

Meet the clubs that make up the Alliance

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Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance, weekly column

This week, my column highlights the ten clubs under the Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance.

Volunteer workers from these clubs give us some of the best motorized recreational trails offered in Wisconsin - which promotes a healthy economic base for our communities and businesses.

The heart of the Alliance is its clubs. Each club delegates members to serve as Alliance representatives, and they, in turn, bring the club's ideas and valuable insight to the Alliance, creating a strong motorsports organization.

Clubs collectively own and share Alliance equipment and take turns hosting monthly Alliance meetings and events throughout the year.

Our clubs need you! Volunteers of all different skills are needed throughout the county. Are you mechanically inclined or would you like to help with trail work? Are you good at fundraising or promotion? Do you have communication skills that might help a club?

Our clubs will appreciate your involvement whether you give a half-hour a month or several hours!

Even if you can't actively volunteer, your membership alone helps keep the clubs operating.

Our clubs will welcome your support and your fresh new ideas - reach out to any of our clubs listed below to get started!

Please enjoy the short description that each club provided.

More club contact information can be found on our Alliance website: www.sawycountyalliance.com

4-WHEELIN' WARRIORS ATV CLUB — SOUTH CENTRAL/EAST AREA

Four Wheelin' Warriors is an active ATV/UTV club located in the Winter area.

Its trail work centers on the Trail 5 system in the Winter area, including a section of the Tuscobia Trail and roads designated as part of the trail system.

Club goals include trail safety and development, promoting safe and responsible riding and creating



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This is an Alliance tracked grooming truck provided by Loretta Trailblazers Club.

networks within our community.

Club membership includes 16 business sponsors, 8 individual and 27 family memberships.

The club donates to the Winter Library, Coop Youth Christmas Gift program, the seasonal parades, Winter High School and others to give back to the community.

The club hosts an annual spring ride, a fun 'Minnow Race' in August, a fall ride/chili feed, and supports the David Haus Memorial ride.

Club meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month, April through November.

For more info, reach out at fourwheelinwarriors@gmail.com

BIRCHWOOD BOBCAT RIDERS — SOUTH WEST AREA

The Birchwood Bobcat Riders Snowmobile and ATV Club was formed in 2013 when the Bobcat Sleds Snowmobile Club merged with the Birchwood ATV Club.

The largest club in Sawyer County, it has nearly 350 individual and family memberships and over 70 business members.

The Bobcat clubhouse and equipment shop is right on the Tuscobia trail east of Birchwood.

The club maintains and improves 80 miles of trails in Sawyer County and another 53 miles in Washburn County throughout the year with a combination of club-owned and Alliance-owned equipment.

Annual club events include a snowmobile open house in January, a fundraising raffle drawing in March, an ATV/UTV open

house in May and a landowners' dinner in October.

The club hosts seasonal weekly ATV/UTV rides and winter snowmobile rides.

Club meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the clubhouse.

HAYWARD SNO-MADS SNOWMOBILE CLUB — NORTHWEST AREA

The Hayward Sno-Mads is one of the oldest snowmobile clubs in Wisconsin. The Club serves primarily the Seeley Hills, Nelson Lake, and Tiger Cat Flowage areas of the County and is a family-centered club with approximately 100 family members. The Club also has outstanding support from our local business with an additional 25 commercial members.

The club meets monthly (August through April) on the second Monday at 7 p.m. at various sponsoring businesses (see the Facebook page for more information).

For years, the Sno-Mads been fundraising for a new groomer shed and is almost there. The club is very excited to begin operating out of a recently constructed building on Thanum Fire Lane this upcoming snowmobile season!

For more information about the Hayward Sno-Mads or to help support the completion of the new groomer shed, contact haywardsnomads@gmail.com or ronsiemers@yahoo.com.

LORETTA TRAILBLAZERS — SOUTHEAST AREA

The Loretta Trailblazers Snowmobile and ATV club has been around for over 50 years.

It has about 70 members who groom and maintain

the trails in the Flambeau River State Forest using an Alliance-tracked truck.

Grooming, signage and trail maintenance are all done by club volunteers.

MUSKY SNO & ATV COUNTRY — NORTHEAST AREA

Musky Sno & ATV Country is a club that grooms and maintains a large area in the northern part of the county, from Round Lake to Moose Lake, Lost Land Lake and Callahan Lake.

The club is responsible for approximately 150 miles of trail.

The club has about 25 volunteers who groom 7 days a week.

There are 37 commercial sponsors and approximately 350 associate members, many of whom live out of state.

Musky Sno has a trail maintenance and clean-up scheduled on Saturday, October 5th to check signage and prepare the trails for the snowmobile season.

The club organizes several ATV/UTV rides each year, plus an upcoming overnight ride to Hurley on October 25.

If you'd like to join Musky Sno or want to help on the trails, contact Pat Leitz at (715) 462-9782 or print off a membership application from the Sawyer County Alliance website and send it to the address on the application

NORTH COUNTRY RIDERS ATV CLUB — NORTHWEST AREA

The North Country Riders (NCR) ATV Club is a non-profit club established in June 1998 in response to the fast-growing need for providing and maintaining ATV/UTV trails in Sawyer County.

NCR members are continuously working to sustain an environmentally safe and dependable trail system which includes trail brushing, repairing, grading as well as many trail maintenance projects.

NCR actively supports and assists the Alliance's efforts to develop a cohesive ATV route system throughout the county and its townships.

The club has approximately 20 individual members, 44 family members and 38 business members

and continues to grow every year.

ATV/UTV enthusiasts are encouraged to join NCR as it is a great way to meet people who share the love of this sport and ensure the future of motorized vehicle riding in the State of Wisconsin.

NW RELIC RIDERS VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE CLUB — CENTRAL AREA

The Relic Riders club motto is "It's just for FUN!" In that pursuit, the club hosts several annual events: A Show and Swap Meet in October, a 100-mile Vintage Snowmobile Challenge Ride in January and a Run4Fun ride in February.

The club host social events throughout the year to build community with members and support sponsors including a December Holiday Party, a March Bonfire Picnic, an April Goodbye to Winter Dinner an August Summer Picnic, weekly Thursday snowmobile rides to lunch (in season) and monthly Happy Hours (off season).

The NW Relic Riders have about 200 members and 100 business sponsors. The club maintains Trail 29 near Little Round Lake and it stakes the lake trails in that area.

Every fall, the club makes over 1,000 painted lake stakes for clubs to stake the county's many lake trails with.

RADISSON/EXELAND TRAILBLAZERS ATV CLUB— SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

The Trailblazers is a small but active ATV club with 11 business members and 29 club members.

The club takes care of the Tuscobia trail from Lemington to Radisson, including the 9-mile loop.

It has raised funds to develop access trails — most recently a trail from Rock Castle Bar into Exeland.

Fundraising efforts also go to the volunteer fire departments in the area, and to support the Couderay Park bathroom upkeep.

The club strives to host three ATV club rides each year.

Club meetings are from April through October at various business sponsor locations. New members are always welcomed!

Contact Dave Kaye at dkaye2008@live.com.

SNO-TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB — WEST CENTRAL AREA

The Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club dates back to 1969 — when a handful of business owners on Lac Courte Oreilles, Grindstone, Whitefish and the Chippewa Flowage decided to create trails so snowmobilers could travel between their businesses in the winter.

The club has grown to 40 business members and has over 250 family memberships. The club now grooms nearly 200 miles of trails between Hayward, Stone Lake and the Chippewa Flowage.

A few years back, Sno-Trails was named the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) Club of the Year and was recently inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame.

Last year, the Sawyer County Snowmobile and ATV Alliance purchased a Pisten Bully for grooming in the Sno-Trails area. Hopefully this year there will be lots of snow to put the new groomer to use!

Contact Darlene Mela, andymela1@gmail.com, (715) 558-5263.

WINTER HUSKIES SNOWMOBILE CLUB — SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

The Winter Huskies Snowmobile Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit club with a mission to promote recreational snowmobiling in Sawyer County.

Members conduct trail maintenance and grooming in the Winter, Loretta, Ojibwa and Couderay areas.

Each year, the club host several events to help promote the enjoyment of snowmobiling: January 4th Dantzman Memorial Poker Ride at Bucktail Lodge; Mid-west Sno-Cross on January 17-18th at our Groomer Shed in Winter; Fish Fest on January 25th at Trap N' Fish; Vintage Ride on February 8th at our Groomer Shed in Winter and the Shandley Memorial Poker Run March 1st at Musky Lake.

Come and enjoy all the fun the club has to offer.

For more information, contact Deb Shandley at Winterhuskiessc@gmail.com.