

# Benton County Snowmobile Club

## Newsletter



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS!

**Just like the 50 different species of mosquitos that call Minnesota home and hatch every spring, WE'RE BACK! Welcome to the 2021/2022 snowmobiling season! A super big shout out to all the crew who have been working out at the groomer shed all summer. The lawn looks great, Dorothy has the flower garden looking beautiful. We certainly do have a big new building and land, but tweaking stuff here and there to make things easier never seems to cease. We're acquiring some equipment that will deal a death knell to ruts in farmers' fields. It would be nice not having the fillings in your teeth vibrate loose after each trip around the loop. Things are coming together. The brush cutter was modified to be able to clear branches well above the groomer height. I'm all for making things easier and faster, and i'm sure the trail crews would rather spend less time brushing and grooming and more time riding. Our meeting locations are up in the air as Rumor's Bar and Grill cannot find enough staff. So, we're going to give the V.F.W. in East St. Cloud a try for the October meeting. This is the V.F.W. near the corner of U.S. Hi-way 10 and East St. Germain. If we use this site for the 2021-2022 season, snowmobiles drive up and down Hi-way 10 all the time and park outside of the building. With covid still rearing its ugly head, you're probably getting used to "different" and "change" by now. Just a reminder, we have raffle tickets available to sell and purchase; they will be available at the October meeting. The Landowner Appreciation dinner and celebration will be held at Jack and Jim's this year, November 27th. (Yet another change) Let's try and make our landowners feel valued, if it wasn't for them, there wouldn't be a club or groomed trails. A friendly reminder, our club dues are due and are still only \$35. Your new membership or continued membership also includes a subscription to MN Snowmobiler magazine. They have a new publisher this year, but everything seems to be A-OK as far as the periodical goes. Make sure you make the October meeting and remember it's at a different location. We would like your input on the locale, the food, parking, and noise levels. See you there!**



## AL'S CORNER:

**It's time to party like Charlie Sheen! (minus the drugs and alcohol, we're a family friendly organization.) I don't have to remind you of how hot that summer was. Did it feel familiar? If you're old enough, you may remember the summer of 1988. It was very hot and dry that summer. but, in Autumn, it started to rain. That winter we had 14-incher after 14-incher of snowfalls. Yes, we got dumped on that year. I was tootling around on a 1978 Scorpion Whip 340 with its top speed of 25 mph. Y'all seeing a repeat of history? I find weather quite interesting. Yes, i talk a lot about it in Al's Corner, but you must remember, you can have a brand new sled, a reliable trailer, a tow vehicle, and time off of work, but if there's no snow for 1500 miles, it's all for nought. We need a good blast of old fashioned winter. Imagine a 16 inch base on the trails and it's only the beginning of winter. If that doesn't get you excited, I recommend seeing your doctor. If you happen to be reading this and are not a club member, and are hemming and hawing if you should join, thinking it's all just a bunch of work, and you'd rather just go riding instead, but wouldn't mind having some like minded people to go riding with, then come to a meeting. We won't make you do anything and we won't make you feel guilty. Just meet a new friend and grab some phone numbers, or even make plans. Some club members have weekends off; some have weekdays off, and some have all winter off and they go riding. You into big horsepower? We got that. You into just a shorter ride of maybe only 70 miles? We have that too. We have club trips, and we have people that just want to go riding and need someone to go with. We have it all. Yes, we celebrate the landowners, because our trails cross their property, yes we groom the trails to keep the riders happy, but we also do a lot of riding. Just come to a meeting. Our meetings move along, and usually wrap up in an hour or an hour and a half. Socialize, and meet some new riding buddies, you'll be glad you did.**

**Thanks for reading folks!**