

Benton County Snowmobile Club



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS!

Happy New Year!! With the Landowner's Dinner behind us, it's now time to enjoy our sport as much as possible. The early snow and cold has allowed us to do some sledding if time, health, and circumstances permit. The Christmas party/December meeting was another success. We once again got our back room reserved just for our group. Thanks to Erin for getting on that early and making it happen. There were other patrons that stopped by, thinking that our room might be the venue for their various groups, so I'm thinking we wouldn't have had that room if we weren't vigilant. (You just can't beat those popovers they serve there, now can you?) All of the club officers retained their respective positions. A few door prizes were handed out too. Thank you to all that could make it. It's good to see the club start to grow after 4 years of malaise do to no snow. You'll want to start making it to meetings if you aren't currently. The club will most likely plan a snowmobiling trip, perhaps overnight someplace, and it would be great if everybody had input on when it will be, and to the destination. We are also toying around with the idea of selling one of the groomers and getting another. Your input on that matter would be greatly appreciated. The flatbed trailer to bridge conversion is done, and it is in place. One more thing: When you're out and about riding our trails, please be pro-active. I found a rock about 10" across right in the middle of the trail. The groomer probably dredged it up. If you happen to see stuff like that, remove it for the safety of yourself and others. Happy riding!

Next meeting @Rumor's Bar & Grill, January 14, 2020 7p.m. social 6p.m.

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AL'S CORNER:

Welcome to the new year!! I thought that I would continue the riveting expose' on snowmobile clothing. We move up from boots to snow pants. Snow pants take a beating as they are rubbing on the seat continually. The knees don't fare well either. That is where I always have problems. My bony knees keep displacing the insulation in the leg of the bib, and pretty soon all you have is the nylon shell, and your knees get really cold. Now, you start putting on more and more layers of pants or pajamas or anything else that will give you warmth. But, that has a price too. You eventually move and walk around like you filled your drawers, and you still might get cold. So, this year, I thought I would experiment a little. Instead of spending so much money on new bibs every few years, when just the knees are worn out, I bought a pair of leather chaps to wear under the bibs, and so far, they have worked phenomenally. One caveat though. Don't go Googling "chaps" on your work computer, or any device your spouse has access to. Like Ricky Ricardo use to say to Lucy "You've got a lot of 'splainin' to do." And YOU will have a lot of 'splainin' to do too. I learned this the hard way. I got invited to a Halloween party. I wanted to go as a cowboy. I started Googling to see if I could piece a costume together. It was all pretty expensive, so I just ended up renting a costume. However, when I Googled "chaps", I got more than I bargained for. So, this time, being a little wiser, I Googled "snowmobile chaps" to avoid what just plain "chaps" would show me, and it wasn't much better!! I have been snowmobiling well over 30 years, and I have yet to see a snowmobiler wearing chaps where you could see their....." bear dairy air"(That should be safe enough if some kid is reading this and wants to know what "bear dairy air" means.) Google away kid, you ain't got nuthin'. I've seen sights that no man should have to see. However, leather is warm, these chaps are relatively cheap compared to new bibs, and when you're on a budget, sometimes you gotta do, what you gotta do.

Until next time, happy riding folks, and safe Googling.