

Fall colors in Prior Lake Mn



September 2023
Photo by Nate Nickell

Welcome to the opening of the 2023-2024 Snowmobile Season

The snow has not quite hit the ground yet, but snowmobile clubs around the state are gearing up for what we all hope will be a repeat of the 2022-2023 season which saw Prior Lake with 78 inches of snow. Welcome everyone to this year's first addition of the Prior Lake Snowmobile Associations newsletter. I think we all agree that this past summer was a hot one and saying good bye maybe tough, but I would say our favorite time of the year just might be the snow. Just a guess anyway! As I mentioned above, clubs around the state are gearing up for the upcoming season and PLSA is no different. The PLSA board has been busy on many fronts over the last month or so planning the events of the year. So with that, who was elected at the last meeting of the year and who are your 2023/24 board members? My name is Tom Schutz and I will once again be your president for this upcoming year. Larry Shepard, Vice President, Craig Root, Treasure and Kris Murray as Secretary. Your directors are once again, Gail Adelman, Don Wineland and Tom Laridaen. The Sno-Trail directors are Garth Gertner as primary, Paul Hartwig and myself.

All of us have been hard at work, planning our upcoming meetings, planning the membership drive event in November, organizing the community fest, working the land owner's appreciation picnic, making plans for this upcoming snowmobiling trips and volunteering at the framers market on Thursday nights. I appreciate their commitment to the club and community and I hope our members this year will find a way that you can be involved as well.

September Meeting 09/13/2023 7:00 p.m.

As many of you already know, our normal meeting place is the Prior Lake VFW. Unfortunately the remodeling is going a little slower than predicted and our meeting place will not be available. We will be meeting at my home at 16743 Markley Lake Ct PL. All are welcome, but please bring your own chair for this event. I will have some available but not enough for everyone. As a bonus to this year meeting, one beverage of October fest will be available to those that attend. You are also welcome to bring your own beverage with you if you wish.

Volunteers Needed

It will not be long and we will be pounding in signs and trimming trees along the trails. For that we need volunteers. We also have a bridge on 250th street that needs a whole new deck and we will need 8 to 12 people to help with this event. This needs to be completed in the first few weeks of October so it does not interfere with the hunting season. Planning for the event will happen at the upcoming meeting. If you can help, please attend or contact me at 612-328-8585.

October 7th, 2023

This fall, our commitment to Adopt A Highway will be October 7th. With membership approval, all members that attend will have a free breakfast at Zee's Diner. Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. with clean up starting at 9:00 a.m. For those that cannot attend the breakfast, meet in the parking lot at the day care center behind Holiday Gas Station on Pike Lake Trail. Please do not assume others will do the work, last spring only 6 people showed up and it took many hours to complete. If we have 12 to 18 people it will take less than an hour. This is part of our community commitment to give back.



Community Fest Prior Lake High School September 18th, 2023

This year we will be once again be attending the Community Fest at the Prior Lake High School. At this event you will find 100's of businesses and organizations that are available to our community. I have been very impressed with the attendance of

the vendors and each year I learn of a new business or organization servicing our community. I highly recommend that you and your family come and check out this event. During this event our club looks to reach out to those in our community that ride snowmobiles or interested in snowmobiling and encourage them to join our club. Many people continue to believe that the trails are managed and maintained by the MN Department of Nature Recourses (DNR). Our club along with Savage, Shakopee and Belle Plaine groups and maintains just under 265 miles of trails and we will be there to educate the adults on what we do and why we need their help in keeping this sport alive in our communities. We are excited to announce that we will once again coordinate a snowmobile certification class. We encourage our youth in the community who wish to be certified snowmobilers to attend the require course on December 2nd at the Savage Legion. If you as an adult were born after 1976, you need to have a snowmobile certificate to ride and you can complete this certification class on line.

Snowmobile Trivia

Do you know the answer to this question?

If you ride in the seven county metro area, can you ride on land that is not posted as long as you heard it was okay or there were already tracks going onto the land?

FALSE – You can only ride on land that is posted with signs stated “snowmobiles allow” or with written permission of the landowner or groomed designated trails that are signed.



2023-2024 Club Trips

This coming year we have several trips planned. Information will be available at our upcoming meetings. Here is what we have so far

January 18 – 21	Walker MN
February 1 – 4	Virginia MN
February 15 – 18	Emily MN
Feb 29 – Mar 3	Upper Michigan

Mark Your Calendar For the Christmas Party

This year's party will be held on December 9th at the Prior Lake VFW. Mark your calendars as this is a week later than previous years. As always, this is a fun family event. If you have never attended in the past, the food is fantastic and lots of laughs at our gift exchange. More information coming, but mark your calendars today as it's a busy time of year.

2023 Music Fest

This past summer we had a fantastic showing from our clubs and volunteering for the Rotary Music Fest. We had clubs from Westonka, Chaska, Shakopee, Savage, Lonsdale and Prior Lake making



Pictured is group from Chaska

up over 150 volunteers. For our help the Rotary donated back to our clubs over \$11,600 dollars.



Land Owner Appreciation Picnic

The land owner Appreciation Picnic was held on July 9th at the Scott County Fair Grounds. The



event is held every year to show appreciation to those landowners that allow snowmobile trails on their property. Without their permission we would not have the wonderful trails in Scott County that we have. A huge **Thank You** to all that came out and volunteered at this event. I do not want to name those that helped in fear I might forget one or two, but you know who you are and you are very much appreciated.



November Membership Drive

At our November 8th meeting we will be having our annual meeting and membership drive. Come and enjoy a beverage and Hors d oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to learn how you can be involved in the club and how you can support snowmobiling. It's amazing how helping at just one event or helping maintain a trail makes a difference and it doesn't take a much time. This year, If you bring a friend and they sign up, you will get \$10 off your membership for each person up to \$40.

Calendar of Events

September

- 8 – 10th Hay Days North Branch
- 13th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.
- 18th Community Fest, Prior Lake/Savage

October

- 5th SnoDiac Fundraiser
- 7th Adopt A Highway 7:30 at Zee's Diner
- 11th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.
Location may change
- 27th – 29th MnUSA 2023 Fall Workshop
Lakeville MN

November

- 8th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.
Trail in, dates and times to be up
Updated

December

- 1st Trails open

- 2nd Snowmobile Youth Training Event
Savage legion
- 9th PLSA Christmas Party. Prior Lake
VFW
- 13th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.
- January
- 18th – 21st Club Trip to Walker MN
- 26-27 Veteran's Appreciation Ride

Caliber Snowmobile Products

DO NOT MISS

At this upcoming meeting we will be taking orders for Caliber Snowmobile Products. www.caliberproductsinc.com. As a member of PLSA you will receive 50% off your total order. You will not find this pricing anywhere. You must be a member to receive this discount. All orders are due by October 12th with payment. Visit their website above for more details.

PLEASE COME
TO THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13TH