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🏁 Trail Signage about to happen!, can you help?

October PLSA Meeting

🗓️ **Wednesday, October 14th, 2026**
🕖 **7:00 PM**
📍 **Prior Lake VFW, Basement Level (Main Street)**

The snow may still be a few months away, but now is the time to get ready for another great season on the trails!

Join fellow members for our first Prior Lake Snowmobile Association meeting of the year as we kick off planning for the 2026-2027 season. We'll be discussing trail preparation, upcoming projects, volunteer opportunities, events, and all the work that goes into making our local trail system one of the best around.

Whether you've been a member for years or are just curious about getting more involved, we'd love to see you there. If you enjoy riding the trails, this is a great opportunity to learn how you can help support and strengthen snowmobiling in our community.

The meeting will be kept to about **45 minutes to an hour** because we know everyone's time is valuable. Come meet fellow riders, hear what's ahead for the season, and discover where your talents and interests can make a difference.

⚠️ **Parking is limited, so arriving a few minutes early is recommended.**

The trails don't happen by themselves. They happen because members like you step up and get involved. We have a lot to accomplish this fall, and we'd love your help.

Bring a friend, bring your ideas, and help us get the season off to a great start. We're looking forward to seeing you! ❄️🏂🏁

Minnesota Snowmobiling Trivia Spotlight

Think you know Minnesota snowmobiling? Here's a fun fact that surprises many riders:

Trivia Question:

Question:
What are the three primary sources of revenue that fund Minnesota's GIA (Grant-in-Aid) Snowmobile Trail Program?

A. State income taxes, tourism fees, and trail permits
B. Registration fees, state trail stickers, and gas taxes
C. Federal grants, donations, and vehicle sales taxes
D. Club memberships, lodging taxes, and lottery proceeds

Bonus Fact:
The GIA Snowmobile Trail Program depends heavily on annual weather conditions, and the dedicated snowmobile account cannot have a negative balance. This is why clubs are encouraged to save grant funds received during low-snow years for future seasons when grooming demands may be higher.

Answer on next page:

2027 MnUSA Calendar Sales

The 2027 MnUSA raffle calendars are now available for purchase. The club is seeking volunteers to help with selling these calendars as part of our ongoing participation in this annual fundraiser.

Each year, 6,000 calendars are printed as part of the MN USA raffle. There are 365 daily winners, making this calendar both a practical item for home use and an exciting opportunity to win prizes throughout the year.

Gift Idea

The calendars make excellent Christmas gifts for family members and friends. They also serve as a fun addition to any household, offering daily chances to win while supporting our club.

Sales Details

Calendars are priced at $20 each. For every calendar sold, the club receives $5 to support its activities and initiatives. Get them at the meeting or call Terry Hutchinson at 612-581-6627 and he will get you want you need.

How You Can Help

We encourage members and supporters to assist with selling the 2027 MnUSA calendars. Your participation helps ensure the success of this longstanding fundraiser and benefits our club directly.



Adopt a Highway Update

13 members showed up to complete our section of roadway on September 23rd. Could have used a few more help, but it got done. Thank you Gail for taking the lead. Below is a picture of some of those that were reward with a pizza dinner at The Pointe.



Celebrate Christmas with us!

Christmas is always a fun time to celebrate and share of cheer to those around you. PLSA will be celebrating with a Christmas Party on December 12th. This is a no cost event (other than your beverages). We only ask that you bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots fundraiser.

This gathering is designed as a fun family event, providing an excellent opportunity for members and their loved ones to come together and celebrate the holiday season. If you have not attended in the past, you can look forward to delicious food and plenty of laughter, especially during our traditional gift exchange.

Dinner Menu

The menu for this year may seem familiar, but it never disappoints. Guests will enjoy Broasted Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Salad, and a dinner roll. These favorites are sure to please everyone's palate.

Event Schedule

- Social Hour: Begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner: Served at 6:00 p.m.

Update: Cost of the event will be free for all members and their immediate family. You must sign up for the event. In exchange we ask that you bring an unwrapped toy for the club to donate to Toy's for Tots with at least a value of $10 per person.

Gift Exchange Game

For those that wish to participate in this always fun game. Please bring a gift of $25 value and mark as a Guy, Gal or either gift. Remember this is a family event and Alcohol makes a great gift but not for those under 21.

Registration Information

To attend, please click below to sign up and provide the names of all individuals who will be joining you. If you register but later find that you are unable to attend, it is important to cancel your reservation by emailing myc90touring@gmail.com. Please note that the club is responsible for paying for your plate regardless of whether you attend the dinner. The deadline to register for the event is December 7th.

Click here to register for Christmas Celebration.

Snow Fall Guessing Challenge Returns

The Snow Fall Guessing Challenge is back for the season! This popular event gives participants the chance to predict the total snowfall for the upcoming winter season.

How to Participate

Starting at the upcoming meeting and continuing until December 1st, you are invited to submit your guess for the total snowfall that will occur between December 1st and April 1st. Your goal is to estimate the snowfall as closely as possible to the tenth of an inch. Sign up forms at meeting or you can email Gail at gail@abnbins.com.

Prize

The participant whose guess is closest to the actual total snowfall will win a prize of $100. Prize to be awarded at April meeting.

Updates

Monthly updates on the challenge and snowfall totals will be posted in the newsletters, keeping everyone informed of the latest standings.

Prior Lake Musicfest 2027 Volunteer Information

Volunteer sign-up for the Prior Lake Musicfest 2027 begins on December 1st. If you have volunteered for this event in the past, you will receive an invitation to select your preferred time slot for this year's Musicfest using SignUpGenius. Past volunteers are given priority and have until January 15th to choose their position and time slot before volunteer opportunities open to all club members.

This year, our goal is to fill 170 volunteer positions or time slots, building on last year's accomplishment of 140 filled positions.

About the Event

For several years, the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association (PLSA), together with members from other clubs, has supported the Rotary's Musicfest by volunteering for the past 6 years. The 2027 Musicfest will take place on July 9th and 10th and features both a country night and a rock night. This year's country artis is Jon Pardi, Lee Brice with another artis to be named in coming weeks. Rock night it headliner is TRAIN with the other two artist to be announced in the coming weeks.

Volunteer roles include bar backs, beverage distribution, event set-up, promotional handouts, clean-up, semi-truck support, and security.

Volunteer Position Details

- Bar Backs: Shifts run from 4:00 PM to 7:45 PM, and 7:45 PM to 10:30 PM. Responsibilities include filling stock tanks with beverages and ice, opening beverages, and supporting bartenders.
- Beverage Distribution: Shifts are from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers distribute cases of beverages from semi-trucks to four tent areas and stock the walk-in coolers. This role requires the use of motorized carts and involves significant lifting.
- Set-Up: Set-up takes place on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Tasks include setting up tents, tables, fencing, and other event infrastructure. This position involves lifting and a faster pace of work.
- Semi-Truck Support: Shifts are 4:00 PM to 7:45 PM and 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM. Duties involve keeping bar back areas stocked from the semi-truck and supporting stock needs in other distribution areas. Some lifting is required, but the position also has periods of downtime between stocking activities.
- Security: Volunteers are needed in all areas, although specific time slots are not currently assigned. Security responsibilities include ticket and ID verification (4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and 8:00 PM to close), as well as end-of-night crowd control (9:00 PM to midnight).
- Clean-Up: Clean-up takes place on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There are no dedicated time slots for this role on SignUpGenius. If you are interested in volunteering for clean-up, please reach out via email at myctouring@gmail.com.

Trivia Question answer:

Answer: ✅ B. Registration fees, state trail stickers, and gas taxes

A little fun read to get you into the upcoming season:

The crisp January air bit at the edges of Jax's helmet as he pulled his goggles into place. Around him, the woods just off the shores of **Prior Lake, Minnesota** were a quiet, pristine wonderland, blanketed in fresh powder from a storm that had rolled through the night before. His friends, Sarah and Miller, were already idling their sleds, the steady, rhythmic rumble of the engines vibrating through the packed snow beneath them.

"Ready to open it up?" Miller yelled over the engine roar, his breath puffing into the freezing air like a miniature steam engine.

Jax gave a thumbs-up, pinned the throttle, and the sled surged forward.

They were hitting a section of the local club-maintained trails kept pristine by the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association. It was a beautiful corridor that felt like a highway carved straight through a winter dream. The snow was perfect—light, fluffy, and completely undisturbed. As Jax accelerated, the world became a beautiful blur of frosted pine trees and sparkling white drifts. The sensation of floating over the terrain was unmatched, like carving through clouds on a machine built for speed.

After an hour of weaving through tight, winding forest paths and wide-open ditches, the trees gave way to a massive, blinding expanse of white. They had reached the frozen expanse of Prior Lake itself. Out here, the wind had swept the surface clean, creating a vast natural playground for local riders.

Miller took the lead, kicking up a magnificent rooster tail of snow as he pushed his sled across the ice. Jax and Sarah stayed parallel, the three of them flying across the lake under a brilliant, pale blue winter sky, passing ice fishing houses dotting the frozen water. For a few glorious minutes, there was nothing but the roar of the engines, the rush of adrenaline, and the pure freedom of the wide-open ice.

By noon, the cold had started to seep through their heavy layers, and their stomachs were calling the shots. They pulled off the lake and parked their sleds right at the docks of Charlie's on Prior, the popular lakeside restaurant that sits directly on the trail system. A dozen other snowmobiles were already lined up outside.

Stepping into the warmth of the enclosed winter patio area known as "The Landing," they were instantly hit by the comforting buzz of the crowd and the rich aroma of comfort food. They shed their heavy helmets, jackets, and gloves, exposing windburned, grinning faces. Over plates of steaming cheese curds, savory burgers, and hot coffee, they laughed and recapped the morning's ride—how Miller almost misjudged a drift, and how incredible the fresh powder had been through the woods.

Refueled and warm, they stepped back out into the afternoon chill. The sun was already starting its low, dramatic descent, painting the Minnesota sky in brilliant shades of pink and orange. They started up the sleds for the long loop back, charting a path toward the scenic northern boundaries of Cleary Lake Regional Park where the local tracks seamlessly connected with the broader Scott County Sno-Trails network. Chasing the sunset across the snow, they were completely hooked on the magic of winter in Prior Lake.

Calendar of Events

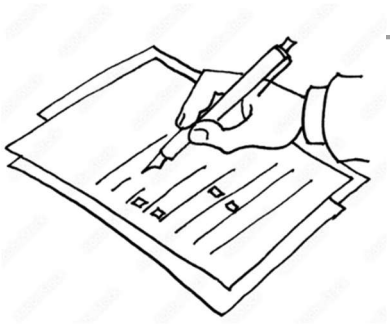
October

October 14
Club Meeting
Prior Lake VFW (Basement)
7:00 PM

October 23-25
MNUSA Fall Workshop
Alexandria, Minnesota
For details, visit: MNUSA Fall Workshop Information

October 24
River Bottom Cleanup
Hosted by RVTB Club

Trail Brushing October 24th and 25th
Prior Lake Snowmobile Club



November

November 11
Club Meeting & Member Renewal Month
Prior Lake VFW (Basement)
7:00 PM

December

December 5
Youth Safety Training
Savage American Legion
8:00 AM

December 9
Club Meeting
Prior Lake VFW (Basement)
7:00 PM

December 12th
Christmas Party
Prior Lake VFW (Basement)
5:00 PM Social – 6 p.m. Dinner

Join the gift exchange!!

Sign the Petition
At this next meeting

Minnesota Snowmobile License Plate Initiative Gains Momentum

Minnesota snowmobilers have an exciting opportunity to help support the future of our trail system. The Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MNUSA) is encouraging riders and supporters to sign a petition backing a new **Winter Sports Conservation License Plate**. If approved, the special plate would provide an additional source of funding for snowmobile trail development, maintenance, grooming, and trail easement acquisition across the state.

The proposal is being considered through **SF 3028 and HF 2666**, which would authorize the special plate beginning **January 1, 2026**. Available to owners of passenger vehicles, motorcycles, pickups, and RVs, the plate would include a contribution dedicated to Minnesota's Snowmobile Trails and Enforcement Account. Funds generated would be directed to the Minnesota DNR to enhance and expand the state's trail system.

MNUSA is seeking strong public support through its petition, which demonstrates to lawmakers that Minnesota snowmobilers value dedicated trail funding and continued investment in our sport.

While current snowmobile registrations remain unchanged, this special license plate would offer a new, voluntary way for enthusiasts to support Minnesota's snowmobile trails each time they renew their vehicle registration.

How You Can Help

- Sign the MNUSA petition before the October 15 deadline.
- Stay informed on the progress of SF 3028 and HF 2666.
- Share the initiative with fellow snowmobilers and supporters.

Together, we can help secure additional funding to keep Minnesota's trail system strong for generations to come.

Trivia Questions

1. **What is the primary source of state funding for Minnesota snowmobile trails and clubs?**
    - A) Property taxes
    - B) Snowmobile registration fees ✅
    - C) Lottery revenue
    - D) Sales tax on winter clothing
2. **True or False:** Most Minnesota snowmobile clubs rely solely on state funding to operate.
    - **False** ✅
3. **Besides state grants, what is a common way Minnesota snowmobile clubs raise money?**
    - A) Fishing license sales
    - B) Fundraising events and raffles ✅
    - C) Gasoline taxes
    - D) School district funding
4. **Minnesota's Grant-in-Aid (GIA) program helps fund what club activity?**
    - A) Purchasing members' snowmobiles
    - B) Trail grooming and maintenance ✅
    - C) Clubhouse construction
    - D) Racing events only
5. **What organization often coordinates state trail funding for local snowmobile clubs in Minnesota?**
    - A) Minnesota Tourism Board
    - B) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ✅
    - C) Department of Transportation
    - D) Minnesota State Patrol
6. **Many Minnesota snowmobile clubs receive financial support from which local businesses?**
    - A) Grocery stores only
    - B) Sponsors and advertisers ✅
    - C) Banks only
    - D) Utility companies only
7. **True or False:** Volunteer labor provided by club members helps reduce operating expenses and stretches available funding.
    - **True** ✅
8. **Which of the following is NOT typically a source of revenue for a Minnesota snowmobile club?**

- A) Membership dues
- B) Fundraising events
- C) Corporate sponsorships
- D) Federal income taxes ✅

9. **What percentage of trail maintenance work in Minnesota is often supported by volunteers from snowmobile clubs?**
   - A) Very little
   - B) A significant portion ✅
   - C) None
   - D) Exactly 25%
10. **Why are membership dues important to Minnesota snowmobile clubs?**
   - A) They help cover operational costs and support club activities ✅
   - B) They fund state highways
   - C) They replace registration fees
   - D) They are required by the DNR for trail access

Bonus Question:
What are the four major funding sources for many Minnesota snowmobile clubs?

- **Answer:** Membership dues, fundraising events, business sponsorships/advertising, and state Grant-in-Aid funding. ✅

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