

LOW BUCK VINTAGE RIDERS



December Newsletter

We're Not Cheap, We're Just Low Buck

Future Meeting Dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8

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Don't forget - **PIZZA MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2010**

We will be wrapping up all the details for the LOW BUCK VINTAGE RIDERS 12th ANNUAL SNOWMOBILE SHOW

January 23, 2010 at Stone Toad Bar & Grill

Registration 8:30 – 11:30 AM Awards at 3:00 PM

Sponsorships/Money is due January 4th to Dan/Susan Anderson. Send to address on newsletter or call 920-734-0830. - Any business, organization or individual for \$30.00 can sponsor a show award. Sponsors will be published in the newsletter, on the website and on the sponsor board at the show.

Please come and help out at the Show: Set-up, parking, unloading sleds, judging, apparel sales, clean-up, etc. Signup sheets will be available at the January meeting. If everyone helps in some way the event is sure to be a success and good time.

This year's Feature is a Cleated Track

Wisconsin Snow Conditions Report Wisconsin snow conditions brought to you by Old Man Winter. Get the lowdown on snowfall all across Wisconsin. Grab your sled and come out and play!

http://www.travelwisconsin.com/snow_report.aspx

AWSC Club Assistance Raffle Tickets are available. 1st prize is a 2011 Polaris IQ600, 2nd prize are 4 NASCAR tickets to 3 races in Bristol, TN. (Aug), 3rd prize is a 2-place Loadmaster trailer, and the 4th prize is a vacation package for 4 people, two-night stay in a deluxe condo at the Wild Eagle Lodge in Eagle River, WI. Raffle tickets are available from LBVR Club Member Stan Houk 920-830-3212

SAFETY FIRST as you hit the trails!!!

Please remember as you hit the trails that the weather has been warm and there is NOT ice underneath the snow on the lakes, rivers and ponds.

If any club member is looking to buy or sell snowmobile related items, you can send an email to awsc@awsc.org and they will post the item for you, or you can post it on the LBVR forum website at: www.lowbuckvintageriders.com.

PARENTS, is your son or daughter PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE NEXT FALL?

\$3500 is available in Scholarships through the AWSC for 2010 graduating high school seniors planning to pursue further education in an accredited 2 or 4 year college. A \$1500 scholarship from AWSC Fund-Raising Committee and members is available, **LOW BUCK VINTAGE RIDERS also offers the \$1000 Lyla Schumann Memorial Scholarship** and working in conjunction with American Income Insurance Company, a third scholarship OF \$1000 will again be offered this year. The AWSC awards 3 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of the Association. Go to awsc.org and click on the Scholarship link. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 25, 2010.

Snowmobile Trivia

Joseph Armand Bombardier did not invent the very first snowmobile. Nor did the Hetteens or Carl Eliason. Who actually first traveled over the snow in a tracked, motorized vehicle may forever be a mystery. The first U.S. patent awarded to a power sled came on March 24, 1896, to Moses, William and Joseph Runnoe of Crested Butte, Colorado. Their power sled had an endless track of chain and eight steel crossbars supported by spring straps. The cleats had spurs on the outer edges for traction. Bear in mind that 1896 was only one year after the first U.S. automobile patent was issued to George Selden in 1895. This was 21 years before U.S. involvement in World War I and merely 20 years after Custer's Last Stand!

In October 1921, Charles H. Young of Norway, Maine, filed for a patent on a motor-driven sled. His machine had an endless belt on an independent rear suspended power unit and a curved front with skis for steering, forerunning Eliason and others. He received his patent on March 17, 1925.

The Ski-Doo

- **The first Ski-Doo had a metal shell and wooden skis. It sold for \$990.**
- **Polaris Industries of Minnesota first sold a "motorized sled" in 1955 but the Bombardier design became the industry standard.**