

Happy New Year! The season has gotten off to a sluggish start. The weather has been cooperating with our propane tanks, but not our snowmobiles trails. The lakes have only recently begun to freeze and the swamps... well that's another problem. Our groomers are out there grooming what they can. Keep updated by checking out the trail reports at:

mercersnogoers.com

mercercc.com

greatnorthernmercer.com

snowtracks.com and of course our **Facebook page**.

Our membership is growing! As of December 29th we have 423 members. That is 150 more members than last year.

Reminder – hope you all have your trail passes. It was hard to think about them with the warm weather and open lakes, but now... it's getting colder and time to ride! Again, go to AWSC.org for more info.

The **WINTER BLAST** is right around the corner on January 16th. Get your dancing shoes on and come on down! Doors open at 10 am, the band starts at 7 pm and we're rocking until midnight. We'll be serving food and beverages throughout the day and evening and there will be raffles with cool stuff to win.

Any members that are available on the 15th, please, please, please help us in the setting up for the "Blast". Also on the 17th for clean up after. You know the saying... "many hands make less work".

Upcoming meetings and events:

December: Dec. 26-Jan.16 Winter Blast Poker Run \$10/sheet

**January: Jan. 13 Board Meeting @ 6:00 and General Meeting @ 7:30 Gateway Lodge
Jan. 16 WINTER BLAST!**

Jan. 23 All-U-Can-Eat Cookout Dear Lodge 11-4pm \$8/adult \$5/12 and under

**February: Feb. 10 Board Meeting @ 6:00 and General Meeting @ 7:30 Sunken Horse
Feb. 13 Breakfast @ Gateway Lodge 7:30 am – 11 am All-U-Can-Eat breakfast buffet
\$9/adult \$5/kid**

Feb. 21 Breakfast @ Around the Corner Pub 7 am - 11 am \$8/plate

Feb. 21 Meat Raffle @ Lazy Ace Noon - ? Free pizza buffet for participants

March: Mar. 10 Spring Banquet @ Ding-A-Ling Supper Club 6:30 pm

**Mar. 16 Board Meeting @ 6:30 and General Meeting and board elections@ 7:30
Johnny's Bar and Grill**

Keep your fingers crossed for cold weather first, then snow. Lots of snow.