

RESERVOIR Club RIDERS Newsletter February 2008

Trail Re-Route & Work



Finished work to re-route Fish Lake trail.



Club members at the end of the day working on the Fish Lake re-route. These photos were provided from Greg McDonald.

As you ride over the Fish Lake Dam road, north of the Hi-Banks Resort, you may have noticed that the trail has been re-routed to the south. This was done at the request of the land owner and a land swap took place to satisfy the needs of the Club and the land owner.

The spur leading to the Hi-Banks Resort was closed also at their request due to the new campground. Please do not ride through the campground as there is potential in running into the new camper

sewer system stacks.

Other trail information, trail administrator Phillip Lockett, is seeking projects prior to February 25, that could be requested through this years Minnesota DNR "Capital Improvement Grant" program. You may also notice the DNR out on our trails during the month of February and March. The DNR is "GPS'ing" many state-wide club trail systems to obtain an accurate mileage count and route directions which will aid in the creation of the new maps.

Youth Snowmobile Safety Class

There were 30 participants in the December 2007 youth safety class taught by Gail Mantay and Gary Mantay. This years group had a good mix of boys and girls showing that we have a great future of snowmobiling in our area.

Gail and Gary used the new audio visual equipment purchased by the Club to teach the class using digital technology (advanced PowerPoint type presentation). The course program was purchased from the DNR and covers all the standard requirements for youth riding, assuring that our students received the same training as those throughout the state.

The morning of December 15 was a chilly one for the ride test, but all the students were there, and passed. This is a notable testament to the Mantay's effort in educating the young riders.



Gary Mantay with a student going through the pre-ride test.

Prior to getting on a snowmobile, the students had to demonstrate their knowledge of the machine and perform a pre-ride visual inspection. Once that was performed, they rode a sled through an obstacle course of corners and trail signs while using the proper hand signals.

R J Sport and Cycle of Duluth provided the sleds for the ride test.

Club News & Events

Map Committee

Wednesday, February 20

7:00 p.m.

Reservoir Riders Club house

Members of the Club are gathering to update the Duluth Area trail map. All are welcome at this meeting.

21st Annual Fishing Tournament

Saturday, February 23

7:00 p.m.

Fish Lake

Contact the MinnoEtte, 721-4800, or the Eagle's Nest Resort, for more information.

K C Pro Racing

Saturday, February 23

Hi-Banks Resort, Fish Lake

The Club is sponsoring for the second year, the KC Pro Racing organization that promotes youth ice racing.

Northern Star Sno-Riders Youth Safety Class

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, February 25, 25 & 28

North Star Town Hall

7700 Pequaywan Lake Road

Sponsored by the Northern Star Sno-Riders and Reservoir Riders Clubs

Preregistration is required with Denise Anderson at 525-9252.

Mud Lake Picnic

Saturday, March 1

10:00 a.m.

Trail Parking Lot

This annual picnic will take place the 1st weekend of March. Food and beverages will be provided.

Care Committee

The Club wants to hear about and from those that are in need of encouragement due to an injury or illness. Please contact Vonnie Peterson at 525-3816 if you know of anyone in need so we can contact them.



Equipment Report



ASV entering into the shop.

The Club got our new All Surface Vehicle (ASV) this last month, and what a wonderful machine it is! This Caterpillar comes complete with a front-hydraulic controlled,

articulating brush cutter. The unit is also supplied with a front bucket and post-hole driller. Many hours of trail work will be eliminated or enhanced by the functions this machine can perform. Just envision being out on the trails this summer, and instead of hand-digging down, a track machine will do the work for you.... I know I can appreciate this machine!



Groomer at night.

Beyond the ASV, we have had snow! This may also be the reason the Duluth News Tribune showcased our groomers working on the trails.

Our organization was fortunate to have the Duluth News Tribune ride with our groomers for a January 13, 2008 article reflecting the effort that clubs do to make the trails the best we can. Sam Cook brought along photographer Bob King to experience the work clubs put forward on the enjoyment in our snowmobiling sport.



Duluth News Tribune photographer Bob King and Sam Cook with Gary Vezina in the equipment shop.

During this shoot, Sam Cook even drove the 2005 groomer and was surprised of the effort it took to drive one of these machines. The one thing that our groomers would remember from this experience, was that "They do ask a lot of questions!"



2005 Groomer out east on the trail during a snow storm.

Associate Members

- Duluth Lawn & Sport
- Eagles Nest Resort
- Fredenberg Minnowette
- Hartel's/DBJ Disposal
- Hi-Banks Resort
- Humes Plumbing & Heating
- Island Lake Boat & RV Storage

- Island Lake Inn
- Lakehead Trucking
- Northwest Outlet, Inc.
- Old Wisconsin Sausage
- RJ Sport & Cycle
- Sportsmans Inn

Classifieds

If you would like to place a free ad for snowmobiles or snowmobiling related items, please call Kilian at 722-3657 or email reservoirriders@yahoo.com. Please no items unrelated to snowmobiling. Reservoir Riders provides this information, but in no way endorses or guarantees the items listed.



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Regular Club Meetings:
Second Thursday of each month at the Club House
7:00 p.m.

Club Board Meetings:
Fourth Thursday of each month at the Club House
7:00 p.m.

Board of Officers

President - Gary Mantay, 525-4849
Vice President - Fred Peterson, 525-3816
Secretary - Kilian Ottman, 722-3657
Treasure - Gail Mantay

Board at Large

Lora Lockett
Greg McDonald
Scott Pearson
Vonnie Peterson
Gary Vezina

Next Regular Club Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Club House

Club Contact/Newsletter Editor
Kilian Ottman

Trail Administrator
Philip Lockett, 729-9152

The Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club encourages and promotes safety, education, and responsibility in the sport of snowmobiling.