

# Rustic Ridge Riders Inc.

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Dedicated to Track and Trail

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## Special Interest

Club Ride  
February 4, 2012.  
Elizabeth Inn Plover, WI.

Ice/Outlaw Drags work-  
bee Fri, Feb. 10, 2012 @  
2:00 p.m. on the ICE at  
Carlson's. Event is  
February 11, 2012.

Landowners, Dinner  
March 31, 2012.

## Next Meeting:

March 11, 2012  
Carlson's Rustic Ridge  
at 11:00 am.

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## President's Message

Boy, oh boy, oh boy! There is not only **no snow**, but how about winter???

We've only had one cold spell. A few newsletters ago I was talking about the trails and everything and I mentioned that the single most important thing about a snowmobile club was the trails. You know, no trails, no club. Well, I can even dwell deeper than that. Dum Dum overlooked something even more important than the trails... **no snow, no trails.**

Anyway, with no snow people will be looking to trailer over to the lake and run on that. But before you

do, there are a few things you should think about. Without snow, watch your sled temperature and the good chance you have of ruining your slides.

The mild weather that has marked the winter of 2011-2012 has made ice even less predictable. Contact local businesses to ask about ice conditions on the lake or river you want to ride. Learn about the water you are going to ride on and whether the lake has inlets, outlets, or narrows that have currents known to thin ice. **Do not go out alone.** Carry a cell phone and let someone know

where you are and your expected return time.

Carry a couple of spikes and a length of rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself or others out of the water. Do not travel in unfamiliar territories. Look for clear ice with a little snow on it which is generally a little stronger. Watch for pressure ridges or ice heaves. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water and might be an obstruction you could hit with your snowmobile. And last do not travel under bridges.

*Think Snow! Let's Ride!*  
**-Dennis Kulwicki**

## Meeting Notes

The fifth meeting of the season was held on January 15th at Carlson's. Topics discussed were: Ice Drags, website, County Rep. report, trail master report, and recreation report.

The classes and the rules for the Ice/Outlaw Drags will be the same as last year. After the great job that Jeff Rhinehart did on the food, the master chef will be back at it again this year. The trophies have been ordered.

The event has been posted on our website, facebook page, AWSC website, Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine, Adams Columbia Electric Magazine, the electric sign at the school in town, and will elsewhere be advertised and promoted.

The grooming tractor has been picked up from Mortenson Bros. Farm Inc. the tractor is insured. The new shaving blades have been installed on the drag sled, and

we should be all set for grooming when the snow flies.

Remember this year there are procedures, rules, and a policy in place to shut down the trails when deemed necessary due to poor snow conditions.

The club ride this year is February 4, 2012. We will be leaving from Carlson's at 8:00 am. And riding to the Elizabeth Inn in Plover, Wisconsin. However, no snow, no go!

