



Northwoods Riders SC –
Supporting the best snowmobile trails in and around Tomahawk, WI!

Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club

January 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting

January 27, 2025

Boomba Bar

Meal Served at 6:00

General Meeting at 7:00

Officers:

President – Greg Johnson

Vice President – Dale Elliott

Treasurer – Kay Collom

Secretary – Lisa Elliott

Board:

John Collom

Cody Egan

Mark McDonald

Matt McDonald

Gary Waters

Membership – Chetek Wenker

Newsletter – Bette Theobald

Membership Totals:

We currently have 434 memberships in our club with 29 new memberships. There were 75 members in attendance at the December meeting including landowners Nancy Swan and Dale and Lisa Elliott. There were NINE new members who attended the meeting; Mike and Dixie Ackley, Mike Bradbury, Dan and Christine Flynn, John and Diane Messerschmidt, and Greg and Brenda Bartz. Welcome and thank you for attending the meeting!

Trail Update:

Trails remain closed due to lack of snow. Make sure to follow trail opening announcements to stay safe, prevent trail or machine damage, and maintain good relationships with private landowners who allow trails on their properties.

Trailside Cookout:

On Saturday February 1, the Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club will be hosting its annual Trailside Cookout. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and beverages will be served by club volunteers from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cookout will take place at the Northwoods Riders club garage at 2640 Co Rd L – just north of Lake Nokomis if you choose to come by car. There will also be signs posted on the Bearskin Trail for snowmobilers assuming trails will be opened by then.

We are looking for chili and dessert donations as well as volunteers to help serve that day. There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting. You may also contact Chetek Wenker at 715-213-3864 to sign up. It would be really great to see new members get involved!

Club Member Breakfast:

Club Member volunteers are needed to work at the member appreciation breakfast on Sunday February 2nd at Billy Bob's. Contact Lisa Elliott to volunteer, 715-551-7444.

Club Breakfast Raffle Item:

Tickets are available for a Red, White and Blue Ruger 9mm pistol which will be raffled off at the club breakfast held on February 2nd at Billy Bob's. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Please contact Jerry Otterholt, 715-966-6641 or Greg Johnson, 815-222-3913 to purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at future meetings and the trailside cookout.

Destination Overnight Club Ride:

Join us for this year's Northwoods Riders Weekend Destination Club Ride!!!

When: February 7-9, 2025, Friday thru Sunday (2 overnights)

Where To: The Lodge at Manitowish Waters
13859 ILG Road
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
715-543-2024

Pack your saddlebags for the weekend and we'll depart on Friday 8:30am from the Northwoods Riders club shed located at 2640 County L in Tomahawk and ride to Manitowish Waters. Friday and Saturday stops will include Fibbers, Gutch's, and Aberdeen. We'll leave Sunday morning and return home before the Super Bowl.

30 people have already registered to attend. If you would like to join us, you must call the hotel to make your reservations under the Northwoods Riders block. Room rate is \$160+tax per night for a double queen room. There is also another option for rooms at Pea Patch Motel which is located across the street if The Lodge at Manitowish Waters is full.

Please also call or text co-hosts Dale Elliott 715-551-8555 or John Marcks 715-966-5089 with any questions and to confirm you are joining the ride.

This is a great way to explore other trails in Wisconsin with people who are excited to share the experience with you! Thank you to Dale and John for heading up this fun weekend!

Stay Between the Blazers Donation:

Al Hanley, of 5 Star Marketing, donated free publications in Up North Action magazine for December and February as well as 50 updated posters. We appreciate this donation to our club! Mark McDonald also stated more advertising will happen as soon as we get more snow and the trails open.

DNR Snowmobile Safety Class:

Dale Elliott gave the following update:

There were 26 students in attendance with the average class score of 95%! The Northwoods Riders and Ride With The Cup donated all the money for the class so all students could attend for free.

Northwoods Passage donated 2 gift certificates. The winners were:

\$25 Erv's Gift Certificate - Daye Demmin
\$25 Erv's Gift Certificate – Bentley Marek

Thank you to the dedicated instructors for donating their time:

Jay Bernarde
John Collom
Amanda Firkus
Greg Johnson
Mark McDonald
Matt McDonald
Darren Merkel

Also, thank you to Kay Collom for her help setting up and Erv's for the classroom space. We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers who make an event like this possible!

Trailer Purchase:

As stated in the December newsletter, our club purchased an MDLX 6' x 14' trailer from King Company. The club is in the process of getting logos printed and setting up the interior for storage.

New Website Function:

Do you always wonder if you are missing out on any local snowmobile events? Well now you don't have to! There is a new feature on the <https://northwoodsriders.org/> website which allows you to upload all listed events right to your calendar. Here's how it works:

1. Go to the <https://northwoodsriders.org/> website
2. Click on News and Events
3. Choose Event Calendar
4. Click on the "subscribe to calendar" button at the bottom of the page and choose the calendar you already use (ex. Google Calendar)

It's that easy! Check it out!

Tomahawk Food Pantry Donation:

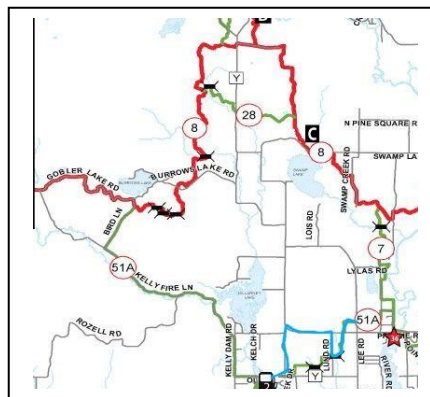
The Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club would like to thank each person who donated a non-perishable food item at the December meeting. Pictured are Member and Club Secretary Lisa Elliott along with Tomahawk Food Pantry volunteers Patti Olinski and Rick Lawrence.



Other Club Updates at Our December Meeting:

Knight Owls – Nancy Swan – Spring Hoot tickets are available for purchase.

Northern Trails Unlimited – Darren Merkel – The trail reroute between Prairie Rapids and Boomba has been approved by the Town of Nokomis. See map for area affected, the new reroute is highlighted in blue.



Northwoods Passage – Dan Hoover – Trail Boss Update – 98% of trail system has been maintained – 596 hours completed. 102 hours on the Forax brusher. 47 of the 66 action items have been completed. Groomer drivers are trained and ready to go when the snow flies! Looking to create a youth groomer driver team – 1 youth from the snowmobile safety class is interested.

December Meeting Winners!

Diane M. won the \$25 Prairie Rapids Tavern Gift Certificate

Thank you to Michelle and Tim from Prairie Rapids for hosting our meeting tonight!

Events 2024-2025

January 18 – Swamp Lake Shootout Radar Run and Bikini Run

January 18 – Knight Owls Fun Ride

January 20 – Wisconsin Military Vets Ride in Eagle River

January 25 – Harshaw Wanderer's Winterfest at Tilted Loon

January 25 – Hooligan's Radar Run at Holly's

January 27 – Northwoods Riders General Meeting at Boomba – eat at 6:00/meet at 7:00

February 1 - NWR Trail Cookout at Club Garage

February 1 – Harshaw Wanderer's Meat Raffle at Bottom's Up

February 2 - NWR Member Appreciation Breakfast at Billy Bob's

February 8 – Northwoods Passage Pizza Feed at Twin Bay

February 15 – Northwoods Passage Maday's Fisheree at Maday's Fish Trap

February 15 – Knight Owls \$100 Drawing at Nutzee's

February 16 – NTU Equipment Fundraiser at LaCanne's

February 22 – Northwoods Passage Sled Raffle at Somo Lake Resort

February 24 - Northwoods Riders General Meeting at Twin Bay – eat at 6:00/meet at 7:00

March 1 – Harshaw Wanderers Meat Raffle at LaCanne's

March 8 – Northwoods Passage Winter Celebration at Inshalla

March 24 - Northwoods Riders General Meeting at Holly's - eat at 6:00/meet at 7:00

April 5 – Harshaw Wanderers Fun Run and Meat Raffle at Woodpecker

April 26 – Knight Owls Spring Hoot at Inshalla

May 10- Knight Owls Meat Raffle at Derek's Town and Country

July 19 – NWR Pontoon Palooza at The Landing

All events are listed on our website, www.northwoodsriders.org and on our Facebook page as they come in