

2008 ABR Midwest Grooming Clinic

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This year ABR will again be hosting the Midwest Grooming Clinic, Tuesday and Wednesday Jan 15 and 16th 2008. The format will be set the same as we have had the last 7 years.

What is a Grooming Clinic?

For those of you who have not heard of the Clinic, let me try to describe it as a combination of a Clinic, Seminar, Workshop, Trade Show, and Show and Tell. You can take part, demo equipment, exchange ideas with the pro's and vendors or you can browse the demo's and watch and listen to the presentations. Groomers from the most experienced to novices are invited and have attended. Even veteran groomers will learn something if they keep an open mind. Speakers are invited from all over the country. Dress warm for the outdoor mornings and cooler for the afternoon indoor talks. Don't forget to bring your ski clothes!

Costs

The cost for the Clinic is \$150/person or vendor.

This includes printed grooming material and handouts, a 60 minute grooming DVD, rolls and coffee, lunch both days and the Wednesday night dinner. Trail use for grooming and/or skiing. Grooming Clinic instruction, clinic seminars, workshops, demo opportunity, etc.

We will have free ski rentals and beginner ski instruction for all registered participants.

Lodging

Book your lodging and ask for the groomers clinic discount. Check the ABR website for lodging and links ...www.abrski.com

Clinic Equipment

- 1. 2008 Pisten Bully PB 100 with Bachelor Renovator
- 2. 2007 Can Am ATV with a blade and Mattracks Litefoot M3 Tracks
- 3. Small and Medium Tidd Tech G2 groomer with the scratchers
- 4. Yellowstone Track System Ginzu Groomer 60", 84", 108"
- 5. Alpina powertiller
- 6. Ski-Doo SWT 550 Fan, SWT v-800 4 stroke, TUV 1000 4 Stroke,
- 7. Kubota RTV by Lulich
- 8. TJD Track Systems?
- 9. 4 stroke Yamaha VK Pro
- 10. ASV Scout?
- 11. Polaris Ranger with Mattracks
- 12 ATV with with Mattracks
- 13. Various Rollers and drags
- 14. Bachelor Renovator
- 15. Prinoth Groomer?
- 16. Hiss Groomer?

There were many sales as a result of the Clinic. Vendors did sell their demos and we are encouraging this year's vendors to load up their trucks and trailers for the Clinic.

The heated "Race Building" will again house tables for vendor's displays, and will have grooming video tapes/DVD's playing during the 2 days.

Tentative Schedule

Tuesday January 15th

- 8-9:00 Registration coffee and rolls in the Groomer Barn sponsored by Hurley Motor Sports (Formerly Aves)
- 9- 12:00 Vendor Demos across the road at the dog ski trails
 - 15-20minutes /vendors on snow and hands on equipment demos following
- 12:00-1:30 Pasty lunch in the Wax/Groomer Barn sponsored by Mattracks
- 1:30-2:00 Choosing your grooming snowmobile/ evaluation of 4 popular machines
- 2:00-2:30 Grooming in low snow conditions: Peter Crookes
- 2:30-3:00 Grooming from a Skiers Prospective: Jim Waters
- 3:00-3:30 Grooming with a powertiller: Greg Toomire
- 3:30-4:00 Grooming in heavy snow: Eric Anderson
- 4:00-5:00 Open skiing and demo of grooming equipment
- 6:30 –7:30 Social hour and vendors indoor table displays at Tacconellis 215 S. Suffolk St in Downtown Ironwood. Social hour sponsored by Tidd Tech
- 7:30-8:30 Dinner at Tacconelli's sponsored by ABR Trails

Tacconellis is on the intersection of McCloud and Suffolk Streets, turn left at the last intersection instead of going to US2 on Lake Street after leaving ABR

8:30-9:00 Presentation: TBD

9:00-9:10 Grooming Trivia Test and Prizes

Wednesday Jan 16th

8-9 AM coffee and rolls sponsored by _____

9:00-9:30 Grooming demonstration for deep snow

9:30-10:00 Grooming demonstration competitions on ice

10:00-10:15 Snow Cat Renovator demonstration

10:15-10:45 How to make your snowmobile steer with a groomer

10:45-11:15 Snowmobile Grooming Safety by Rick Slade

11:30-12:30 Bratwurst Lunch sponsored by Pisten Bully

12:30-1:30 Grooming 101 (Chalkboard Discussion) Eric Anderson

1:30-2:30 Basic grooming on snow- hands on Kevin Balduc

2:30-3:30 Setting up your Snowmobile for grooming Rick Slade (wiring, cooling and suspension)

3:30-5:00 Open skiing and grooming

This tentative schedule is being developed and details and specifics subject to change. Watch the website for updates. The general time slots will remain the same.

Bring your used equipment that you have for sale or a photo and ad to post on the FOR SALE board at the clinic!

You can follow our Web site. abrski.com or snowimplements.com for other details. ABR Trails E-5299 West Pioneer Road Ironwood MI 49938 906-932-3502

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