



Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday, with a moment of reflection on all the people and things to be thankful for, including cold weather! Yellow Thunder volunteers completed installation of all the trail signs for the 2022-23 season this past week. What snow we had is gone, but now we're officially set for snow to come and stay put.

AWSC Fall Workshop Recap – Just want to share a few items that were reported at the last meeting: ● 600 people attended. ● Rachyl Burzinski was crowned the 2022-2023 AWSC Miss Snowflake. She's from Beloit and will graduate from Gateway Technical College this Spring with a degree in Graphic Design. ● 2023 will be the 40th Anniversary MS Ride, which has raised over \$9.6M to date. ● AWSC offers 13 scholarships worth \$10,000 total, funded mostly by the KAOS silent auctions. Applications are now available at [Scholarships \(awsc.org\)](http://Scholarships(awsc.org)). ● A full copy of the secretary's notes from workshop can be found here: AWSC-General-Session-October-22-2022-Notes.pdf

Fall UTV Raffle: The fall UTV raffle was held on December 3rd at KD's Bar & Grill in Lodi. The lucky winner was Jamie Ott from Lodi. Congratulations, Jamie! The cash winners were Steve Statz from Waunakee (\$500); Sarah Milkie from Racine (\$250), Kevin Winkers from Poynette (\$100), and Jim Miller from Barneveld (\$100). On behalf of the Yellow Thunder Board of Directions, we would like to thank our community for all the support in selling and purchasing raffle tickets. Thanks also to Katie Larrabee-Lane of KD's Bar & Grill for hosting this event; and I-39 Supply for use of the trailer to display the unit, and allowing us to participate and sell tickets at their annual Deer Camp Kick-Off Breakfast. The raffle was another great success!

December 13th Meeting: The December meeting will be held at Stronach Saloon (Derald & Clare Stronach Residence), 7476 Hwy. 113, Lodi. Social and snacks start at 6:30 pm followed with the meeting at 7:00 pm. Please bring your own beverages.

Trails: Unfortunately, due to some snowmobilers who failed to stay on the marked trail during the 2020-21 season and chose to cut across the field to get to trail #19 from Okee to County Road J, that trail remains CLOSED AGAIN for this season. 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.

Yellow Thunder Scholarships: YT is once again offering two scholarships (\$250 each) for deserving club members pursuing secondary education. Applicants must meet several criteria; complete the application and profile forms; and submit a short essay on "What Snowmobiling Means to Me." Applications must be received by February 15, 2023, to be considered. 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.

Memberships – Last call to renew your membership to allow time to get trail passes. Anyone who has not yet renewed and receives this newsletter will also be removed from our mailing list. Remember, your membership IS important to the club and our trail system. Not sure if you have a current AWSC membership number? Go to: <https://awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup> to find out.

Miscellaneous: ● Bill & Sherry Boeger were drawn for attendance at the November meeting. They were not present, so the money carried over. ● Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Upcoming Events

Dec 10-11 .. Snowmobile Safety Class (Dean Clemens' Shop)
Dec 13 Monthly Meeting (7:00pm), Stronach Saloon, 7476 Hwy 113, Lodi
Jan 10 Monthly Meeting (7:00pm), Sunset Harbor Bar & Grill, N2103 Hwy. 188, Lodi
Feb 14 Monthly Meeting (7:00pm), Schoepp's Resort, N586 Schoepp Rd, Sauk City
Mar 14 Annual Meeting (7:00pm), Ben & Debbie Larrabee's Shed, N1172 Chrisler Road, Lodi

To Check Trail Conditions

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