



Trail Report

Local Trail Report

I hope that all of our club members have had a chance to get out and enjoy our snowy, well groomed trails. They are the best that they have been in years and I highly recommend that you get out there and enjoy them before they thaw.

A large group of us gathered last Sunday for an afternoon



ride that turned out to be just fantastic. The trails were just great, it was not too cold and the fun was abundant. We had planned stops at our sponsors; Fogcutter & Wolf's Tavern to name a few and enjoyed our time there.

The local lakes are now frozen and are so smooth. What a blast we had on those lakes!



Ron Walker was generous enough to allow us to gather and unload on his property so that we could all start out together. Jim McNeill lead the way on the day's ride as about 12 snowmobiles followed. I hope to enjoy another ride like this one in the coming weeks if the weather holds.



This first-time rider was enjoying the trails with his brother and mother just East of Fourth Lake in the pines.

Upper Midwest Trail Report

Most of Central Wisconsin and North Wisconsin (Iron, Bayfield, Ashland, Douglas and Vilas counties) are enjoying some of the best trail conditions they have seen in years. Nearly all of the trails there are rated as good to excellent. Our annual club trip to Mercer Wisconsin (Iron County) last week was outstanding and the snow on the trails there was just incredible as was the camaraderie.

The upper peninsula of Michigan counties are reporting good to excellent trail conditions as are the eastern and far northern counties of lower Michigan. Northwest Indiana seems to be building a good base of lake effect snow and their trails are currently rated as good. Minnesota trails are rated as good in the Northern tier of counties as well as everywhere North and West of Diluth.

Have fun out there on the trails but dress warm, be safe and keep your eyes open for hazards and oncoming traffic.



Next Month

- Local Trail Condition Report
- Photos from the Trails
- Club Member Profile

Notes

- Please Visit our Club's Website at www.gageslake-sc.org For the latest Club Information
- February 21—Dinner Ride; Snow / No-Snow Event , 6:30 PM at the Hardware Store
- February 29— Kids Day , 1:00 PM at the Hardware Store



Day Trip to Lake Superior

Snowmobiling Safety

Last month I mentioned that I was pursuing the possibility of having the State of Illinois and Lake County install "Snowmobiles Crossing Ahead" signs on the busy roadways where our trails cross them. I was finally successful in making contact with the Lake County Transporta-

tion department in Libertyville last week. After submitting a formal letter of request , they agreed to send a Lake County Traffic Engineer out to the locations where our trails cross Rollins Road to evaluate the situation. They will follow up with me after doing so and then the signs could be installed

within one week thereafter if everything is acceptable to them.

My contact within IDOT in Schaumburg for the Route 83 trail crossing did not require a letter, only a verbal requisition for the signs. They expect to be out here within two weeks to install the signs. I will pursue additional signs for Drury Lane through

Grayslake in the coming months.

