

# KMR NEWS

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Kettle Moraine Riders, Eagle, WI  
[www.kmrsnowmobileclub.com](http://www.kmrsnowmobileclub.com)

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## ***Club Trip***

Please note date change - January 18-21.

Location - Gateway Lodge in Land 'O Lakes. Rides, dinner and lots of fun. Rooms have been blocked. Make your reservations as soon as possible to ensure a room.

### **Gateway Lodge**

4103 County Road B ·  
Land O Lakes, WI  
(715) 547-3321



## ***Trail Master***

### Volunteers Needed

Trail set-up is November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 9:00am at the Eagleville storage unit 1 block south of Hwy LO on Hwy E. After set-up volunteers can meet at Suhrmer's in Eagle for a lunch on the club around noon.

(Raindate November 12<sup>th</sup>)

\*\*\*Please let us know if you are interested in the Trail Master Position\*\*\*

## ***Chili Brat Bash - February 10, 2018***

Volunteers welcome to the Chili Bash committee! Meetings take place the hour prior to the monthly club meeting and everyone is welcome. At our first meeting we discussed prizes and having the tickets printed by the next meeting. Bring your ideas to the next meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

## ***Trail Passes - AWSC Member Number***

Please keep your member number handy from year to year. As long as you do not join another club your member number will always remain the same. In order to avoid any delays, pay your dues early, preferably at the start of our meeting season (September). To avoid an increase in your cost, renewing memberships are expected by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Note: Passes can also be obtained on your own at [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org).

## ***Communication***

A newsletter is sent out every month during the meeting season and one over the summer. If you have not been getting the newsletter or emails or you have any changes to your information (i.e address, phone, email) please contact Vickie Kusch at: [vickster0910@gmail.com](mailto:vickster0910@gmail.com)

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## Want KMR Gear?

For t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and other items place your order with Dave Douglas at [douglas2@wi.rr.com](mailto:douglas2@wi.rr.com). Check out our website for more information.

## ***Search and Rescue Team***



**Anyone wishing to be a part of the Waukesha County Search and Rescue Team please contact Karen Keys at [kksledder@aol.com](mailto:kksledder@aol.com) for more information.**

## ***Snowmobile History***

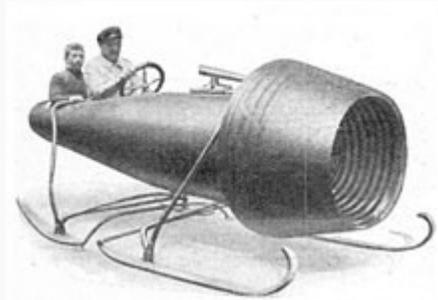
Wikipedia

In 1911 a 24 year old, Harold J. Kalenze (pronounced Collins) patent the Vehicle Propeller in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada.<sup>[1]</sup>

In 1915 Ray H. Muscott of [Waters](#), Michigan, received the Canadian patent for his motor sleigh, or "traineau automobile", and on June 27, 1916, he received the first United States [patent](#) for a snow-vehicle using the now recognized format of rear track(s) and front skis.<sup>[2]</sup> Many individuals later modified [Ford Model Ts](#) with the undercarriage replaced by tracks and skis following this design. They were popular for rural mail delivery for a time. The common name for these conversion of cars and small trucks was **Snowflyers**.<sup>[3]</sup>



1921 Ford Model T snowmobile



Motor sled powered by a [Coandă ducted fan](#)



Snowmobile running on the [Mississippi River](#) near [Hastings, Minnesota](#), 1910

The challenges of cross-country transportation in the winter led to the invention of the snowmobile, an all-terrain vehicle specifically designed for travel across deep snow where other vehicles floundered.[4] During the 20th century, rapidly evolving designs produced machines that were two-person tracked vehicles powered by gas engines that enabled them to tow a sled or travel, initially at low-to-moderate speeds, depending on snow conditions, terrain and obstacles protruding above the snow like brush and trees. Where early designs had 10 horsepower (7.5 kW) two-stroke engines, there has been a move toward newer style 2-stroke and 4-stroke gasoline engines, some with over 200 hp (150 kW).

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Minutes - Kettle Moraine Riders Snowmobile Club  
Tuesday, October 3, 2017  
Suhmer's Saloon - Eagle, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Craig Keys.

Attendance: 31

Secretary's report: The September Minutes were in the newsletter. Karen Johnson motioned to accept, Jim Kilpatrick seconded.

Motion to accept made by Steve Shaffer, Dave Dill seconded.

Guests: Brian Lemke, Assistant Superintendent, and Don Dane, Facilities Repair Worker, from the DNR came in to discuss the Kettle Moraine forest. Everything we need to take care of has been mowed. If we have any issues, we can get in touch with either of them. The loops have been an issue in the past, but Jim Kilpatrick is hoping to get them all done this year. Dan Rydeski will call Don to let him know ahead of time where we're going to work. Brian said it seems as though most of the sledders stay on the trail. Jim suggested that the stair area on both ends of the forest needs to be marked as 'no snowmobiling'. Don said that the maps have stayed the same. He said they're working on an addition from Hwy. P to Rice Lake as they acquired some land. Craig asked about Hwy. C towards the Drumlin Trail but nothing has been finalized.

### Old Business:

Membership Letter : Dave Douglas handed out Craig's letter and Calendar of Events to those in attendance. Craig will mail the remaining.

Safety Class: It will be held November 4th and 11th at Lord of Life Church in Oconomowoc.

Charities: A check for \$75 was given to Jan Suhm for the Pumpkin Party. The Village of Eagle asked for donations to replace the playground equipment. Steve Shaffer motioned to donate \$1500 to the Village of Eagle, Jim Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Karen asked about budgets and whether we could afford that. Craig explained that we could as all charitable contributions had been discussed at the Board meeting. Another charity was USO Mobile Center for the replacement of their truck that troops in Wisconsin use to stay connected to loved ones at home. Lynch is donating a truck for them at their cost. Steve Shaffer motioned to donate \$100, Steve Piraino seconded. Motion carried.

Website: Nothing new.

Trailmaster: Highway cleanup is Sunday, October 8, at 9:00 a.m. Meet at NN and Sprague. If it is downpouring, we will move it to the following Sunday, October 15. Dan has been talking to landowners. No problems with any of them. Dan hasn't checked out the bridge yet as he isn't able to get to it because of the corn. He is waiting to hear back from the property owner by Bradfords. It is being developed into a subdivision so this may be the last year for a trail. Dan called the developer of Agape Agrihood, and they are okay with us continuing our trail along NN as long as we stay outside their fence. Craig is still working to confirm the North Prairie trail. This will be our first year on the SNARS program (Snowmobile Automated Reporting System). This will be easier to track hours of maintenance on the trails. The Act 250 bill passed. Our paperwork is in but it's not been finalized. Trail set-up will be November 5. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the storage unit; lunch to follow around noon at Suhmer's.

50/50 raffle: Vickie walked around selling tickets and explained how the raffle works this year.

Workshop: The annual AWSC Workshop is October 27-29 at Radisson Hotel in Appleton. Two members are able to attend. Get in touch with Craig if interested.

County Raffle Tickets: Craig has tickets available for purchase or to sell.

Chili Bash: Karen Keys summarized our first meeting. We're looking to have our tickets printed by the next meeting. We've got a lot of ideas for top prizes. It will be held on February 10 at Suhmer's. She said that anyone is welcome to help out with the planning.

Fall Outing: Craig and Karen are hosting the Fall Outing on October 21. There will be beer tasting and food, and club member JJ Eckl will be singing. Please RSVP if you can make it.

Club Trip: We were unable to get rooms at Gateway for the club trip January 25-28. Steve Shaffer spoke about other locations to choose from for those dates. After a short discussion, it was decided to go to Gateway the week before, January 18-21.

#### New Business:

Steve Shaffer spoke about a possible outing for the group. He suggested going to the Veloce GoKart Track in Waukesha. He would like to plan a Saturday night in November for racing. He will send out additional info and pricing.

Winner of \$35.50 in the 50/50 raffle is Rick Schulz. Rick donated it back to the club.

Motion to adjourn by Carter Shelton, seconded by Steve Shaffer. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Douglas