



Well the weather cooperated for a change and we were able to open our trails for a week. Hopefully you got a chance to get out and ride the trails. There were certainly some nice trails out there. Now the thaw. Stay positive, however, we still got time.

New Groomer! – Yellow Thunder took delivery of a new-to-us groomer. We traded the New Holland in on a 2016 Case IH Puma 165 with tracks. We got it just in time to groom the trails this last week. Watch for it on the trails in the future!

February 14th Meeting: The February meeting will be held at Schoepp's Resort starting at 7:00 pm. Come early and order pizza and cocktails prior to the meeting.

Yellow Thunder Scholarships – Final Reminder: Applications are due by February 15, 2023. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in the spring. The Applications can be downloaded from YT's website ([Link: Scholarships - Yellow Thunder Snowmobile Club \(clubhosting.org\)](#)), 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 on March 14th. If you are interested in bringing new ideas to Yellow Thunder, please contact President Alex Ballweg at 608-445-8484; any of the existing Board of Directors; or me at 608-592-3395. Thank you to Alex Ballweg, Mike Ballweg, and Chad Wipperfurth for their 3 years of service to Yellow Thunder.

2023 AWSC Spring Convention will be held March 24-26, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center in Green Bay. Wisconsin snowmobile clubs from across the state will gather for this annual meeting to elect officers, discuss the snowmobile industry, trail maintenance, safety & legislative activity. It's a good time to also meet your AWSC officers, directors, & county representatives. At the January meeting, Yellow Thunder voted Gary Tupper and Kim Garber to attend as delegates on behalf of Yellow Thunder. The AWSC rate is \$119 (for king or queen), so if anyone else is interested in attending, please call 920-494-7300 to make a reservation or check room availability.

April 1st Winter Raffle Reminder: Last year's ticket sellers are now actively contacting last year's buyers for this year's raffle. If anyone has not purchased in the past and would like to, please call or text Gail Krause at 608-575-7961 to check ticket availability and/or be added to a wait list.

Safety Alert: If the trails ever open, please be careful if you are riding on Lake Wisconsin. It can be challenging for a number of reasons. There could be areas of thin ice due to the river's current. The lake also is known for ice heaves, which can create dangerous ice shifting that can stop a snowmobile in its tracks. Finally, there may be areas where the snow on the lake has been plowed by businesses or ice fisherman, leaving snow banks that can create a hazard for snowmobilers, so please be careful!

Miscellaneous: Neil Manke was drawn for attendance at the January meeting. He was not present, so the money carried over.

Upcoming Events:

- 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
- Mar 24-26...AWSC Spring Convention, Radisson Hotel & Conf. Center, Green Bay
- Apr 1Winter Grooming/Trail Maint. Raffle (5:00pm), Waddle Inn, Lodi
- Apr 6Landowners' Banquet, Dorf Haus, Sauk City (7:00pm)
- Apr 11Monthly Meeting – The Waddle Inn, Lodi (7:00pm)

To Check Trail Conditions

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