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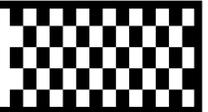
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# *Track & Trails*

**SNOBIRDS**

**SNOWMOBILE CLUB**  
February 2014



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Snobirds meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm, at the Village Bowl in Menomonee Falls, N86 W18830 Main St. **Please join us! Guests are welcome!**

## ----February 2014

11 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
13-16 Eagle River Snofari

## ----March 2014

11 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
25 Board Meeting - Bonnie Pollich

## ----April 2014

8 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
24 Smelt Cleaning  
25 Smelt Fry  
29 Board Meeting - Ed Pollich \* 5th Tuesday \*

## ----May 2014

11 Mother's Day  
13 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
26 Memorial Day  
27 Board Meeting - John Palmer

## ----June 2014

10 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
14 Flag Day  
15 Father's Day

## ----July 2014

8 General Meeting Village Bowl, Menomonee Falls, 8 p.m.  
22 Board Meeting - Gary Breuckman

see our club information on the Internet  
at <http://www.snobirds.org/>

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# 45th Annual 2014 Smelt Fry

**All you can eat!  
Play our Raffle Wheel!**

Save the date - Friday April 25th  
4:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
St. Agnes Church  
12801 W. Fairmount Ave.  
Butler, WI

Don't forget our world-famous smelt-cleaning party, the day before, on Thursday April 24th.

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## Eagle River Snofari Feb 13 - Feb 16, 2014

The Snobirds Snowmobile Club members will be staying at the Super 8, Thursday Feb. 13th thru Sunday Feb. 16, 2014.

A block of rooms has been reserved under the name SNOBIRDS. Call using the 715 477-0888 direct phone number, to receive the correct rates:

Friday and Saturday nights \$94 plus taxes  
other nights \$73 plus taxes

Deposits are refundable up to 48 hours before the date reserved.

The Super8 is located at 200 West Pine Street (hwy 70), Eagle River WI 54521

Casey Wibbert

# SAFETY SCHOOL

## Gary Breuckman

Our safety classes are over for the season, we had 13 students in the December class and 24 in the January class.

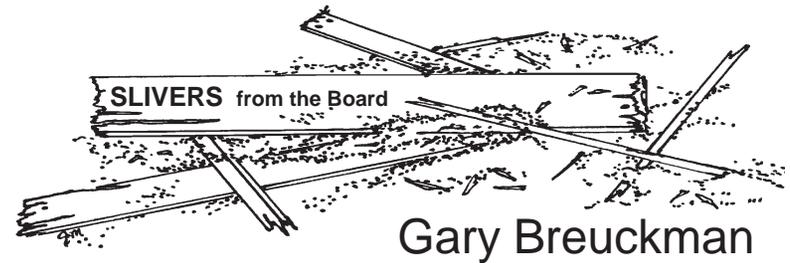
The number of students in the December class was down from the average. One cause for that was two other area classes starting the same week as our class. In a way, it would be nice if somehow this could be coordinated so it wouldn't happen, but the classes are usually planned so far in advance that this wouldn't be very practical. There was also the one-day class at the snow show in October that had a very large attendance, and some of those folks might have come to our class if they hadn't been able to go there.

The January class, on the other hand, had almost no competition. The only other class in the area was two Saturdays, one at the end of the month and one in February. Our limit, space-wise, is about 40 students (along with parents who stay, and so forth) so it did well.

We've noticed, in the last few years, that more students are failing the written test at the end of the class. The test has gotten harder in recent years, with more "10-dollar" words and phrasing that makes it difficult for 11 and 12 year olds, especially if they have any reading or comprehension difficulties. We had two students who failed in December. They retook the class in January and passed. We had one student in January who did not pass, she was there with an older sibling and perhaps was not as enthusiastic about the class.

In any case, we aren't really in competition for students, and are just eager that everyone take a class somewhere. We had one class years ago where 10 were signed up, and only four came. We held the class anyway, but the warden was NOT pleased with that, and wanted all the names so he could call and find out why they didn't show up.

So, thanks to all the instructors who gave up their evenings, and we'll do it again in December!



It's planning time again for our Smelt Fry, the 45th year we've held it. The dates this year are April 24th for the cleaning, and Friday April 25th for the Smelt Fry. The tickets will be out shortly, as soon as we can decide on the price. It's difficult, because the supplier won't commit to a price for the smelt in advance, but we will get a current quote and guess from there. The price hasn't changed for two years, so it probably will go up some this year.

We went through the list of chairpersons for each area, making sure everything was covered. One potential problem is insurance for the beer sales. As you probably know, there have been a lot of changes in insurance coverage for clubs, and the companies willing to write policies. The company writing our new policy wants to provide an alcoholic beverage coverage for the entire year, rather than just the day of the smelt fry. This alone would increase the cost of beer by \$.50/can, so we are looking at alternate providers to see what's available.

We went over the Christmas party costs, there were 53 members attending and three guests. This was just below the minimum 60 people we were contracted for - we may have to do something different for next year if we can't get more members to come.

We have 68 memberships renewed this year, leaving only 3 non-renewals. While 100% would be nice, this is a better renewal rate than we've had for quite a few years.

Time to think about Smelt and then the Summer!

# Tomahawk Snofari

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The Tomahawk snofari was a big success. The weather and trails were excellent. The hotel and breakfast was very good as usual. There were 31 Snobirds that attended and 7 guests. It appeared that everyone had a great time. The hospitality room was well attended and with Ed Pollich's old fashion mix and Ron Wendt's bartending skills, it was 2 fun filled evenings. We also had a card game with 18 people called s—t on your neighbor which was fun. Ron Wendt won the grand prize. We totaled up the miles of our 31 members and did 5,213 miles. Thanks to all that attended and made it such a fun time. Hope to see everyone and even more members next year.

