



Happy New Year! Mother Nature seems to be starting off on the right foot. Many trails are open up north, and hopefully some of you got a chance to enjoy some riding over the holidays. YT trails, groomers, and groomer operators are ready; we just need more snow. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership with Yellow Thunder; our current membership is 195.

**Yellow Thunder's Christmas Party** was held at Waddle Inn on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and was a great success! We had ~70 people in attendance; good food; fun and games; and lots of nice door prizes. A big thank you to Dave Fobes and Tracy Rogers for doing set-up with some very nice festive decorating. A good time was definitely had by all!

**Snowmobile Safety Classes** – Yellow Thunder would like to thank our snowmobile safety instructors for holding another great class last month. Our instructors received some very nice feedback from parents in attendance. A big THANK YOU to the team, including Derald Stronach, Samantha Annen, Malorie Storey, and Jenny Rake, for representing Yellow Thunder and volunteering their time to conduct this important class. Also, thank you to Dean Clemens for the use of his shop to hold the class.

**Groomer Fuel** – This year, the fuel for our groomers is being donated to Yellow Thunder by Corey Oil of Beaver Dam and Midway Oil in Sauk City. Please support these local businesses who are vested in our communities and for their generosity to Yellow Thunder!

**Easter Seals Blizzard Blast** – Due to COVID-19, the Easter Seals Blizzard Blast is canceled for this year. Easter Seals is still accepting donations through the Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs. If you would like to donate, you can make your checks payable to Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs; send it to Yellow Thunder; and we will make sure that the donation makes it to Easter Seals.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** The January meeting will be held at Ben and Debbie Larrabee's shop (N1172 Chrisler Road, Lodi). 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. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm, followed with the meeting at 7:00 pm. Yellow Thunder will provide snacks. Please bring your own beverages and a camp chair.

**Yellow Thunder Scholarships – Reminder:** Applications are due by February 15, 2022. The scholarships will be awarded in the spring. Applications can be downloaded from the YT website, or contact Jenny Rake at 608-698-4953 to send you a copy.

**Board of Directors** – Yellow Thunder is actively looking for three new Board of Directors to be elected at the annual meeting in March. If you are interested in bringing new ideas to Yellow Thunder, please contact any of the existing Board of Directors or give me a call at 608-592-3395.

**Winter Raffle:** Yellow Thunder will be conducting a winter raffle on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Waddle Inn in Lodi. Tickets will be \$100 each and include two dinners, four drink tickets, and one entry into the cash raffle. A dinner with all the fixings will be catered by Torrey Latham. The event will also include side raffles and DJ, and will run from 5:00 pm until midnight. Tickets will be available at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so if you sold tickets in prior years, please plan on attending the meeting to pick up your tickets to sell.

**Trails:** To re-iterate from last month, due to some snowmobilers who failed to stay on the marked trail last year and chose to cut across the field to get to trail #19 from Okee to County Road J, that trail is now closed. It is so important for riders to understand that 95% of our trail system is farmland. Going off trail can result in crop damage and affects our farmers' livelihood. If you need trail access, please contact the landowner. If you don't know who the landowner is, contact the club; we're here to help. Failure to contact the landowner increases the risk to lose more trails, and this impacts everyone who rides. Remember, riding is a privilege; not a right.

**Miscellaneous:** • Tim & Ashley Foulker were drawn for attendance at the December meeting. They were not present, so the money carried over.

### Upcoming Events

Jan 11 ..... Monthly Meeting, Ben & Deb Larrabee's shop, Lodi, 7:00 pm  
Feb 8 ..... Monthly Meeting, Lakeside Bar & Grill, Poynette, 7:00 pm  
Mar 8 ..... Annual Meeting, Dan & Chris Shoepp residence, 6:30 pm  
April 2 ..... Winter Raffle, Waddle Inn, 5:00 pm to Midnight  
April TBD ..... Landowners' Banquet  
April 12 ..... Monthly Meeting, Lucky's on the Lake, Okee, 7:00 pm

### To Check Trail Conditions

WEATHER INFO., CAMS, SNOWCOVER,  
TRAIL OPEN/CLOSED STATUS, etc.:  
Columbia Co: 227-7433; Dane Co: 242-4576  
[www.yellowthundersnowmobile.clubhosting](http://www.yellowthundersnowmobile.clubhosting)  
[www.danecountycouncilsnowmobileclubs.com](http://www.danecountycouncilsnowmobileclubs.com)  
[www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com)

Please also note that surrounding County trails may be closed, even if Columbia and/or Dane County trails are open, so plan accordingly.