



February weather sure was a strange one, and spring is definitely in the air. With the past several weeks of recent storms, Yellow Thunder was able to open our trails, and hopefully you were able to enjoy them. Even though the snowmobiling season is starting to wind down, Yellow Thunder has a few important events coming up, so keep reading to find out more.

Annual Meeting, March 14 –The annual meeting will be held at Ben & 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. Please bring a snack to share, a camp chair, and your own beverages.

Membership News/Board of Directors – Thank you, everyone, for your membership in Yellow Thunder and to those who 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, a nominating committee member, or attend the meeting. Thanks to outgoing Board members (Alex Ballweg, Mike Ballweg, and Chad Wipperfurth) for their years of service to Yellow Thunder; however, as a reminder under recent by-law changes, these three individuals have the option to run for one more 3-year term before officially having to be off the Board for 1 year.

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. 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 Grooming/Trail Maintenance Raffle Reminder – Ticket sales are progressing. 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. Ticket Sellers: Please bring to the March 14th meeting whatever sold tickets you have in your possession. After that date, please get the remaining tickets to Gail by Monday, March 27th. Thank you!

April 6th Landowner Banquet – Throughout our trail system, generous landowners allow the winter use of their property for the enjoyment of snowmobiling. This land use privilege is crucial to the existence of snowmobile trails, which provide many social, recreational, and economic benefits to all of our communities around the state. Without the continuing cooperation of these unselfish friends of snowmobiling, the quality of winter life throughout our communities would be significantly diminished. So, after a 3-year absence, our Landowner Banquet is back! All club members and those who benefit most directly from snowmobile trails are encouraged to attend this important event, to personally thank our landowners for the use of their property again this season.

The banquet will be held Thursday, April 6, at the Dorf Haus in Roxbury. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Invitations to our landowners have been mailed out, so keep an eye out for those. We also ask that all landowner and club members please RSVP to Michele Wipperfurth by calling or texting at 608-219-3661 by Friday, March 31, so we can get an accurate head count for dinner.

AWSC Insurance for Current Members – American Income Life is back again with their \$3,000 accidental death or dismemberment insurance policy. This insurance is free to all AWSC active members as part of your membership. Should there be a need to claim it, contact AWSC at 608-846-5330 or 800-232-4108.

Miscellaneous: ● As the 2022-23 snowmobile season winds down, please remember to thank our trail bosses and volunteers for brushing the trails, installing the signs, or any other trail maintenance activities. ● Steve and Diane Attoe were drawn for attendance at the February meeting. They were not present, so the money carried over.

Upcoming Events:

- 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 1 Winter Grooming/Trail Maint. Raffle (5:00pm), Waddle Inn, Lodi
- Apr 6 Landowner Banquet, Dorf Haus, Sauk City (dinner 7:30 pm)
- Apr 11 Monthly Meeting – The Waddle Inn, Lodi (7:00pm); this is a change from the Calendar of Events