

RESERVOIR RIDERS Club Newsletter November 2007

CLUB DONATES RESCUE SLEDS

The Reservoir Riders bought three rescue sleds and distributed the sleds to the Grand Lake, Fredenberg, and North Star Township Fire Departments to be used on the trails. The Departments were given the sleds at the June 14 Club meeting with a good turn out from all three Departments.



Club President Gary Mantay, center in back, with representatives from the three Fire Departments.

The sleds were purchased, with contributions from R. J. Sports, to aid the Departments with their rescues on the snowmobile and dirt trails. The sleds have rubber wheels and can be fitted with skis depending on the conditions and locations of the rescues.

With these sleds, the Departments can safely transport the injured on a stretcher or in a sitting position within a shrouded enclosure that provides room for the EMS personnel. There is also an area for much of the gear potentially needed to attend many of those unpredictable injuries that can happen out in the woods or on the ice.

The members from the Departments were pleased with the sophistication of the sleds and the ability for them to retrieve the injured from the sites in a safe manner.



Club members and the Fire Departments outside with each others equipment.

There was interest in the Club's grooming equipment too and we were willing to show them off, and hopefully get new groomers. This was a great event that showed our Club's cooperation with aiding our rescue personnel with the means to help those in need from accidents.



Fredenberg Fire Department tries out the groomer.

Club News & Events

YOUTH SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, November 26, 27, & 28
6:00 p.m.

Reservoir Riders Club House

Instructors are Gary Mantay and Gail Mantay

Preregistration required to Gary Mantay at 525-4849

TRAIL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, December 1st
9:00 a.m.

Reservoir Riders Club House

Dinner around 4:00 p.m. back at the Club House

Please come and join us for some good hard work and food.

Bring what ever brush cutting equipment you can - chainsaws, brush cutters, saws, shovels, axes, . . .

BOARD OF OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

Thursday, December 13th
7:00 p.m.

Reservoir Riders Club House

Nominations for the 2007 Board of Officers are being sought and will be voted on at this regularly scheduled meeting. Nominations and voting is open to all current Reservoir Rider Club members.

EQUIPMENT

The Club has purchased a new ASV to do brush cutting and post hole digging on the trails.

MNUSA CALENDER SALES

The Club is selling the MnUSA calenders again this year for \$20.00 with a portion of each sale coming back to the Club. Each month there are multiple prizes drawn for.



Groomer Report

The winter of 2006 and 2007 was a dismal year for snow and the groomers only went out for a few times. The East groomer (2005) had only 146 hours of run time where as the West groomer (2000) had 119 hours of use on the trails. With this kind of use, we are assured the groomers are not going to get worn out; unfortunately, that is not the goal of our Club.

This year, we are hoping these hours will increase with the predicted increase of snow fall over the 2007-2008 snow season. Think, pray, do a snow dance, what ever you can so these machines can be used for what we need them for!

Groomer Operator Meeting

Club invites new and previous groomers and if you are interested in being a Groomer Operator for the 2007 - 2008 season you **must** attend this meeting.

Contact Gary Vezina at 590-7554 if you have any questions.

Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
(after the regular Club meeting)

Meet at the Clubhouse and Groomer Shop

DULUTH NATIONAL SNOCROSS

Members of Reservoir Riders volunteered as track assistants and crowd control. About a dozen of our members participated in what has become one of the leading events in our region with well over 30,000 ticket holders watching a thousand racers at Duluth's own "Daytona" races.



Picture taken from the 2006-2007 races.

And what could be better than watching local Bobby LePage do so

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.

well, but to watch him from the center of the track standing on 10 feet of man-made snow! Next year will be just as exciting and if you would like to volunteer, contact Club member Greg McDonald.

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



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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
Vice President - Fred Peterson
Secretary - Kilian Ottman
Treasure - Gail Mantay

Board at Large

Dustin Erichsen
Lora Lockett
Scott Pearson
Vonnie Peterson
Gary Vezina

Club Contact/Newsletter Editor

Kilian Ottman - 722-3657

Trail Administrator

Philip Lockett

Next Regular Club Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Club House

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