



*Snow is on the way!! Are you ready?*

## Letter from the President

Are you ready to kick off a fun year of snowmobiling in the NORTHWOODS? If Mother Nature were to cooperate, trails *could be* open in only 24 weeks!

While last year was not the fabulous deep-snow season we had all hoped for, we managed to have some nice riding for a few weeks in the Tomahawk area. A big Thank You to the grooming clubs for working hard to maintain smooth, safe trails. I would like to thank everyone for their generous support attending the various snowmobile clubs' fund-raising events this past year. Even with the lack of snow, the grooming clubs still incurred expenses for equipment and building payments in addition to the trail maintenance. Again, thank you to all for supporting our sport and area businesses!

The Northwoods Riders finished last season with 471 memberships which includes families and individuals. I would like to thank every one of you for your support, but I especially want to thank the volunteers that have helped make my job easier. It cannot happen without the help of volunteers from the general membership. Volunteers help with club business oversight and with many events including: the Pontoon Palooza, Club Trailside Cookout, Club Breakfast, Winter Celebration, Trail Maintenance, Lake Trail Marking and more. We have a great crew of people that have volunteered their time and talents; and we are always looking for more people to join in helping – we always manage to have a fun time and enjoy each other's camaraderie!

Pontoon Palooza, our club's major fund raiser, is fast approaching on July 19, 2025. Come join the fun and pick up your stamp sheets at one of our starting points - B's Landing, Boomba Bar, or the Loop Hole. New this year, courtesy of Hob's Service Center, the "Best Decorated Boat" and "Best Dressed Crew" will be judged from Hob's barge, which will be located near the island just East of the Highway-Y bridge from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Prizes are once again sponsored by Erv's Sales and Service and Tomahawk Sports Center.

Older Budwiser will entertain the crowd at B's Landing beginning at 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy the music and some Food and Beverages! Burgers, Brats, Hotdogs, Beer, Pop and Water will be available. There will be raffles available including our "Winner-take-all Gift Certificates Raffle" to the following: B's Landing, Billy Bob's, Boomba Bar, Bootleggers, Cockatiel's, Fish Trap, Holly's, LaCanne's, The Loop Hole, Stars and Stripes, Tilted Loon, and Twin Bay. THANK YOU to our Sponsors! Follow the Northwoods Riders Facebook page for more information.

To save on printing and postage costs we will **NOT** be mailing the Presidents Letter to those that receive their newsletter via email. Additionally, our 2025-2026 memberships run from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those that have already renewed their membership. As in years past, we will be drawing ten member names from those that have joined prior to our September meeting.

These members will enjoy FREE CLUB MEMBERSHIP for the year – having the club portion of their dues refunded to them. The AWSC charges us \$17.00 for your membership. Please renew it while it is fresh in your mind! Follow the link for direct access to our membership page to renew immediately: <https://northwoodsriders.org/shop/?orderby=popularity> To receive the discounted trail pass from the AWSC you need to select the \$30 Individual or \$35 Family membership.

If you prefer to mail in your club membership renewal, fill out the form below and mail it to the address on the form. Any renewals received by mail or online before the September meeting will be entered into the drawing.

Your club dues must be paid before you can obtain your reduced-fee Trail Passes - Log into [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) to order. Remember, it takes up to TWO WEEKS after you renew with the club for AWSC to update their records. Discounted trail passes will be available for sale beginning 7/15/25.

Our first meeting is Monday, September 22, 2025, at The Loop Hole beginning at 7:00 pm. We will open nominations for five club leadership positions; President, Secretary, and three Board of Director positions. We will be taking nominations for these positions at the September meeting and again at the October meeting. Elections will take place at the October meeting, which will be held October 27, 2025, at The Tilted Loon Saloon. Think about whom you would like to see in leadership positions in our club (maybe it is you!) and come vote for your preference!

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 PM with food provided at 6:30 PM. A complete list of meetings and events will be in the newsletter and posted on our website and Facebook page.

Trail brushing for the Northwoods Passage will be Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Following brushing there will be a cookout at the club garage sponsored by the NW Passage. More details to come.

The Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club is working hard to encourage the responsible participation of youth in our sport. We plan to provide DNR Youth Safety Instruction this fall, as we have done in past years. Dates are not yet set but will be communicated soon via the newsletter and website.

Our “Stay Between the Blazers” campaign was a success, and we plan to continue it this year. Remember, our use of the public and private lands over which our trails run is a PRIVILEGE not a right. Thank the landowners and those that make our sport possible. And PLEASE stay on the marked trails.

We are currently searching for a volunteer member to compose our monthly Newsletter. If interested, please send an email to: [info@northwoodsriders.org](mailto:info@northwoodsriders.org).

Our club is only as strong as the members who are actively involved in it. If you know someone looking to join a club – tell them about the Northwoods Riders and invite them to attend a meeting. If you or anyone else would like to get more involved – please let me know! Our volunteers tend to have a lot of fun and “many hands make light work.” You can always contact me at: [info@northwoodsriders.org](mailto:info@northwoodsriders.org)

I wish you safe and fun sledding this year and hope to see you on the trail!

Greg Johnson

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
**NORTHWOODS RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

C/O Chetek Wenker 2066 Old Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487

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\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Family (Kids - up to 18 yrs.) \$35

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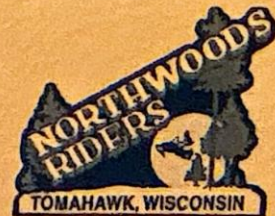
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