

Benton County Snowmobile Club

Newsletter



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Well, we got snow, hallelujah. The days are getting longer, but it's still gonna be cold for quite awhile. Get that sled out if you are able. The Christmas party was a success. The white elephant gift exchange really was quite fun. I was surprised nobody tried nabbing Jennifer's present. From the look on her face, I think that if you tried, you'd end up with a stump where your hand once was. On a less violent note, take a gander at the next Minnesota Snowmobiling magazine. A little bird told me that our club may have an article in there on the Molitor signs. A couple days before I penned this, I did the loop quickly by myself. I saw the Molitor corridor, and also Jerry Kriese's "fun signs". Did you know that 4 out of 3 people are bad at math? These are actually a good idea. You have a tendency to slow down a little bit to read them, and that's always a good thing. Please, please be careful out there. Groomed trails does not mean "safe" trails, it means smoother trails. The groomer can pick up a rock and bring it to the surface, where it may get covered by a thin layer of snow, making it nearly impossible to see. This happened to my wife's sled. Smacked a rock going at trail speeds, and bent the suspension. This was on Morrison County's trails, not ours, but you still have to watch out. The reason it changes from year to year, is because farmers perpetually plow their fields. Frost continually pushes up new rocks, and the plow brings it to the surface. Just keep an eye out! Ya'll get up to the Rendezvous this year whether you ride or not. It's fun! Bring your crafts or puzzles with if you don't ride. It really is a good time. You won't be sorry!

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AL'S CORNER:

Once again, Happy New Year! I hope this year is better than last. I'm taking a break on teaching you tips on how to save money. It's a new year, let's try and be thankful. Do you realize that you can't be happy if you're not grateful and thankful? It's a prerequisite. So, what is the key to being grateful and thankful? Why, it's going over the blessings in your life. But Al, I have no blessings in my life. Au contraire mon frère! The fact that you're breathing is a blessing. How many people are taking the dirt nap? Not you! That's who. Did you know that only about 10% of people on Earth own a car? That means you're in the top 10% richest people on the planet. Only .05 percent of people on Earth own a snowmobile. Yes you are blessed. You need more reasons to be thankful? Running water, cold AND hot. Central heat and air conditioning. Indoor toilets. Remember the days when you had to go outside to use the bathroom? The OUTHOUSE. Most of you probably remember those. When winter was really winter and the dookie kept freezing all the way up in a cone shape. Then someone had to take an ax or some other implement and break it down. If you didn't, you'd have a big surprise when you sat over the hole, a big frozen surprise.....Isn't indoor plumbing something to be thankful for? You can also just pick up food on your way home and cook it easily. No starting some fire in a wood stove and then trying to cook. Nope. Now you can push a button or turn a knob. You can also visit most places in the world with a few hours of flying. No more horse and buggies. From frozen tundra to palm trees and white sand with a minimal of planning. MODERN DENTISTRY. CT scans. Heated steering wheels and heated seats. Flip a switch and 'let there be light'. Now, we just have candles because they smell good or are simply a decoration. Garbage pickup. Window screens. Your smart phone which has more calculating power than the Apollo missions to the moon had. Now, factor in your relationships....spouse, kids, pets, friends, your snowmobile(s)....You are blessed, just admit it. You just thank God, Fate, Goodness, or your Lucky Stars, whatever you believe in, just be thankful and grateful, it's the first step toward happiness.

Thanks for reading folks!