

Benton County Snowmobile Club



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS!

Merry Christmas and happy snowmobiling season! Yup, it gets dark at like 4:30 now, but someone was smart enough to put a headlight on a sled; innovation at its finest. I'll try to get this out before the end of November, and so just a friendly reminder that the Landowner's Appreciation Dinner is November 30th. Show up around 4:30-5:00 p.m. and help your fellow club member out. This is the big she-bang of the year before we get into the serious riding for the season. We also have a guest speaker this year as the "entertainment", and the club raffle drawing will take place that evening. The December meeting/Christmas party will take place at Coyote Moon Bar and Grill on December 10th. Ugly Christmas sweaters are in order, or maybe a suit and tie? It really is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get. Each individual is responsible for their own food and drink, but the food is fabulous. Officer nominations will be held that evening. If there's a spot you want to fill, and give one of the officers a break for awhile, have at 'er. The term is for one year. A message to all of the new club members: Thank you for joining! You're probably thinking "All these snowmobile club members do is work, where's the fun?!" Answer: The fun is coming! We just realize that without the landowners, we won't have trails to begin with. We keep them happy, they keep us happy.

Don't forget to ask fellow club members what their riding style is, so you can find some riding buddies that you will be comfortable with. Lot's of different riding styles and experience levels out there.

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AL'S CORNER:

Have you ever let a non-snowmobiling person tootle around on your sled? They come back and say “That was so much fun, but boy, was THAT cold!” Snowmobiling clothing is special, and generally a coat from the big box stores isn’t going to work very well. YOU can be completely warm while riding, but it’s going to cost you. I will explain the in’s and out’s of clothing, and let you know what works. I wasn’t sure if I should start at the top or the bottom but i guess I’ll start at the bottom and work my way up. **Boots**** I’m not sure they make an actual snowmobiling boot, but I can tell you that I wouldn’t get a boot that didn’t have at least the quality of a Sorel. A rubberized boot will keep out the water and wind. You may have to upgrade to a LaCrosse if your feet have a tendency to get cold. You can cheat a little bit buy getting ahold of a pair of Lacrosse liners, and putting them into a cheaper boot. If all else fails, you can try finding a pair of bunny boots. These are military grade and i’ve only seen them come in black or white. They have a little air nozzle on the side that can be opened, and then they self inflate with air, making some serious insulating power. If your feet get cold in those, you need to see your doctor. They are available at most military surplus stores. Don’t ignore your socks either. A good pair of cotton socks will wick away sweat from your feet; plus a pair of quality skiing socks over those will be added warmth if you need it. Above all else, do NOT get tight or even “snug” boots of any type. Nothing will make you more cold, (apart from getting it wet) than tight fitting clothes. Your feet, and especially your toes, need to be able to move around a little; not a lot, but just a little. You get what you pay for, but don’t discount used items from garage sales, military surplus stores, or eBay. On-line deals are also a real possibility. If you’re planning on new boots this year, make sure you do a little research; you might just be able to help others, all the while helping yourself.**

Thanks for reading folks!