



KMR News

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Kettle Moraine Riders, Eagle, WI
www.kmrsnowmobileclub.com

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Your Dues are Due – Final Notice!!!

Reminder, please pay your dues. If dues are not received by December 1st, you will be removed from our mailing list. You can pay a variety of ways, either in person at a club meeting, by mailing your check directly to Karen Keys, KMR Treasurer, at:
W358 S8000 Pheasant Run
Eagle, WI 53119
Or, you can pay via PayPal. The easiest way to do that is to follow the link on our website. www.kmrsnowmobileclub.com



Trail Master Update:

Trail marking is 90% complete, thanks to the bunch who helped. It's always a good feeling going into the season with this done early. Now it's all about the wait..



Club Trip

Time is flying and Christmas will be here before you know it. What's next??? The Club Trip... Here is the particulars:

Date: January 25th through January 29th (Most will arrive on 1/26/17)

Location for Lodging: Gateway Lodge, Hwy B, Land O' Lakes, WI

1-800-848-8058

www.gateway-lodge.com

We have a block of rooms on hold. **This hold will be released on 11/25 for any rooms not booked by that time.** We were able to put on hold the remaining rooms they had available. Otherwise they are already booked up. Another club will be sharing the lodge with us on this weekend. Ironically it is the Kettle Moraine Riders Northern Unit. Please don't delay in getting your reservation in soon as they are not going to last. Once we get a list of those going we can make additional plans during our stay.

Therefore, if you are going please let me know so I can create a list of our riders/attendees.

Early birds arriving on Wednesday will be on their own for making your trail arrangements.

Thursday arrivals will be coordinated to ride dependent upon your arrival time. Some get out in the morning, some mid day and some later in the day. All who arrive on Thursday are invited to the Keys house for a Pizza Party and camp fire. This was a big hit last year and we are happy to keep the party going!! More to follow.

Friday we will split up into smaller groups and will be dependent upon how many attend this year. Plan on re-connecting for a Fish Fry dinner.

Saturday we will ride together as a club. This is our tradition. Then the Gateway is planning on us for dinner and have increased their staffing to accommodate our larger crowd.

Always a good time, so if you have never been on a club ride consider this a must do.

Room rates are reasonable and the company can't be beat.



DECEMBER MEETING - CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our December meeting will have a festive flair. Please note we will be starting our December meeting at 6:30 to accommodate for dinner.

Join the group for dinner on the club - buffet style meal followed by a short meeting. Anyone wanting to participate in a gift exchange, please bring one item per person wishing to participate with a value around \$15.00.

It is the season of giving, therefore we will also be taking collections for the Mukwonago Food Pantry. If you would like to contribute to this cause, here is a list from their website of the best items to donate:

Non-perishable Proteins

- Canned meats like tuna or chicken

- Nut butters like peanut or almond
- Beans

Meals in a Can/Box

- Soup, Stew, Chili

Low-Sugar Cereals

100% Fruit Juice

- Check the label and make sure that "juice" isn't actually filled with high fructose corn syrup and other unhealthy fillers and chemicals.
- Single servings are most portable which makes them perfect for school lunches, but any size so long as it's actual juice will be greatly appreciated.

Canned Staples

- Vegetables, try to select low-sodium options.
- Fruit, choose brands that are canned in juice rather than syrup.

Pop-Top Lids

This small consideration can make life ten times easier for the receiver of your donation. Choose pop-tops whenever you can!

Cooking Essentials

- Healthy oils like olive oil
- Spices like garlic powder, salt, pepper, and onion powder (just to name a few!)

Don't Forget Baby

Diapers, Baby Food, and Formula

Household Staples

- Toilet paper

- Kleenex
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- Paper towels, Napkins
- Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
- Deodorant

Chili Brat Bash - February 11th, 2017

We have our main ticket prizes set and raffle tickets will be available at the December meeting. This can make great stocking stuffers!!!! Hint Hint. Or the timing is perfect to hit up all your holiday guests... If you are unable to make the December meeting and would like to get tickets, please contact Craig Keys at 262-470-9901.

Next, anyone who works for a company or has good connections with one and is able to secure any prizes suitable for our "Day Of" raffle is encouraged to do so. Silent auctions and bucket raffles are always a hit. The committee members will be going to our local businesses. This will help to eliminate some businesses that may be hit up more than once, and avoid any upset. We appreciate any sponsorship and the last thing we want is to be an annoyance.

Finally, a sign up will be sent out as we get closer to the event. Your participation on the day of is a key element as well. Each year we find ways to improve. We have a new venue this year once again. Summer's Saloon is our host location. There are many positives for this move and we look forward to having this big day at our clubhouse!



Event Calendar:

December 3 & 4, Willsons Sport and Marine Christmas Party

December 6th, Club Meeting – Suhmer’s Saloon – **KMR Christmas Party 6:30 Start Time**

December 9 & 10 – East Troy Marine Customer Appreciation Holiday Open House

2017.....Happy New Year!!!!

January 3rd Club Meeting

Annual Club Trip – January 26th through 29th, 2017– Gateway, Land O’ Lakes, WI

February 7th, Club Meeting

Chili Brat Bash – February 11th, 2017

March 13th -17th Amsoil Championship Snow Cross in Lake Geneva

March 24th – 27th, AWSC Convention – Potowotomi Casino Milwaukee



Search and Rescue Team

Anyone wishing to be a part of the Waukesha County Search and Rescue Team, please contact me (Karen Keys at kksledder@aol.com) for more information. Training will begin soon.



In need of KMR Gear?

We have surplus of T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and hats. Please contact Dave Douglas to place your order (douglas2@wi.rr.com). Other items are available and can be found on the website.

Meeting Minutes:

NOTE: IN AN EFFORT TO FREE UP MEETING TIME, MINUTES WILL NOT BE READ AT THE MEETINGS MOVING FORWARD. EVERYONE RECEIVES A COPY VIA EMAIL, THEREFORE, PLEASE READ, AND IF THERE ARE REVISIONS OR CORRECTIONS THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE START OF THE BUSINESS MEETING DURING THE SECRETARY'S REPORT TIME.

Minutes - Kettle Moraine Riders Snowmobile Club
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Suhmer's Saloon - Eagle, WI

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Craig Keys

Attendance: 20

Welcome to potential new members, Jenny and Jake.

Secretary's report: Read by Robin Douglas. Steve Shaffer motioned to accept. Dave Dill seconded. Craig informed the group that the minutes will no longer be read at the meetings as they can be found in the monthly newsletter.

Treasurers report:

Checking:	\$5,348.93
PayPal:	<u>\$2,254.49</u>
Total	\$7,603.42

\$56.50 on account for the 50/50 raffle.

Karen explained how we're going to run the 50/50 raffle each meeting.

Carter motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dave Douglas.

Board Member report: Craig updated the group on what the board is doing. A lot of dated information is in the bylaws, and the board is going through it carefully. The mission statement is also being worked on. Craig explained what was learned at the AWSC Workshop in regards to Mission Statements. Mission Statements usually do not talk about community service, so it hasn't really been within the law to donate to charities within the community. We are hoping to change our Mission Statement to reflect that. Karen stated that we can't ask for money and give it away without making it clear in the Mission

Statement that we're doing it. Also, we will be clarifying the credit hours earned for volunteering within the club to make it fair for everyone.

Old Business:

Chili Bash: We finalized our choices for the prizes for the main raffle. Our grand prize will be a Weber gas grill and a \$100 Bucky's meat certificate, 2nd prize a 65 qt. Yeti cooler with \$50 Bucky's certificate, 3rd prize from Road Track & Trail but not yet confirmed, 4th Stiehl chainsaw. We are printing 1500 tickets this year and everyone is encouraged to really help with selling. Tickets should be available at the December meeting. It was confirmed that it will be at Suhmer's on February 11.

Club Trip: It will be at Gateway January 26-29. Deadline to reserve rooms is November 25. Everyone is encouraged to come and see what a club trip is all about. Kettle Moraine North club will also be there that weekend. It is recommended you reserve a room if you are even considering going, and you can cancel as it gets closer if necessary.

New Business;

The County Christmas Party will be December 14. They are asking all clubs to donate a basket. Jim Kilpatrick motioned to donate for a basket, Steve Shaffer seconded. Dave Douglas made an amended motion to contribute not more than \$60; seconded by Jim Kilpatrick. Amended motion passed.

The December meeting will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00. A buffet will be provided, followed by a short meeting. Karen stated that a gift exchange is optional. If you are interested in participating, bring a wrapped gift. We will also have a couple of baskets to collect donated items for the food pantry.

AWSC Conference: Craig indicated that he and Dave learned a lot at the AWSC conference. A WI Dept. of Tourism representative spoke regarding their site. They are working on a short video of snowmobilers for their website. Negative social media pictures (for example, a groomer stuck in a swamp) provide ammunition to the conservationist groups. American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) is a group we should consider donating to in the future as they are committed to helping preserve our sport.

They learned more information about filing for our 501c. There are a number of options to choose from, and we need to determine which option we qualify for.

There is a system called the Snowmobile Automated Reporting System (SNARS), which provides tracking for brushing and groomers so that time spent will be tracked electronically.

If you subscribe to Snowgoer, AWSC gets \$5 of the subscription.

County raffle tickets are available to sell See Craig if interested.

We had five volunteers helping at the snow show. No county tickets were sold by our members in the hour we covered the coat check and information booth. A couple of raffle prizes were picked up at the snow show.

Steve Shaffer talked about the upcoming Utah mountain trip in February 18-25, 2017. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Steve.

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

Trailmaster: Highway cleanup on October 22. Seven people cleaned up. We are renewed for two more years for continued cleanup. Trail setup is Sunday, November 6. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Tom Bradford's house. Dan will send out an email reminder this week. By a show of hands, it looks like about 8 attending the meeting should be able to help. Lunch at Suhmers afterwards will be paid for by the club. Dan called Harold to get more signs but has not heard back from him. Dan met with Jon Weinkauff, and they took measurements and have a game plan in place to work on the bridge. The actual work will be done sometime later this month hopefully. Craig and Dan went out last Monday and brushed out an area on NN near Jericho Drive to avoid the trail passing through the memorial area from the motorcycle accident a couple of months ago. Dan will give final direction for trail set up on Sunday. Forest brushing will be December 4 and December 11. Further information will be forthcoming. Jon and Dan will talk to the DNR warden prior to the brushing. It was clarified that all intersections will be marked for safety reasons, in case of an emergency. Dave Douglas said that Harold told him he wanted every stop sign post to be 3x3. Post pounders will not fit. Dan will cut them down to make them fit. The idea is to keep signs at least 15 feet from the road. Craig talked to Dave Schrader from AER regarding the North Prairie trail. The village told Dave Schrader that they will work with him to get the trail through as the landowner is not at all interested.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Kilpatrick, Karen Johnson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Douglas
Recording Secretary