

Smoke Signals

Arrowhead Improvements Association

Website www.arrowhead1.org

February 2010

PRESIDENT'S LETTER Paul McDermott

Time surely seems to be going quickly. It seems we were looking at pretty colored leaves yesterday, and are now doing snow dances since the expected snow at Arrowhead is much less than we have become accustomed to the past few years. The last time I remember such light snow cover during the Christmas season was in 1989. Even with low snow levels, operators of the new trail groomer, which the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club has obtained, are doing a fantastic job of keeping the roads in good shape. As you know, we are leasing the groomer from the Snowmobile Club to groom our roads, and keeping our old groomer as a reserve. While we are on the topic of grooming Arrowhead roads, please remember that snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed roads, trails, and designated driveways. Even though the unmarked snow next to the road looks inviting, that is very likely a lot, which belongs to someone else. Also, we have two groomed cross country ski trails this year, the one northwest of the Inn, and the new nature trail around Hazel Lake. Please respect that these trails are for cross country skiing, not for snowmobiles. The Snowmobile Club is grooming the Alpine and Willow Trails on the Alpine Plateau for public snowmobiling, and there is lots of public land to enjoy the thrill of snowmobiling unmarked snow.

This year, the Board of Directors has reduced the number of Board Meetings by two, but has increased our Workshop sessions to one a month. We are hoping to be able to use these workshops to look at not only current Arrowhead operations, but try to develop better plans for the future. If any member wishes to address the Board with a concern, idea or suggestion, please contact any of the Board Members, and we will schedule you to meet with us at a workshop.

For those property owners who have underground propane storage tanks, there are new Colorado regulations which require corrosion protection be installed on all underground propane tanks by January 2011. This means if your tank needs this protection, installation will need to be performed during the summer. If you are leasing the tank(s) from your propane supplier, the supplier is responsible for inspection and installation of the protection. However, if you own the tanks, it is the owner's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements. Contact your propane supplier for information on what is needed and how it can be obtained.

Finally, for those who wish to play in the snow, get together with your neighbors and do a snow dance. For those who are already tired of winter, spring is just around the corner. Have a safe and enjoyable season.



Fire Department News

Fire Chief's Letter Kevin Stilley

Recently the fire department went on a call within the Arrowhead Subdivision. During that call a few of the firemen were discussing the strategy to fight a fire at this particular property. This property is rather distant from a fire hydrant compared to most of the homes here. Would we drop the hose at the scene or pull the hose from the truck? Where would we position the truck? Which hydrant would we use? Those were just a few of the questions. That started a discussion amongst us that we are now going to act upon.

While this home was an interesting case to discuss, it isn't the only home on the mountain we'd have to figure out how best to attack a fire. In fact every home where there is a fire we'd be asking these same questions. Answering those questions during a fire might not be the best timing. Therefore, we've decided to plan ahead if the unfortunate event were to happen. We are asking each homeowner on the mountain to fill out an easy survey that can help the fire fighters extinguish a fire more safely and efficiently. There is a reason we asked each question. Such as bedroom locations will help us in case there is a fire at night and we need to search for occupants more effectively.

Once we receive your surveys we will then go onto the next step. This step involves fire fighters surveying your lot. We will look at things such as driveway turn arounds, accessibility for fire vehicles, and so on. If you do not want us to survey your lot please let us know. We will also enter exact directions to your home.

After all that information is gathered we will then combine the two surveys into one. We will then carry a binder in each emergency vehicle. That way when we have a call many of our decisions will have already been made and we can concentrate on the emergency. I've heard a saying that goes something like this "The only thing more difficult than planning is explaining why you didn't."

You can find the survey on www.arrowhead1.org, fill it in on the computer and push the send button. Or, you can send the survey on the next page to: Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department at 2069 Spruce road, Cimarron, CO 81220 or fax them back to (866)633-1744. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

I'd like to finish this newsletter with a couple of reminders. First of all to continue your support please shovel out the fire hydrant closest to your home during the winter time if you get a chance. Secondly, don't forget the Winter Firehouse Games and Chili Cook-off starting at 11 am on Saturday March 6. If you want to enter a chili in the contest please contact Billie Ellis at 862-8220. Otherwise, come to the firehouse, enjoy the games and have some delicious chili while you're at it.



House Fire Winter Training Day 1-13-10. Kevin and Nick discussing the training exercise.

Photo by Cheri Ratliff

Home Owners Info for Fire Department

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Contact telephone #(s): Home: _____ Email address _____
Mobile: _____

Construction Type: Frame____ Log____ Other_____

Flooring Joist Material: 2X Lumber____ TJI Joists (Engineered Joists)____
Other_____ Unknown_____

Location of Electric Panel: _____

Do you have a: Basement_____ Walkout door_____ Crawl Space_____

Heat Source: Wood _____ Electric _____ Propane _____ If propane where is/are the

Tank (s) located _____

Other _____

Do you store fuel or propane bottles? No____ Yes____ If yes, where?

Basement/crawl space_____ Main Level_____ Upstairs_____ Garage_____ Shed_____

Number of Bedrooms per level- Main Level _____Upstairs _____Basement_____

Location of Outdoor Frost Free Hydrant: _____

_____ No Frost Free Hydrant_____.

Other information you feel is pertinent to keep you, the firefighters and your property safer in case

of fire:_____

To Fax this form: #866-633-1744

Email to: thestilleys@msn.com

or mail to: Melissa Hernandez

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Board Reports



Security Manager Reinie Masanetz

Snow markers: Because of the lack of snow this year, it has been difficult to place snow markers throughout our Arrowhead subdivision. Our security team is doing it's best to place these markers along well traveled routes and open areas. Security is trying to keep these markers up during their daily patrol, but if you also come across markers that are lying on the ground, please help us and pick them up and try to poke them back in the snow, otherwise they can become damaged by running over them with snowmobiles or the groomer. The cost of replacing each marker is \$8.

Alpine Road Traffic: According to the United States Forrest Service (USFS), which has jurisdiction over the Alpine Plateau road, snowmobile & privately owned tracked vehicle traffic is not allowed from Hwy 50 to the entrance of our AIA winter parking lot. This stretch of the Alpine road is considered to be open for regular vehicle traffic only. For your safety and others, please do not use the Alpine road, except when traveling south bound past the winter parking lot up-country. Mr. Greg Austin, USFS supervisor in Gunnison, indicates that if caught by a U.S. Forrest Ranger, you may receive a fine.

Parking at Hwy 50 & Alpine Rd: If you decide to leave your vehicle parked by or across from our mail-boxes for any reason (while carpooling), please be alert that you will receive an orange warning tag from the State Patrol to remove the vehicle within 48 hours from that location or it will be towed.

Privacy Information: As the Security Manager, I want to assure our AIA property owners that by completing the Vehicle Registration form, prudent information, i.e. name, addresses, telephone/cell phone numbers and e-mail address are kept strictly confidential and For Official Use Only. All of the registration forms are in my possession and therefore secured and I will use discretionary caution if such information needs to be released to parties outside the AIA community. Our security team has had a longtime understanding that we cooperate with our local law enforcement agencies, when it comes to assisting them in case of any emergency, i.e. in solving a crime, accidents, lost persons and disturbing the peace. Our security Standard Operating Procurers (SOP) will be revised to include the step by step procedure on how our property owners private information will be released.

The AIA community is also publishing a local telephone directory that includes name, addresses, telephone/cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you wish to opt out or would like to have a specific phone number deleted, please contact Linda Bumgarner at 862-8347.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions at 862-8362 or sent me an e-mail at reinie@fone.net.

Board Reports

Heavy Equipment, Roads Maintenance and Infrastructure

By Don Koeltzow

Your road crew has developed preliminary plans for projects for the summer of 2010. Included are:

1. Installation of three new culverts – one on Rim road, one on Aspen Trail, and one on Spruce.
2. Clean-out of existing culverts.
3. Re-graveling several roads – Aspen Trail from Flint to Spruce, Spruce road from Aspen Trail to Balsam road, all of Ute road, and finishing work on Lake road and Columbine road.
4. Construction of a concrete pad and containment area for the AIA fuel tanks.
5. Equipment Repair projects include new tires for the front end loader and a new blade edge for the grader.



Will Hobson
Arrowhead Equipment Operator

As we get closer to summer, watch for details on the web site concerning when and where these projects will be taking place. If you have additional concerns or know of other problems that should be addressed, please contact me at 970-862-8243 or dkandkk@fone.net.

Design Review Joyce Boulter

The design review committee met January 11. The committee consists of the following members: Joanie Aufderheide, Linda Dysart, Don Bumgarner, Star Misner, Lassie Summers, and Al Hale. Wayne Rhodes is serving as consultant.

Al is the newest member and he walked in from the parking lot for the meeting, as he doesn't have a full time residence. That's real dedication. We reviewed one set of plans for a house. Our next meeting will be February 8th, 10:00 am, at the firehouse. The earlier you get plans approved the better chance you have at getting them through Gunnison County. Also, remember that we need all of the exterior colors and finishes in order to approve the plans. You may change these colors, but you must get approval before construction starts.

For those planning any type of work on their lot, remember that it is usually after Memorial Day before the roads are dry enough for heavy equipment. I mention this to people who say they are going to start work in spring. Spring here usually starts in June as far as building.



Board Reports

TREASURER'S END OF YEAR REPORT Randy Touslee

27 JAN 2010

Three documents have been posted recently on the AIA web site (look under Board News/Reports, Minutes & More). They are the Dec 2009 Balance Sheet, the Dec 2009 Income Statement, and the approved 2010 Budget. The first two are of special significance since they are the end of fiscal year report as well as the monthly reports for December. I discussed each of these at the January Board Meeting and wanted to repeat some of those comments in this forum for the many members who aren't able to attend the actual meetings.

First- the Balance Sheet. I compared our financial position to where we were a year ago. There has been a significant decrease in our various accounts, reflective of the major expenses incurred the past two years (road grader, parking lot bathroom, other equipment items, new security vehicle, etc). The Board felt justified in making each of those purchase decisions and feels the community is better off as a result. Going into 2010 we have over \$200,000 set aside in the various funds and feel confident we can meet unforeseen contingencies, within reason.

My analysis of the end of year Income Statement pointed out some particular areas of interest and/or concern. First, let me say that we came in pretty much on budget in all areas and also overall. On the income side, membership payments were off some \$6000 and we are carrying more unpaid dues on the delinquent list. Looking back to the end of 2007, the trend is definitely upwards. The Board plans to look at office policies and the connection to our lawyer to be sure that delinquent account procedures are properly protecting Association interests. The other thing to note on the income side is the account for the Wildfire Mitigation Grant. Due to some paperwork confusion at the State level, the 2008 payment of \$22,800 was not received until Jan 2009 and had to be shown as income for that year. When the bottom line Net Income is analyzed, that fact must be included. Total expenses actually came in slightly under budget and total income was more than expected, all good news. Capital expenditures this year were spent on chains for the new grader and the new Security vehicle. Net Income after those Capital Expenditures was \$31,366 which the Board must allocate to some reserve fund. We put half in the Equipment Reserve and the other half in Undesignated Surplus. That keeps the accountants happy.

With regard to the 2010 Budget document, it is essentially the same as what has been posted since October, just in a different format. It shows the 2009 Budget and End of Year amounts as well as the approved 2010 budget. Here are a few comments just to remind you of the more significant facts that we had to consider in preparing the budget. First, 2010 will be the last of five previously approved annual increases in lot assessments. Anything new requires a vote of the owners and, to reassure you, there have been no discussions to date concerning that. On the expense side, there has been growth in some accounts and a couple new accounts added. Salaries were kept the same except for the Security officers. All qualified officers will now be paid the same hourly rate and that was increased as much as we felt able to do. There are new accounts to pay for snow grooming per our agreement with the Snowmobile Club and for the new Stump Dump lease (same location, just a fair compensation for the use of someone else's land). The bottom line for this year's budget is a Net Income of \$27,415 and no planned Capital Expenditures.

Thanks for your attention. I would be happy to answer any questions, so feel free to correspond via email to my address at superhood@lanset.com.

Community News

Arrowhead Fire Protection District

Bob Rosenbaum

1. Arrowhead Fire Protection District Elections.

There are four positions on the AFD Board up for election this year: One opening for two years (to fill the unexpired portion of Peggy Beach's term) and three four year positions. Self-nomination forms are available from Lucia LeBon 862-8239. The self-nomination period closes February 26th.

2. Snowmobile for Sale

The Fire Protection District is selling a 1996 Polaris XL. It is a wide track, two-up work horse sled with two forward gears and reverse. Asking \$500. If interested, contact Kevin Stilley (862-8277) or Bob Rosenbaum (862-8241).



Grouse photo taken last Spring on Crest
by Clyde Vavrik



John Cook, Martha Cook, Diane Benson. Photo by Cheri Ratliff



A full moon ski was held January 30, 2010. It was planned just a day before and there was a small turn out, but the ones there really enjoyed the evening. Martha Cook said, "There is something magical about skiing under a full moon". John Cook checked the internet and found that, the Wolf Moon that night would appear about 14 percent wider and 30 percent brighter than the typical full moon.

Also from the internet:

Full Wolf Moon - January Amid the cold and deep snows of midwinter, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside Indian villages. Thus, the name for January's full Moon. Sometimes it was also referred to as the Old Moon, or the Moon After Yule.

If you missed this one, don't worry, there will be another full moon in March and we will try to have another gathering then.

Community News

Health on the Mountain Joyce Boulter

So far it has been a mild winter, with less snow than usual. It has been cold, followed by warmer days. This is winter in Colorado and Arrowhead. With all this in mind I thought I would stress a few tips for winter safety.

Snowmobiling has been a challenge, with rocks and stumps still showing. Here are some safety tips for snowmobilers.

Speed - This is the most common cause of accidents.

Alcohol - At this altitude it diminishes reaction time and judgment.

Towing - It is never safe to tow sleds, toboggans or tubes behind a snowmobile on a rope. You should only pull sleds on a rigid bar with a hitch.

First aid/ emergency – You should carry the following on your snowmobile:

Flashlight, knife, compass and map or GPS, waterproof matches, water, energy food, whistle, mirror and space blanket.

Other common sense points –

Never travel alone. Let someone know you are going and when your expected return time is

Stay on trails

Carry personal I.D. and cell phone

Join the Arrowhead snowmobile club and snowmobile with friends. You also get the state club newsletter with many more safety tips.

Medical problems

1. HAPE and HACE - High altitude pulmonary edema and high altitude cerebral edema can occur at altitudes over 7,000 to 8,000 feet. It is the leaking of fluid into the lungs or around the brain. This can happen to young and old even several days after coming to the high altitude. These are medical emergencies and should be treated immediately by moving to lower altitude and being seen by physician. **911** should be called.

2. High Altitude Sickness – This can occur within several days of being at high altitude. Staying hydrated and avoiding coffee and alcohol is the best prevention. You should wait a couple days before engaging in strenuous activities and return to a lower altitude if condition worsens.

Hypothermia – Exposure to cold can cause hypothermia. Adequate clothing in layers will help prevent this condition. Underwear should be made of fabric that is warm and moisture wicking. Cotton is not a suitable fabric as it will get wet and stay wet under clothing. The treatment for hypothermia is to move the person to a warm environment as soon as possible. Do not rub the skin, or immerse in hot water. Alcohol and coffee should also be avoided. There have been articles on these conditions in past issues of the Smoke Signals.

These are all potential medical emergencies and 911 should be called. Gunnison dispatch will in turn notify the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. It is important to have the Gunnison EMS notified so they can initiate a rescue unit.

Emergency response

The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department has an emergency and medical response team. The team usually has a couple practice search and rescue simulations each winter.

Thanks to Martha Cook, AVFD has been working with Tri-State Care Flight. There is a helicopter landing zone near the winter parking lot and we have had some practice sessions with the helicopter crew and some real emergency situations. This is a great service to have available to Arrowhead residents.

Have a great winter and a safe one.



2020-2021 Cross-Country Skiing Season



This year's winners tied for 1st place.
Jim Darnell and Joanie Aufderheide.

Congratulations to all who participated
 and enjoyed the day.

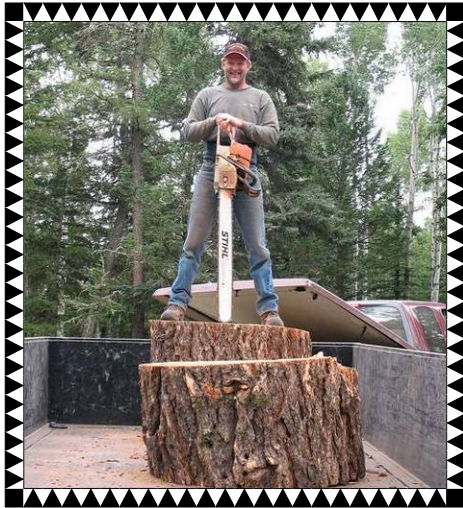
Photo's by Linda Dysart



Pictured here Jerry Ervin, Don LaForge, & Linda Bumgarner.



Kevin Stilley, Joyce Boulter, Linda Dysart, and Don LaForge all tied for 3rd place.



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Get Ready for the 2010 Selling Season at Arrowhead

How to Prepare Your Home for Sale

Whether your home is currently for sale, you'll be selling in the near future, or you just want to be prepared when the time comes to sell, we want to help. Here are some tips that will make your home marketable and irresistible to buyers.

De-Clutter - People collect an amazing quantity of junk! Consider this: if you haven't used it in over a year, you probably don't need it. If you don't need it, donate it or throw it away.

Make Minor Repairs—In a home, very few things are maintenance free. Do those minor repairs before they become major problems. Taking the time to perform seasonal maintenance can pay off in peace of mind and resale value.

Scrutinize— Look at your home as a buyer.
Go outside and open the front door. Stand there. Do you want to go inside. Does the house welcome you? Linger in the doorway of every single room and imagine how your house will look to a buyer.

Check Curb Appeal - Remember, people see the outside of your home before they see the inside. If the home's exterior makes a bad impression on potential buyers, they will carry that negativity inside the house with them.

These few tips will help justify the asking price. Especially in a market that leans toward the buyer, you need everything in your favor to justify the asking price.





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Arrowhead Snowmobile Club Meeting 1-16-10

President Eric Johnson called the meeting to order.

Eric explained to everyone that the GPS games up country are continuing. The marker to be found will always be within 10 ft. of one of the trails. Those who win each game will have their name put in a "hat" for a drawing at the end of the year for a free club membership. The new coordinates for this game are N 38 deg., 23', 07" and W 107 deg., 23', 10.0". Remember, the firehouse has extra GPS's for your use. Call Kevin Stilley at 862-8277 to borrow them.

Our club will groom the filing roads at least once a week, whether it snows or not, usually between 5:00 & 10:00 pm. The AIA approves of this plan. Remember that the groomer is 16' wide. If you meet it on the filing roads, just pull over and wait for it to stop for you. The driver will pull over as far as he can and then you will be able to proceed. Do not pass the groomer while it is moving.

The trail poles are in. We thank Eric, Star, Bob, Missy, Doug, Mary, Phil for taking care of that.

Financials – Lucia presented the financial profit & loss sheet. We received the \$45,000 check from our grant for the groomer. There was also a \$1,400 deposit from selling our club wear. Close to \$1,000 of that deposit was profit. Lucia said that we got our comprehensive insurance for less than \$800. The groomer drivers are covered under AIA insurance so that helped us on our rate.

Lucia turned in the required tickets to Ski-doo that we sold last year where, in turn, they send us \$300. We haven't received it yet, but should be getting it in April.

Kathy Keoltzow moved to approve the report, Star second it, motion approved.

Star informed us that our membership is now up to 76. Keep in mind that most are family memberships which mean at least 2 people per membership. More are coming in so we are doing very well.

The parking lot for Lake City snowmobilers, which is located at the Alpine Plateau Road and Hwy 149, is now being plowed by Hinsdale County. This is the parking lot that was added to our insurance. We have received several "thank you's" from Lake City people.

Joanna Misare is putting the group trail rides together. Our 1st ride will be next Saturday, January 23rd. This 1st ride is called the TP Ride. Everyone is to bring a roll of toilet paper and Star is bringing a huge bag to put them all in for the Willow Park bathroom. That should take care of the rest of the winter. For those of you interested, some are gathering early at the Inn for breakfast (opens at 8:00am). Otherwise, be in the parking lot in front of the Inn between 10:30 and 11:00. We will leave by 11:00. We will divide into 3 groups – A (experienced), B (intermediate), and C (beginner). If we have enough snow the A group will be going off the trails most of the time to take on the powder. The B group will take a few turns off the trail for those who want a little more adventure, and the C group will stay on the trails. We want everyone to come and have a good time. There will also be a nice fire going at Willow Park for those wanting to bring something to cook for lunch or just to warm up. Talk to Joanna (862-8324) if you would like to be a group leader. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you only want to lead one way, that's fine. We still would appreciate your help.

The other 2 dates to mark on your calendars are February 13th and March 13th for the other 2 group rides. There is a slight change, however. We will be meeting at 9:30 at the Inn for our monthly club meeting. As before, some will also meet at the Inn at 8:00 for breakfast. Then we'll leave at 11:00 for the ride. The Inn at Arrowhead will be giving a 10% discount on their food on all 3 days of our rides – all day. Thanks to James, Kathleen, & Michael.

Chef Michael has agreed to take over our club wear sales. He has a nice display set up in back behind the bathrooms. If you are interested in buying something, let Michael know and he will take you back to shop. There are new things coming in soon, including mugs, patches, & snow gear. Remember, you can also order anything that may not be on hand. Michael already has had \$365 in sales, of which \$226 is profit. Thank you Terri & Mike Gunter with Hole In The Wall T-shirt Shop.



Congratulations to Ron Benson, "Groomer of the Year" for the state of Colorado!

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Star reminded us that the charity forms are coming due by the end of March. These forms will be on the Arrowhead web site soon if you haven't already gotten one. This helps to protect our "Right to Ride". This non-profit organization helps to keep public lands open for public use in all types of recreation. Volunteers also take kids & families out to ride with snowmobiles in the winter and 4-wheelers in the summer. This form covers all money donated to charities and non-profits and all time spent helping out or taking part in the work for charities. Call Star at 862-8399 with any questions.

Lucia and Melissa are working on our web site page on the Colorado Snowmobile Assn. web site.



Julie Holzmeister at ASAP Signs in Montrose made us signs for the trail to help people find their way up country. Thank you Julie!!

Eric informed us that the Forest Service and BLM are encouraging us to make a public parking lot for snowmobiling. Every trail head in Colorado has a parking area. Now that we have an official trail head for snowmobiling up past Arrowhead, we also need a parking area. We may apply for a grant from the state for a parking lot if AIA will donate the land. The AIA board will study this and work with us and the County to accomplish this. We will keep everyone informed of the progress as it happens.

Be sure to get your snowmobile and ATV stickers from the State Park Service. We get 80% of that money, which actually paid for our groomer. Eric also informed us that multi-use trails are represented through COVCO so it's important to join this organization.

The Colorado Snowmobile State Convention is held in Walden this year on February 5th-7th. Lucia may try to go, but it would be great if we could get good representation from Arrowhead because our club is so big. There are rides every day. The schedule is in the December and January Snow Scoop. Check it out. Awards will be given out on Saturday night. Star has entered some names we are familiar with:

Snowmobiler of the Year - Lucia Lebon
Groomer of the Year - Ron Benson
Snowmobiler friend of the Year - Arden Anderson
Snowmobiler Dealer of the Year - Arnie Summers (All Sports Honda/Arctic Cat of Grand Junction)

Elections are coming up for a new Board for your club. We definitely need new nominees for Treasurer. If anyone is interested in this position or any of the other positions (Pres., Vice Pres., Sec.) be sure to let us know. The end of our fiscal year is April.

With no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

Sally Burrichter, Secretary

SKATE SKIING AT ARROWHEAD

Doug Dysart was the first person to skate ski in Arrowhead. Pictured here skate skiing on Doug and Linda's 48th wedding anniversary January 27th, 2010. In 1996, someone stopped him while skate skiing on the road and told him he was cross country skiing "wrong." Since then he has taught others to skate ski. Not bad for a 72 year old!





Arrowhead Snowmobile Club group ride to Willow Park January 23, 2010. *Photo by Linda Dysart*

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