

WINTER NEWSLETTER

2024 - 2025

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Trail Boss Report - Nov. 20

We took the summer grader out one last time to remove UTV moguls from state trail 7 (Lakewood to Forest County) for the upcoming snow season. We also had to roll out the tractor with the box scrapper in November after several high wind and heavy rain days. It seems like every other poplar tree in the forest is a dead one ready to fall onto the trails. Jeff Kroll is in the process of reconditioning one more trail for the club. I believe all the snowmobile trails should be ready to go then, all we need is cold & snow.

We are changing the equipment over from ATV to snowmobile. Both groomers have been checked and are ready to go. Both drags have been looked over and exercised. I think we are ready.

I just started reaching out to the grooming crew and am hoping everyone is coming back this season. For those of you who have offered to groom and we did not have a chance to get back to you, I apologize. The season was short last year. Feel free to get ahold of me when the snow flies to see how things can come together.

We're ready for the snow!

Trail Boss Mike

President's Corner

Here we are with winter nearby. Where has summer gone? This summer was hot & dry which made our trails very dusty. When our trails are under these types of conditions, please remember to go slow near local homes and businesses nearby.

We had three club rides this year with one of them ending at Oughton Park enjoying a club sponsored picnic. We are looking forward to doing the same for next year. With the upcoming snowmobile season fast approaching please remember **trail closed** for ATV/UTV use as of **November 3rd, 2024** except for road routes unless otherwise posted. It is not worth the risk of getting caught and having to pay a hefty fine.

Speaking of the upcoming snowmobile season, we would like to thank the volunteers who help with the brushing and cleanup of our winter trails in preparation for snowmobiling. Without them, snowmobiling would not be possible.

As a friendly reminder, this is your club, please donate some of your time to help when possible. Our success depends on our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who have come forward to help in the past and we look forward to seeing new members pitching in. What a great way to meet new people and board members.

Now, from a personal side, I would like to extend an invitation to our members for your input about your club. This is your opportunity to express your thoughts and concerns. What changes if any would you like to see, new ideas or concerns. Please feel free to reach out to your board members, your feedback is important to all of us. You can reach out to us via our website, text, phone or even at a local establishment.

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Upcoming Events

- Red Arrow Christmas Party & Membership Meeting
January 11, 5p
Waubee Lodge
- Bonfire in the Woods
January 25, 11a - 5p
Olive Pit
- 49th Annual Snowfest
February 15, 11a-5p
Townsend Town Hall
- Annual Membership Meeting & Elections
April 19, 9a
Townsend Town Hall

Winterfest Raffle Tickets!

Included with your newsletter are raffle tickets for Winterfest! The cost is \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please support your club by purchasing or selling them. Bring them to your holiday get-togethers for family and friends. Need more? Contact our Treasurer Chuck at 920-470-1484 and he can drop some in the mail.

Tickets will also be available at the 49th Annual Snowfest held on February 15th. The drawing will be held at 5p. Find more details on page 4.



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Here are some other items of interest:

We have some 2025 fund raising Raffle Calendars sponsored by the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC). The cost is \$20 which includes 12 chances to win 365 prizes throughout the year. \$13,500 in prizes in total. Drawings are on the last Wednesday of every month @ 1:00pm. There are only 2000 calendars printed and winners will have their names returned into the monthly drawings. The prize summaries are, 12-\$300, 12-\$200, 36-\$40, 294-\$20.

For our ATV/UTV enthusiast, you have a chance to subscribe and support The Wisconsin ATV-UTV Association (WATVA). WATVA is a great organization that works very hard in supporting this recreation. They advocate for Safety and Law Enforcement. Membership options are Traditional Membership -\$30/year (includes print magazine) or Digital Membership - \$15/year (includes access to digital magazine)

Stay safe and remember, Divided We Fail, United We Trail.

Rick Van Asten, President

Club News from Your Membership Secretary

It's crazy to think that our membership year is quickly approaching the ½ way mark! Our online renewal option on the website has modernized the process for you to renew at Red Arrow BUT we still must manually renew at AWSC. I do not check daily or even weekly to see who has renewed but attempt to process every two weeks. We are finding a lag time between renewals that are mailed in. You might think that would be the easiest as we see it come in but mailed renewals are "touched" by two people, Treasurer Chuck and myself. I manually update our website membership prior to the AWSC website. It just takes a little more time. For those of you that renewed online, Treasurer Chuck thanks you as it streamlines his end of things. We are working on a solution for mailed memberships for next year that would allow the Membership Secretary (Me) to receive them directly.



If you renewed but it doesn't show that you did, please reach out. I am not in the Northwoods much after mid-September so Treasurer Chuck scans your renewal to me. There are times when one or two get missed.

MOST IMPORTANT!!! If you haven't renewed yet, PLEASE do so ASAP! I will be unavailable from December 23 - January 6 to renew anyone regardless of how much it snows and how bad you need your trail pass. All renewals received until then will be processed on December 22 unless trails open sooner.

You may have received emails to a secondary email address coming from RedArrowTownsend@gmail.com. This is our solution for sending to two email addresses per membership. MANY emails have bounced or are blocked. If you are not receiving an email and want to, look at our email addresses listed in the membership on the website and be sure that they are both correct. Please whitelist the RedArrowTownsend@gmail.com so it doesn't bounce or get sent to your spam box. All Red Arrow emails will go to the main email listed. Most will also go the secondary email. In addition, please share Red Arrow news with your spouse/significant other/children until we have everyone receiving the secondary email.

Thanks for working with me over the holidays this year and think SNOW!
Tracy



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\$10 Trail Pass – What You Need to Know When Ordering

The Purchaser -

- Your name and address as recorded on your AWSC membership must match exactly with your WI DNR name and address on file. (ex: 'Robert" and "Bobby" do not match)
- You can update and confirm your information with the WI DNR at <https://gowild.wi.gov> or call **888.936.7463**
- Both memberships (Snowmobile club & AWSC) must be current
- Renew early - it takes processing time for your club and AWSC to update!

The Purchaser's Sled -

- Your WI DNR snowmobile registration must be current and registered under your name
 - Double check at <https://gowild.wi.gov> or call **888.936.7463**
 - You must enter your WI DNR snowmobile registration number to order passes every time (ex: 2234AW)
 - Registration numbers entered for Trail Passes must match with the WI DNR's records
- The age of your snowmobile matters:
 - If your snowmobile is 34 years old or Newer, a trail pass is REQUIRED
 - If your snowmobile is 35 years old or Older, a trail pass is NOT REQUIRED

ALL \$10 TRAIL PASSES -

- Can only be ordered through the AWSC: online, mail in form with a check, or call the AWSC with a Credit Card during business hours
 - No pickup - No one has Trail Passes on hand for immediate purchase; so plan ahead
 - Clubs do NOT have Trail Passes for sale and can NOT process a trail pass
- You can legally ride with your Trail Pass receipt
- Are mailed from the DNR and can take up to 21 days for delivery via US mail
- NOTE: Call the AWSC office after 30 days of order date but before 60 days if your Trail Pass hasn't arrived by mail
- No refunds

<https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration/Order-Passes-Online>

INSTRUCTIONS TO FILL OUT THE ONLINE TRAIL PASS FORM:

- Enter your AWSC membership ID and last name (as it appears on your AWSC membership) and click the NEXT STEP button. This will display your name and address where the trail passes will be sent. If your name and/or address are incorrect, contact your club's membership chair to update your information in the club's roster or the AWSC office (800-232-4108 or 608-846-5530).
- Enter one sled registration number per white box. When done, click the ADD TO CART button. This will then allow you to pay for the trail passes.
- If you need to purchase additional trail passes for more than what is allowed on the screen, contact AWSC office (800-232-4108 or 608-846-5530).
- Discount trail passes are only available for personal, non-commercial use. Non-members of AWSC club affiliates and commercial trail passes (business-registered) can be ordered through the WI DNR's [snowmobile trail pass](#) web page or by visiting any one of the 1000 DNR [sales agents](#).
- TRAIL PASSES FOR THIS SEASON EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025.





SAVE THE DATE – Red Arrow 49th Annual Snow Fest

Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club is excited to announce the 49th Annual Red Arrow Snow Fest to be held Saturday, February 15th, 2025. The event will kick off with a meeting at the Townsend Town Hall beginning at 10:00am. The event is held snow or no snow from 11a to 5p. Membership is encouraged to participate and bring their friends and family! We will have our meat raffle, cash ticket raffle, food, beverages, 50/50 raffle, 100 square raffle for adults and another for kids. Proceeds from the event go toward maintaining the trail system in the Townsend area. This is a family friendly event.



Snow Fest VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Snow Fest is fast approaching and WE need YOU! Volunteers are needed in the clothing area, the 50/50 raffle, cash ticket raffle, bartenders, 100 square raffles, to hand out the meat prizes, meat raffle ticket sellers and meat raffle recorders. It takes a village and we have the best with our Red Arrow Members! Sign up today at www.RedArrowTownsend.com. Click on meetings on the left hand side. Scroll to Snow Fest. Click on more details. There will be a link for volunteers in the information. **See you there and think SNOW!!**

Interested in Joining the Board of Directors?

Elections will be held April 19th. We would love to have you join the board or a committee or two at that time! Positions that are up for election include the President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Director. It sounds like most of the Board will run for re-election is no one else is interested. Please contact Tad at 920-427-2484 if you are interested. It would be great to add some “new blood” to our Board!

Your current Board of Directors are listed below.

President: Rick Van Asten

Vice President: Tad Kallas

Treasurer: Chuck Searl

Administrative Secretary: Juliana Van Asten

Membership Secretary: Tracy Wiebensohn

Director / Trail Boss: Mike Malueg

Director: Carla Van Camp

Director: Chad Van Vreede

SAVE THE DATE – Red Arrow Bonfire in the Woods

We can't wait to see everyone! Stop in while you are riding the trails and warm up around the bonfire. You can also join by car! Chat with fellow riders and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and a hot dog. NEW LOCATION!!! Meet at the kiosk across from Olive Pit!



Registration is NOT required! This is a FREE event for anyone using the trail system!

DECAL REMINDER – When placing your decal on your machine, PLEASE make sure the arrow is pointing FORWARD to the FRONT of the machine! Please see the picture on the right for a visual explanation. Everyone should have received two decals with their paid renewal; one for each side of the machine. Additional decals can be purchased for \$2 each.





PLEASE JOIN US AT THE RED ARROW SNOWMOBILE ATV CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY!

Families are encouraged to attend! Bring your weekend guests!

Saturday, January 11th, 2025 at Waubee Lake Lodge, Lakewood

5:00 PM Cocktail Hour with 5:30 Meeting Red Arrow provides two drink tickets for every paid dinner guest. Ticket is valid for domestic bottled beer, rail drinks, house wine and soft drinks.

6:00 PM Buffet Dinner Tenderloin Tips, Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy and Dressing. Dessert will be provided.

7:00 PM Fun, Fun, Fun! Join us for games and music!

Adults (21 and older)	\$25.00 each includes tax, tip & two soda, beer, house wine or rail cocktail tickets
Adults & Teens (17-20)	\$21.00 each includes tax, tip & two soda tickets
Children (16 and under)	\$15.00 each includes tax, tip & two soda tickets
High Chair Children	Free

Help fill the shelves!

One raffle ticket per guest to win a prize! Donate a personal care item or a non-perishable food item.

Games! Games! And More Games with a bit of FUN!

- * Guess the number of marshmallows. The person closest without going over wins the hot cocoa prize! If there's a tie we will draw one winner!
- * Bingo – We will play a few games of bingo.
- * Trivia – Who knows the most about certain topics? We will see!
- * Hot Cocoa Bar and More.....

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FOR NAME TAGS

NAME #1 _____ ADULT ___ TEEN 17-20 ___ CHILD (16 or Under) ___ HIGH CHAIR CHILD _____

NAME #2 _____ ADULT ___ TEEN 17-20 ___ CHILD (16 or Under) ___ HIGH CHAIR CHILD _____

NAME #3 _____ ADULT ___ TEEN 17-20 ___ CHILD (16 or Under) ___ HIGH CHAIR CHILD _____

NAME #4 _____ ADULT ___ TEEN 17-20 ___ CHILD (16 or Under) ___ HIGH CHAIR CHILD _____

(Add additional names and information on back side of form please)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ TOTAL: ADULTS _____ TEENS _____ CHILDREN _____ HIGH CHAIR CHILDREN _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

**Send payment and form to: Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club,
PO Box 248, Townsend, WI 54175**