



# KMR News

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## Christmas Meeting

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Merry Christmas to everyone!! It was so great to see so many members attend the December meeting. Dinner was good and it seemed like everyone enjoyed the opportunity to combine work with pleasure. We don't always get a chance for our social time so it made this meeting special, it was really nice.

The food pantry was very grateful for the food and monetary donations. They are praying for snow for us. Looks like it worked! The gift exchange was also fun. Thanks to everyone who participated. My thoughts are already forming for next year's holiday meeting. You'll find the meeting minutes at the end of this newsletter.

## Snowmobile Safety Class

The safety class is complete! We had 27 attendee's and everyone passed. Both Craig Keys and Steve Piraino are now apprentice instructors. Soon the Kettle Moraine Riders will be able to independently hold classes using our in-house instructors. Thanks to Craig and Steve for taking the time to participate and support safe riding.

We had 3 members whose kids attended the classes. In addition we had students from Palmyra, North Prairie, Whitewater, Mukwonago, Ixonia and of course Eagle.

It's anticipated we will try to host another course later in the riding season. A final thanks to the Lang's and Butchke's for their leadership!



## Welcome New Members:

**The Kettle Moraine Riders would like to welcome our newest members to the club. Mark , Tammy and Madison Weibel from Eagle. We have another check mark for Arctic Cat!!! As that is their sled preference... Weibel family, we are glad to have you as part of our group and we look forward to meeting you all.**

## Raffle Tickets



Raffle tickets have been ordered. We plan to have them ready for distribution at the January meeting or sooner. This is our largest fund raiser of the year and the club benefits from everyone helping out. We are still in need of donations for the hourly raffles on the day of the event. Also, when everyone is able to sell even a small portion of the tickets it makes all the difference. We have sold out the last couple of years, so this year we have ordered 1000. Go Team!!!

The raffle ticket prizes are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - 51" Samsung TV from Grand Appliance/KMR
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Go Pro Action Camera from Road Track and Trail
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$300.00 Meat Package from Bucky's Meats/KMR
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize - Two night stay in Eagle River at Bayside Motor Lodge



The road signs are ordered and should be here soon. Also need to send additional thanks out to Nick from Road Track and Trail for offering to sponsor \$200.00 towards our road signs. We are off and running to another successful event.

Watch for additional information coming soon (to be emailed out) specifically on this event.



## Trail Master Update:

Bitter sweet changes taking place. Thanks to Tom Rowinski for his short term in this spot and look forward to when he is able to get back in the saddle again as his fine leadership as trail master serves our club well. In the meantime, Dan Rydeski has stepped up relieving Tom Bradford (interim Trail Master) and taking on this vital spot. We wish Tom Rowinski well. And as long as we are sending out all the thanks, we cannot forget to thank Tom Bradford for his contributions as fill in.

Good news!!! The maps are ready and the trails are open and groomed..

### Recapping: Donations to Our Community....

- \$100.00 Eagle Fire Department – to be earmarked for something beneficial to forest rescue
- \$200.00 Mukwonago Food Pantry
- \$200.00 WCSA Scholarship Fund
- \$100.00 Lions Club Donation to send care packages to our Troops
- \$800.00 Groomer Chare Corp Stock

## Club Trip Information – January 22th through 26th:

At the present time the snow conditions in Washburn County are a go. Trails are open. Of course this can change in the blink of an eye, but we all have our fingers crossed for a successful riding trip. We have just a few spots left to fill in the reserved houses. There are many other opportunities for lodging so, if you are planning on attending, please let me know soon, As I am entering the final planning stages for the resort. Below I am repeating my information from last month's newsletter which includes the website for the lodge.

Here you go:

This year we will be enjoying the Northwood's once again taking in all the splendor that Washburn County has to offer. The name of the resort is Heartwood Hotel and Conference Center in Trego, WI. This is a beautiful resort in the "heart" of the forest. Amenities for us at Heartwood will include on site gasoline, dining on site, we will be just adjacent to the main trail,#8. The trail system offers a wide variety of opportunities without frequent stopping. There are also some really nice railroad grades providing an option to quick returns or for those who just want to open that throttle a bit. To check out the areas offerings feel free to visit the Washburn County tourism website at <http://www.washburncounty.org/news/what-to-do/149>. Here you will be able to get a free trail map sent to you, up to date trail conditions, visit the web pages of clubs in the area, and Wisconsin snowmobile regulations.

For more information on the Heartwood Center, please visit [www.heartwoodconferencecenter.com](http://www.heartwoodconferencecenter.com). I have made reservations for twenty. We can increase that as needed. Currently I have reserved the two largest cabins they offer holding 10 people per home (Lake home and Hoinville home). I will need your RSVP to reserve. Due to the popularity of this trip, the rooms in the homes will go as "first come, first serve". Once the homes are filled there is an abundance of rooms in the lodge, so don't feel if you can't commit early, you can't come. That won't be the case, the difference is the lodge is a bit more per person per night. Each home has full kitchens, fire places; one home has a garage, full living rooms. You can view them on their website. Also, there are additional cabins/condos/duplexes etc. So lots of options over a typical hotel room to enhance the ambiance of being up north. I will send out an additional info for this in a separate email providing the room availabilities and RSVP info..

## KMR now is tweeting on Twitter –

This media will allow us all better connectivity on club events and issues. Anyone interested but unsure of how this works, contact Dave Douglas for more information.

## New Stihl Pole Saw

Craig picked up a new pole saw for the club to aid in trail brushing. Big thanks to Jensen Equipment for providing us with a great price on the saw and also offered to donate something towards our Chili/Brat fundraiser in February.

"So, the moral of the story is = It pays to just ask!!" Our local businesses are generally willing to support good causes such as our club.

*Staying Connected:*

*Please find attached to the email of our newsletter, the newsletters of our adjoining area local clubs.*

**REMINDER OUR NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>,  
2014**

**General Calendar of Events:**

January 7, 2014 Meeting  
January 22 through 26, 2014 Club Trip - Trego, WI  
February 4, 2014 Meeting  
February 8, 2014 Chili/Brat Bash  
March 4, 2014 Meeting  
April 1, 2014 Meeting

**Kettle Moraine Riders Meeting Minutes: 12/2/13**

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Meeting called to order: 7:52

Meeting adjourned: 9:08

**Trail Report:**

- Dan Rydeski has volunteered to be the interim Trail Master
- Dan will take care of some additional signage and marking that needs to be done along the trails
- KMR trail's land owner's address/names list needs to be updated
- A Kettle Moraine Forest brushing date needs to be established

**County Report:**

- County Christmas party is 12/11
- County was very grateful for KMR's scholarship donation

**Website Report:**

- Newsletter is on the website

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- Pole saw purchase will be made
- Snowmobile safety class is scheduled for 12/7 and 12/14. Response has been good!!
- KMR will donate \$100.00 to the Lions Club for military troop support
- Chili Bash signs are in the works by Tom Bradford
- Chili Bash "big ticket" raffle items will be: TV, GoPro, weekend stay at Bayside Motor lodge, and a meat package. The details on the cuts and quantity of meat still needs to be established. Craig is still waiting to hear about the final details on the TV.

**Website Report:**

- Twitter account has been setup
- It was recommended that the newsletter be added to the website minus any financial numbers
- It was recommended that the website post which organizations that KMR donated to.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- KMR will purchase 8 shares @ \$100/share of Groomer Corp. stock
- The following donations by KMR will be given out:
  - \$100 to Eagle Fire Department
  - \$200 to Mukwonago Food Pantry
  - \$200 to Snowmobile Scholarship Fund
- Snowmobile safety classes are scheduled for 12/7 & 12/14 from 8:00am-12:00pm
- Chili Bash is scheduled for 2/8/14
- Club members should mark their calendars. We will need help setting up, working the food station, and cleaning up. Signup sheet will be at the December meeting.
- Club needs to look into getting some additional signs and banners made so signage can be put out on the trails and along roadways to make the public better aware of our event
- Need to keep the donation train rolling. Road Track & Trail will be donating a GoPro. Any donations are welcome so contact your dealers or any other companies that you think would be willing to contribute
- The "big ticket" items for our raffle tickets will be decided at the December meeting
- The possibility of using a snowmobile as a yearlong raffle item was brought up for discussion. More details can and will be talked about at future meetings
- Still looking for a club trip destination. Club trip is 1/23-1/26