



# Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club

Supporting the best snowmobile trails in and around Tomahawk, WI!



## Next Meeting

**January 26, 2026**

**Boomba Bar**

Food served at 6:15pm

General Meeting at 7:00pm

## Board Members

### Officers:

President – Greg Johnson

Vice President – Dale Elliott

Treasurer – Kay Collom

Secretary – Lisa Elliott

Membership Coordinator – Chetek Wenker

Newsletter – Lisa Elliott

### Directors:

John Collom

Thor Gilbertson

Mark McDonald

Aimee Merkel

Gary Waters

## Membership

We currently have 430 memberships in our club with 30 new memberships this season. There were 44 members at the November meeting and 48 members at the December meeting. New members attending the meetings were Tim & Tammy Blackwell and Randy & Jaston Troutman. Several current members attended their first meeting ever including Chuck & Claudia Gunn, Fritz & Elizabeth Shock, Lloyd Bernhardt, and Cale Molski. Landowners attending were Jerome Johnson, Dan Johnson, Lori Rogney, and Dale & Lisa Elliott. Welcome to these folks and thank you to all of the current members attending our meetings. It is great to see all of you!

## Trail Updates

Check the [TravelWisconsin](https://www.travelwisconsin.com) website for trail openings by county. Our club and the local Tomahawk area clubs are posting trail opening and closing announcements on their Facebook pages as decisions are made. Many club members recently volunteered numerous hours to do trail

maintenance after recent heavy snowfall so grooming operations could begin. Area trail bosses are continuously monitoring trail conditions and making adjustments as needed. The local area lakes have been marked recently, except the spur to the Tilted Loon due to soft ice. A re-route to the south shoreline between The Landing Bar and Boomba Bar on Lake Nokomis was done January 10<sup>th</sup> due to an open water hazard. Stay on marked trails to avoid exposed hazards due to low frozen water levels.

Groomer activity can be found on the [GTS Trails](#) website and app. Note: there is an 8 hour delay.

Northwoods Passage published a new trail map this year that can be purchased at their member businesses.

Always ride between the blazers on land or lakes to stay safe, prevent trail or machine damage, and maintain good relationships with private landowners who allow trails on their properties.



## Stay Between the Blazers Campaign

Radio announcements have begun on WJJQ 92.5 FM promoting riding on marked trails, the negative impacts of loud pipes, and thanking landowners for access to their property for the trail systems. Campaign signs have been put out at major trail intersections. Al Hanley, of 5 Star Marketing, donated free publications in Up North Action magazine as well as campaign posters that have been distributed to our area establishments. We appreciate this donation to our club!



## Upcoming Club Events



### Trailside Cookout

On Saturday February 7th, the Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club will be hosting its annual Trailside Cookout. Food 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 shed at 2640 County 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 to find the club shed by snowmobile. Landowners from all three local clubs are also invited to the Trailside

Cookout. Bring your family and friends and come enjoy the conversations, fire, music, and food. The club shed will be open to warm up!

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

## Club Member Appreciation Breakfast

Members, we appreciate you and your club support! Join us for our annual Member Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Billy Bob's Sports Bar & Grill, N12025 County L. A great brunch will be served and you can catch up with your club friends. Spinning wheel and 50/50 raffles will be held for some additional fun! If you're not a member yet, you can join that day and enjoy breakfast with new club friends.



Volunteers are needed to help at the breakfast. Contact Lisa Elliott at 715/551-7444 to volunteer. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

## Weeknight Club Ride



A weeknight club ride has been planned for Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Social hour will begin at 5:00pm at The Loop Hole Bar and we will leave at 6:00pm. We'll ride to one other area establishment and then end the evening at Boomba Bar. This ride is in memory of our oldest club member Jim Rau, who passed away during the 2024 season. Contact Dale Elliott at 715/551-8555 with any questions.

Let's put the ride in the Riders!

## Destination Overnight Club Ride

When: January 30-February 1, 2026 - Friday thru Sunday (2 overnights)

Where To: The Lodge at Manitowish Waters  
13859 ILG Road  
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545



Pack your saddlebags for a weekend club ride! We're departing on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am from the Northwoods Riders club shed located at 2640 County L, Tomahawk and will ride to Manitowish Waters. We will return on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Trail routes, location stops, and dinner plans will be provided prior to leaving. Plan to ride 100-120 miles per day. There are 34 members registered at this time. We'll split into smaller riding groups to make the travel enjoyable for all riders.

You must call [The Lodge at Manitowish Waters](https://www.thelodgeatmanitowishwaters.com) hotel at 715-543-2024 to make your room reservations. Please also call or text Dale Elliott at 715-551-8555 to confirm you are joining the ride and with any questions.

This is a great way to explore the trails in northern Wisconsin with club members who are excited to share the saddlebag experience with you!

# Club News

## DNR Snowmobile Safety Class

There were 15 students in attendance at the snowmobile safety class held by our club in December. The students scored between 90-100% on their exams! The Northwoods Riders donated the money for the class and lunch so all students could attend for free. Promoting snowmobiling education is one of our club's main purposes.

Northwoods Passage donated 2 gift certificates to Erv's Sales & Service. The winners were Collen Albrecht and Ryan Kretzschmar.

Thank you to our dedicated instructors for donating their time: Jay Bernarde, John Collom, Amanda Firkus, Mark McDonald, Matt McDonald, and Greg Johnson. Thank you to Erv's for being the host site for the class!

## Tech Education Opportunity

A former club member who retired from snowmobiling donated two snowmobiles that were not in working condition to the club. The Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club donated the snowmobiles to the Tomahawk High School technical education program. Students recently had the opportunity to work these snowmobiles. We're excited to support another youth education opportunity in our community!



## Charitable Giving

The Northwoods Riders are very fortunate to be giving and receiving donations this season!

The Northwoods Riders made the following donations in December.

- \$500 to the [Wisconsin Military Snowmobile Ride](#), which will take place January 19, 2026.
- \$1400 to the Northwoods Passage toward landowner appreciation gift certificates.

Thank you to Jim and Audrey Charles from the Kracker Barrel for donating a percentage of their Pump #4 sales to our club! Fill your sleds and vehicles up at Pump #4 whenever you can.

# Meeting Winners!

November meeting:

\$25 Gift Certificate to Billy Bob's won by Thor Gilbertson.

50-50 Drawing of \$110 won by Rita Meidam.

Thank you to Billy Bob's Sports Bar & Grill for hosting our November meeting.

December meeting:

\$25 Gift Certificate to LaCanne's Swamp Lake won by Dennis Wenker.

50-50 Drawing - \$130 won by Andy King.

Thank you to LaCanne's Swamp Lake Bar & Resort for hosting our December meeting.

## 2025-2026 Area Club Events

*All Northwoods Riders club events and meetings are listed on our website under Events & News> [Northwoods Riders Calendar](#) and on our Facebook page.*

*A comprehensive list of events for all area clubs can be found on our website under Events & News> [Area Clubs Event List](#) and in the **chart on the next page**.*

## TOMAHAWK AREA SNOWMOBILE CLUB EVENTS 2025-2026

| <u>Date</u>                                      | <u>Time</u>      | <u>Event</u>                        | <u>Club</u>   | <u>Location</u>            |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 6/1/2025   | 2:00 PM          | Gun Raffle & Cash                   | NTU           | Boomba                     |
| 10/4/2025  | 3:00-5:00 PM     | Meat Raffle                         | Har Wanderers | Town Pump                  |
| 10/18/2025                                       | 9:00 AM          | Trail Brushing                      | NWPSC         | Club Shed                  |
| 10/18/2025                                       | 12:00-4:00 PM    | Vintage Snowmobile Show & Swap Meet | Knight Owls   | Nut-Zee's                  |
| 10/25/2025                                       | 9:00 AM          | Trail Brushing                      | NTU           | Boomba or Willow Haven     |
| 11/1/2025  | 3:00-5:00 PM     | Meat Raffle                         | Har Wanderers | Little Rice Resort         |
| 11/1/2025  | 9:00 AM          | Trail Brushing                      | Knight Owls   | Groomer Shed               |
| 11/8/2025  | 9:00 AM          | Tomahawk Sports Center Open House   |               | Tomahawk Sports Ctr        |
| December 1-31, 2025                              | 11:15 AM         | Daily Calendar Raffle               | NWPSC         | Castaway's                 |
| 12/6/2025  | 9:00 AM          | Youth Snowmobile Safety Training    | NWR           | Erv's Sales & Service      |
| 1/4/2026   | 2:30 PM          | Big Cash Raffle                     | NWPSC         | Bootleggers Lodge          |
| 1/10/2026  | 3:00 PM          | Slush Run                           | NWPSC         | Birch Lake                 |
| 1/15-16/2026                                     | 11:00 AM         | Ride with the Cup                   |               | TBD                        |
| 1/17/2026  | 3:00 - 5:30 PM   | Winter Fest                         | Har Wanderers | Billy Bob's                |
| 1/30-2/1/2026                                    |                  | NWR Destination Ride                | NWR           | Lodge at Manitowish Waters |
| 1/31/2026  | 9:00 AM          | Radar Run                           | Hooligans     | Holly's                    |
| 2/7/2026   | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM | NWR Trailside Cookout               | NWR           | NWR Club Shed              |
| 2/7/2026   | 3:00-5:00 PM     | Meat Raffle                         | Har Wanderers | Stars & Stripes            |
| 2/7/2026   |                  | Gun Raffle & Cash                   | Knight Owls   | Sure-Wood Forest           |
| 2/8/2026   | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | NWR Member Breakfast                | NWR           | Billy Bob's                |
| 2/14/2026  |                  | Pizza Feed                          | NWPSC         | Twin Bay                   |
| 2/14/2026  |                  | Community Ride                      | Knight Owls   |                            |
| 2/21/2026  |                  | Maday's Fisheree                    | NWPSC         | Maday's Fish Trap          |
| 2/21/2026  |                  | \$100 raffle                        | Knight Owls   | Nut-Zee's                  |
| 2/15/2026  |                  | Equipment Fundraiser                | NTU           |                            |
| 2/28/2026  | 2:00 PM          | Sled Raffle                         | NWPSC         | Somo Lake Resort           |
| 3/7/2026   | 3:00-5:00 PM     | Meat Raffle                         | Har Wanderers | Willows End                |
| 3/14/2026  | 5:00 PM          | Winter Celebration                  | NWPSC         | Inshalla                   |
| 3/28/2026  | 3:00 - 5:00 PM   | Fun'd Run and Meat Raffle           | Har Wanderers | My 10 Point Bar            |
| 4/25/2026  |                  | Spring Hoot                         | Knight Owls   | Inshalla                   |
| 5/24/2026  |                  | Beer Raffle                         | Knight Owls   | Castaway's                 |
| 7/18/2026  |                  | Pontoon Palooza                     | NWR           | The Landing                |
| Other snowmobile events but not club associated: |                  |                                     |               |                            |
| 1/24/2026  |                  | Radar Run Shootout and Bikini Run   |               | LaCanne's                  |