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Elkhart County Snowmobile Club

Keepers of the Miami Trail

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New Club meeting location and time!!

We will be meeting at the River Inn, Bristol for our monthly club meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. This will give us the opportunity to ride to the meeting if weather allows!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Snow Enthusiasts,
The mercury tells me this morning that fall is here. Jack frost nipping at the nose, the leaves changing a little less sunlight all signs that the great outdoors is coming to the annual cycle that we call "SNOWMOBILE SEASON."
November is basically here and Doug is doing an excellent job of organizing trail work that needs to be done. I would like to encourage everyone that your contribution to the trail work **MAKES A DIFFERENCE**. No matter how small it seems all the work needs to be done and someone has to do it the more people that participate the easier it is for everyone.
We have some great banners coming to put at the trailhead for the new website. The snowmobile clubs website is currently under development and I would like to encourage people to check it out www.miamitrail.org. We aim to generate more awareness of the trail, and information on the club. We want to continue to develop the website and get sponsors etc.
I look forward to seeing the club on November 6 at the River Inn. Let's hope for record snow this season.
Fred Graber, president

HOW TO DETERMINE A REAL SNOWMOBILER

- *Prays for snow every night.
- *Turns on the Weather Channel first thing every morning.
- *Curses the Weather Channel second thing every morning.
- *Doesn't like to be passed under any circumstances.
- *Wants a new snowmobile every year.
- *Would rather ride than watch the Super Bowl.
- *Wishes he could forget about the speed limit.
- *Feels that no snowmobile suit is ever out of fashion, or too dirty to wear.
- *Would never admit to being tired out when riding with buddies.
- *Is about as friendly as a grizzly bear when someone "high marks" him.
- *Refers to standing around as "wasting daylight."
- *Thumb twitches when snow is forecast.
- *Enjoys the smell of two-cycle exhaust and the sound of revving engines.
- *Carries enough odds and ends in his "possibles bag" to make it home, regardless.
- *Views a heavy, fresh snowfall as an invitation to paradise.
- *Considers burgers, fries and malts a delicacy.
- *Can locate gas stations like a coon dog on a hot trail.
- *Considers his exact sled width when approaching two trees, out of control, and careening downhill.
- *Always knows (with GPS precision) which way is back.

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For current trail conditions



Hello all! The leaves are turning and that means fall is here. I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the summer and all the fun events that go with it. Some of you may still be trying to do some of those summer activities because of the warm weather we've been having, but I think that will change soon. There is already snow out west and we may start to see our first flakes in the next month or so.

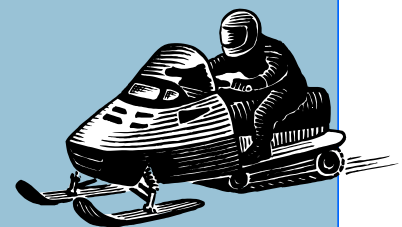
Things are continuing to be worked on among the board members and maintenance is also starting on items in the club house. Fred has been working on the new web site and things are looking good. If you haven't seen it, go to www.miamitrail.org. Fred will update more on this later. Nate has been updating leases and things are coming along nicely. Brad's been working on a new brochure and it is also coming along nicely. I've been working on banners that will display our website. They should be ready to install at the trailheads during the trail installation. The groomer and drag are currently over at Fred's and he is working on getting a few things fixed and ready for when the snow flies. If anyone is interested in riding along or running the groomer, let me know and I will get you involved. As I found out last year grooming takes time, but is a lot of fun. I also want to take some time to explain the new log books that are found in the groomer and the John Deere tractor. When you use the equipment please fill out the log books so we can document how they are being used. This is something the DNR wants us to do so they can keep track of maintenance and usage.

Last, but not least, the work days will start on November the 1st and continue every Saturday after that until the trails are in. We will meet at the club house in the morning at 7:30 and work as long as you like or can. **Mark your Calendars, the big work day this year will be on Saturday November 8th, 2008 @ 7:30 A.M.** Meet at the Club House in Eby's Pines Campground. Lunch will be provided by the club. Bring a cordless screw gun, chain saw, and a 4-wheeler if you have them. If not, just bring yourself and be prepared for a day of fun. Please wear some orange. Here is your chance to get to know fellow club members better and help us have the best trail system in Indiana. Call Doug @ 536-2018 for more information. Everyone have a great fall and hope to see you at the River Inn on Nov. 6th.

Doug Stuckey
Vice President

Upcoming Events

November 6 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly Club meeting at the River Inn, Bristol
November 8 - Trail Work Day (there are others but this is the BIG work day!)
December 4 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly Club meeting at River Inn, Bristol
January 22-24, 2008 - ISA Ride in



Items for Sale

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