

# Rustic Ridge Riders Inc.

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Dedicated to Trail and Snowmobiling

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## Special Interest

Trails open on Monday,  
December 14, 2015

## TECHNITE

January 9, 2016

Castle Rock Pink Ribbon  
Ride January 16, 2016  
Snow or no snow!

Club Ride January 23, 2016  
Elizabeth Inn in Plover, WI.

## Next Meeting:

January 10, 2016 at  
Carlson's Rustic Ridge at  
11:00 am.

## Board of Directors

Cora Dellinger

Sharon Trzesniak

Jeff Rhinehart

## Officers

Dennis Kulwicki  
(President)

Rick Carlson  
(Vice-President)

Kevin Roon (Secretary)

Linda Roon  
(Treasurer)

Jim Schnolis  
(Trail Master)



## President's Message

Today is supposed to be the opening of the trails in Adams County, instead I'm sitting in the house looking out the window doing this newsletter. It is still raining and we've had 2.1 inches of rain so far. Only if it could have been **snow!** It seems as though all I ever do at this time of year is hope for **snow!** It's been the same since I have been a little kid. I start getting excited with our first snowmobile meeting of the year.

Last year I talked to Santa Claus and he was supposed to get with Old Man Winter and send us some **snow** and it never

happened. So I was kind of thinking that we need some type of activity where us snowmobiler's could get together and talk nothing but snowmobiling. Well those thoughts inspired '**TECHNITE**' and it's something we can pull off whether there is **snow** or no **snow**. My dream is to have about 40 people show up on their sleds because we have **snow**.

After attending this month's club meeting I have been hearing from lots of people that the interest and enthusiasm is building on this '**TECHNITE**' and it's going to be a fun and

exciting event.

It's that time of year again to think about the lake. It's still all open water and it always worries me. I always want to make people aware and caution them about sledding on ice on **any** lake or river. So take the time to review the **ICE 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!

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

## Meeting Notes

As Secretary, I am attempting to take some of the load off President DenDen's shoulders with this column.

The fourth meeting of the season was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Splash. Topics discussed and highlights were: Trail preparation: Just add snow. Website: tons of information. Yes, all the most up-to-date trail pass info is there. County Rep. Report: Parks manager position eliminated, Trail Master report, and recreation report.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES

Our Treasurer will be stepping down at the end of this season after 5 years. There will need to be a special election to fill this office. Contact Dennis if interested.

Be on the lookout in your mail in late January for a proxy regarding proposed by-law changes. Including, but not limited to:

\*Set meeting dates versus officer consensus.

\*Membership classification relating to dues.

\*Language related to "what happens to club funds if it were to dissolve".

This last item was brought up because of our recent/second attempt to get a state raffle license.

The club ride this year is still January 23, 2016, and will be leaving from Carlson's, but we will be riding to the Elizabeth Inn in Plover, WI instead of Three Bears. Go to the **Events** page on our website for details and registration if you are planning on attending.

**Think Snow! Let's Ride!**  
Kevin Roon

Remember Safety Always Comes First!

# ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



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

