

Kellner Knights

Club News

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A Message From Our Club President...

As Thanksgiving comes to a close, we certainly have much to be thankful for. The Christmas Parade float was once again a huge success. Thanks to everyone who was able to help build, decorate, and participate in the parade. Special **THANKS** to Mike and Lori Edwards for letting us once again use their shop and for being such generous hosts. We really appreciate it!! Special guests on our float this year were "The Cranberry Guy" and the AWSC Miss Snowflake.

I'd like to **THANK** our amazing number of **SPONSORS** who continue to support our club. Take the time to see who these businesses are. We are so grateful for their generosity and commitment to partner with us. Please continue to show your appreciation by patronizing them throughout the year and thanking them from ALL of the Kellner Knights! Again, **THANK YOU SPONSORS**, you are an important part of our family!!

The Season of Giving:

As we approach Christmas and the season of giving, I would like to thank all the club members who GIVE in some way and make our club function. If you take a step back and look at our calendar of events, you can see that we pretty much have things going all year round. Thing like: Corn Fest parade, bingo tent, snowmobile safety classes, open houses, radar run, VIP ride etc. Some of these events provide education or P.R. and some are fundraisers... but all are done by volunteers. In the end, it's all needed to make the Club succeed by keeping a presence in the community and ultimately taking care of our trails.

I know all of us are busy and many of us are involved in other organizations. At the risk of volunteer burnout, I'm making a plea to anyone who is a club member, but on the sidelines, to see if they are able to take a small step. Let us know what gift you have and how you might be able to help. It might be that you simply want to help at one fundraiser per year. Maybe you could take on one administrative task (which could be done from the confines of your home with your slippers on) because you have great organizational, computer or marketing skills. Maybe you are great with people or maybe you like working outside??

I do want to confirm one last thing. I bring this up because there could be a stereotype that can exist with clubs. Some people wonder if they are a "click." I'm sure it happens in some places, but I can assure you that ours is not. We have a diverse group of leaders willing to include everyone. (For the record I have not received any negative feedback about our club on this topic.) The word Club is a general term for a group of people organized for a common goal or cause. We all know our cause, we just need as many people as possible to make sure the goal is accomplished.

In closing, please consider reaching out and seeing if there is a small, small way you can help. Thank you for supporting our sport, the trails need all of us for today and for those to come tomorrow!! Merry Christmas and hope to see you at the Christmas Party on December 13.

Dan Guck



Kellner Knights Christmas Party Thursday, December 13 5:30pm Social/Dinner - 7:00pm Meeting @The Ridges Golf Course

Pulled pork sandwiches will be served courtesy of Kellner Knight's Club. Side dishes, salads, or desserts will be provided by club members, so please bring a dish to share.



Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to SWEPS Food Pantry. **RSVP by December 10** to Sue Zirnhelt at zirnysm5@gmail.com or call her at 715-213-2541.

Upcoming Meeting Dates/Locations

Dec. 13 @ The Ridges 5:30 pm Jan. 10 @ 7pm - ChatrBox Feb. 14 @ 7pm—The Ridge's March 14 @ 7 pm - KI

Welcome New Members

Barry and Dara Hamm Matt and Angie Pyburn

Membership

Currently we have 112 members. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, today's a good day!

Membership Renewals

Thank you to the majority of you who have renewed and thank you to those of you planning to do so soon. Just as a reminder, going forward we truly hope to have everyone complete their renewals in August – October each year. Renewals submitted to us are updated and then sent to the AWSC in batches to save credit card transaction fees. The

AWSC then completes their updates in batches as they work with the DNR. This process can easily take a few weeks to run full course. This could cause a delay in receiving your Trail Pass to be mailed to you from the DNR. The longer one waits, the more likely the delay. So, we ask that everyone please make every attempt to renew as early as you can each year in late summer/ early fall to help make this process as smooth as possible. The people taking care of this administrative task for the club

> are volunteers too! Dan Guck - 715-451-0479

Additional Club Renewal Information

Club memberships are due for the 2018-2019 riding season. Trail passes are REQUIRED each year for all snowmobiles and club members get a discount. Your membership must be current to receive the discounted trail pass. You can pay your dues through PayPal on our webpage by following the "Join Our Club" link, or you may download and print a copy of the form on the same link and mail it with your check today. You do not need a PayPal account to renew on-line.

Reminder: Once your club membership has been renewed you may then order your annual Trail Pass from the AWSC (this can be done by mail or on the AWSC webpage.) The AWSC will confirm you are a renewed club member and instruct the DNR to mail you your Trail Pass. When ordering your Trail Pass from the AWSC, you will need 3 things:

- Your AWSC Number you may find this on your WSN magazine label or on the AWSC webpage by following the Membership Inquiry link.
- 2. The registration number for each snowmobile you own. One pass is needed per sled.
- 3. \$10 for each pass you buy. You may pay by credit card or mail a check to the AWCS.

 Trail Passes will then be mailed from the DNR to

Radar Run Info.

Like Dan said in his message, we are always in need of volunteers. Planning for the Radar Run is beginning soon, so if you are interested in being part of this committee, please reach out to us asap. Or, if you are interested in helping at the event on Saturday, February 9, it's never to early to let us know. Please email Sue and she will help you find the right spot for you to get involved. It's extremely beneficial to the club and you will have a great time with good people!

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