

# Benton County Snowmobile Club

## Newsletter



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS!

**Schnee! Nieve! Neige! Yuki! (just for Mine') Copious quantities of white lumpy rain! White Gold! Where AI, where??!! As far as I can tell, in the median of four lane highways, and in the ditches along the interstate, all places we can't ride on. I still ride those places in my mind. As I'm sitting up in a truck, driving, I'm imagining myself in the 3rd person, navigating my sled through those forbidden realms, turning left or right, avoiding non-friendly under snow structures, but still driving highway speeds. (Is that just me, or do other people do that too??) It's the dead of winter now, and the Benton County trails surely haven't procured what other counties seem to have procured. If you're looking to ride, East and Northeast seem to be your best bet. Conditions in Brainerd and Wadena are poor, while East of Milaca show a little promise. Since the Winter Rendezvous was canceled, some of us retained our reservations for Superior Shores. Others are deciding on some other place closer to home for Mud Dog purposes or other places that are less expensive to stay at. It's all good. Covid has changed everything that was normal, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't change snowmobiling. Try to go SOMEWHERE if you are able. Gas prices are still relatively low, and there IS snow if you're willing to travel a bit. Maybe by the time you get this, there will be enough snow everywhere; one can only hope. I hope you've made plans already as the long weekend of February 11-14 is also Valentines. Places will fill fast. Move quickly!**

**Winter Rendezvous canceled. Riders are urged to phone or email a friend and make a plan. Some of us are still going to Superior Shores.**



## AL'S CORNER:

**Are you a giving person? It is more blessed to give than to receive, or so the saying goes. If you're a giver, have you ever wondered where your money actually goes. If you give to cancer research, does your money buy test tubes? Does it pay for some researcher or student doctor to go on a vacation? Does it pay someone's salary? Is it going towards advertising? Giving is good for the soul and the right thing to do, however, it may be somewhat disconcerting not actually knowing where your money goes. If you are a giver, and want to know where your money goes, may I suggest donating to the the Benton County Snowmobile Club? It is a 501 C3 organization. What that means is that if you give to the BCSC, that money is a tax write off! The best part of donating to some place like us, is that you can pick where your money goes. If we are building a bridge, YOU can pick out the boards you bought. You can go out and see them on the bridge (or better yet, help place them yourself), you can kick it, jump up and down on it, and even hug it if you were so moved to do so. Not that you would do this, but you could if you wanted to and you could see exactly where your donation was spent. No more wondering if you purchased test tubes or a billboard somewhere, you know exactly where your money went. You can SEE it any time you'd like. If you pay for fuel for the groomers, you can pick a section of groomed trail and say, "This is groomed, and flat, and nice, and it's because of me." So, don't stop giving to your favorite organizations, keep giving to them, but consider giving to our organization, as you'll know exactly where your money goes, because you can pick where it goes if you so desire. It may not sound like much, but literally seeing the fruits of your giving can make a difference, it really feels like you're doing some good, doing something for someone else, and that's because you are.**

**Thanks for reading folks!**