

Rustic Ridge Riders Inc.

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Dedicated to Track and Trail

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Special Interest

Trails open on Monday,
December 15, 2014

Castle Rock Pink Ribbon
Ride January 17, 2015
Snow or no snow!

Club Ride January 24, 2015

Ice/outlaw Drags have
been cancelled for this
year

.Next Meeting:

January 18, 2015 at
Carlson's Rustic Ridge at
11:00 am.

Board of Directors

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(President)

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(Trail Master)



President's Message

Ice! I know, I know, I know! This club is all about snow. And even the machines we ride are called snowmobiles, and we're a snowmobile club. But, what about **'ice'**? So where am I going with this? Just think about it. We all ride on **'ice'** Castle Rock Lake **'ice'**.

So what about **'ice'**? The most common use of **'ice'** is in our sodas, juices, and mixed cocktail drinks. That **'ice'** is what makes our drinks! Some complain of too much **'ice'** but, in most cases, a lot of mixed drinks taste best with lots of **'ice'**. In Wisconsin we have to be careful driving on **'ice'**,

Meeting Notes

The fourth meeting of the season was held on December 7th at Carlson's. Topics discussed were: Ice Drags, website, County Rep. report, Trail Master report, and recreation report.

Our club liability and tractor insurance is with the Schwartz & Shea Agency. And our insurance carrier is with the West Bend Insurance Co.

The trail brushing and signing has been completed. The grooming

glare **'ice'** and black **'ice'**. We **'ice'** skate' and **'ice'** fish on **'ice'**, and when we walk on **'ice'** we have to be extremely careful because **'ice'** is commonly known as being slicker than \$#?%.

As snowmobilers, we need to be knowledgeable and informed about the **'ice'**. Before just taking off on the lake **'ice'**, you need to be informed of the conditions of the **'ice'**. Check with local businesses and communicate with people as to how thick and safe the **'ice'** really is. Where the heavens are and where any open water may be. Also

tractor will be picked up from Mortenson Bros. Farm Inc., so we'll be all set for grooming when the snow flies.

A club hayride will be planned again for next year.

A club fund raising committee is being formed. Please consider joining the committee and get involved.

The Castle Rock Pink Ribbon Ride is January 17, 2015. Registration & staging is at 10:00 am. at Splash.

ask if any local club has built a race track on it and where so you can watch out and avoid it. I myself make sure that I'm informed before I ride on the lake. My usual guideline is: I never get out on the lake before January and I make sure I stay off of it by the middle of February, unless it's an extremely cold winter like last year. Take the time to read the **'Ice Safety Guidelines'** in this newsletter.

On behalf of our club officers and board of directors, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The club ride this year is January 24, 2015. We will be leaving from Carlson's and riding to the Three Bears Lodge, in Warren Wisconsin. Go to the **Events** page on our website for details and registration if you are planning on attending.

The Ice/Outlaw Drags event will not be held this year.

Think Snow! Let's Ride!

-Dennis Kulwicki

Remember Safety Always Comes First!

ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:

ICE THAT IS 2"
OR LESS
IS UNSAFE TO WALK ON.
STAY AWAY
FROM THIN ICE!

2"

ICE THAT IS 4"
OR MORE
IS OKAY TO WALK ON

4"

ICE THAT IS 6"
OR MORE
IS OKAY TO DRIVE
SNOWMOBILES
OR ATV'S ON

6"

ICE THAT IS 12"
OR MORE
IS OKAY TO DRIVE
SMALL CARS ON

12"

ICE THAT IS 15"
OR MORE
IS OKAY TO DRIVE
MEDIUM SIZED
TRUCKS ON

15"

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 100% SAFE ICE!!!

Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
- The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- **ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

