie Larrabee's Shop, 7:00 p.m.  
Mar. 14 .....Winter Fundraiser, Dorf Haus, Roxbury  
Mar. 20-22 .....AWSC Convention, Madison Marriott West, Middleton, WI

**To Check Trail Conditions**

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