

2023

Happy New Year



January Meeting

On January 11th, 2023 we will have our monthly meeting at Charlies on Prior on the Landing. This is a ride in event. Please remember the lake is never 100% safe and watch for rocks. Meeting starts at 7:00.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Okay this is hard to keep in so please come to the meeting. It is really big news!!!! I promise it will be worth it but I cannot tell you until the meeting.

Membership

There is still time to renew your membership with PLSA. We are only at 70% renewal so please, if you have not renewed do so today! There are many ways to renew: by attending our monthly meeting, mail and online. At our meetings will have membership forms available, please see our treasure, Craig Root or any board member. You can also download our membership form at the web address below and mail it to the address printed on the form. And lastly, at the following web site you can pay membership with PayPal.
www.priorlakesnow.com/membership.

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REMINDER

SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE STRICTLY ENFORCED

- ❖ Speed Limit is 10 mph on local streets
- ❖ Snowmobile hours: Sunday to Thursday 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. – 2 a.m.
- ❖ Snowmobiles are PROHIBITED on Main Avenue and CR 21 West of Hwy. 13
- ❖ Snowmobiles are PROHIBITED on any sidewalk or trail unless designated for snowmobiling

SNOWMOBILE HOTLINE
(952) 447-9787
www.cityofpriorlake.com



Prior Lake City Ordinances

Did you know Prior Lake has ordinances on where and when you could ride within city limits? When I was talking with a reporter from the Southwest Publishing this past week, he was very surprised to hear this as he was unaware. I even talked with some PLSA Members recently and they too did not know of any ordinances. This is one the first things that we talk about to our youth during the recent snowmobile training event just held. You as a snowmobiler are responsible for knowing not only state laws, but local ordinances on snowmobile operation. The hard part is that in Scott County, Prior Lake, Savage and Shakopee all have different and sometimes conflicting ordinances. As an example, in Prior Lake, you can only ride on the trails. If you live off a trail and want to get to the trail on the snowmobile you are required to ride on

the right most side of the street at no greater than 10 mph. You cannot ride on boulevards, across people's front yards, through parks, etc. In Savage you can ride in a right of way directly from your home to the trail. If you live in Savage, please consider and be respectful of the property owners in crossing their driveway as many have landscaping and other obstacles in the ROW.

So let's do our part and learn the rules of where we live. There is a link to all the city ordinances at www.priorlakesnow.com.

January Event

SnoCross National:

We have the opportunity to help MNUSA host a booth at the SnoCross National on January 13th and 14th. We need a few promised volunteers for this. Any volunteers will receive FREE tickets to the event when they are not volunteering. Please contact Logan (612-366-6948) ASAP

Event is at Canterbury Park in Shakopee

Snow Fall Contest

During the past several months, everyone has had the opportunity to guess on what would be the snow fall for this season. Although I have high hopes this year for a lot of snow, I think I might have guess a little too high. Did I say I had high hopes? As of January 7th at 10 p.m. we were at 48.5 inches for the year. WOW ... my guess might be closure to winning. That is if we only get 5 more inches of snow this year.

Text Messaging

Reminder that we have starting text messaging for events and weekend club rides. If you do not get a text message in the next two days we most likely do not have your cell number. If that is the case, send me your name and cell number to myc90touring@gmail.com and I will update your information. Don't miss out...

Calendar of Events

January	Meetings at Charlies on Prior.
11 th	Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13 – 14 th	SnoCross National, Shakopee
14 th	Veterans Ride – Bemidji MN
21 st	International Snowmobile Safety Week.
21 st	RVTB River Bottom meet and greet Home - River Valley Trail Blazers (rvtb.org)
26 – 28	Club trip to Grand Marais
27 th – 28 th	Midwest Ride in The Midwest Ride-In Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show (mwvss.com)

February

8 th	Club Meeting Charlies on Prior
9 th – 12 th	Winter Rendezvous Hinckley **

Club Trips

January 26-29 Sky Port Lodge, Grand Marais Devils Lake.

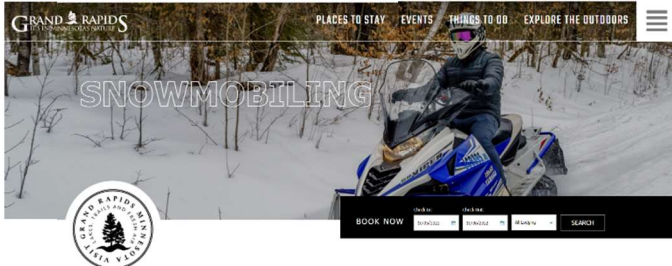


SOLD OUT

There are 25 hotels in and around Grand Marais. You can still join us on this trip. Information at our next club meeting.

February 2 – 5 Grand Rapids MN

One of my most favorite areas to ride. Rooms are still available at the Americ Inn. 10 Double rooms are reserved. 218-999-5376



February 16 – 19th Virginia MN

Pine View Inn. 1-866-263-0535

Limited rooms still available but filling fast.

Do not wait to make your reservation. This trip is well attended by our group and probably one of the funniest adventures. Most importantly it is a chance to meet up with a long time member family the Hindermann' s. This is a do not miss event.

Upper Michigan Trip

The first weekend in March (2nd – 5th) a group is heading to the Adventure Motel in Mass City UP. This is a trip open to all Sno-Trial clubs, Prior Lake, Shakopee, Savage and Belle Plain. Limited rooms are available and only available to us through November 11th and then all remaining rooms will be open to anyone. Call and talk to Renee at 906-883-3520

You have news?

If you have news related to snowmobiling or events held by neighboring clubs that interest our group. Please share.

Not my proudest moment:

Yes, I buried the groomer on 282. It was a lot deeper than I anticipated. Learning lesson. Thanks to Allen's Towing Services for getting me out. 282 has since been packed and will be ran with the pan in the coming days.



Music Fest Volunteer Sign up

We have once again agreed to help the Prior Lake Rotary Club by volunteering or time and talents to this wonderful event. This is my 11th year of volunteering and I absolutely love the event and what it brings to Prior Lake.

This event for you and our club is not without its rewards. For you, volunteering just one shift allows you free admission to both nights of the event, a free t-shirt and special VIP parking with shuttle bus. For the club we receive a donation

back for each hour worked. This donation is very important to our club as it helps us sponsor events like MN United Veteran's ride and our youth safety program. A Few year ago we were able to purchase a brand new Polaris EVO and our hopes that we can continue to replace our aging sleds.

The event this year is July 14th and 15th with shifts available from 4:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. There are also positions open for security from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 or done on both nights. If interested please let me know.

How to you sign up. Please contact me (Tom Schutz) by emailing me at tom.schutz@keylandhomes.com that you are interested and what shift. 1st or 2nd shift. We will post the current open shifts on our priorlakesnowmobile.com web site under Club Newsletters.

International Snowmobile Safety Week

International Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Week – **January 21-21, 2023**. International Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Week starts on the third Saturday of January every year. Did you know that it has been more than 70 years since the first snowmobile was made?

Sledding has been a popular recreational activity for many centuries. However, the motorized sled was invented in 1927 by a mechanic in Valcourt Quebec named Joseph-Armand Bombardier. Bombardier made the first-ever motorized sled by using a propeller. A few years later in 1927, the motor toboggan was made. Bombardier used the wheel and track system to further improve his invention, and thus in 1935, the first snowmobile was made.

In the coming years, Bombardier would make modifications to the snowmobile, which became immensely popular. He patented the first seven-member snowmobile in 1937 and the 12-member capacity one in 1941. Bombardier's snowmobiles turned out to be extremely useful for people,

especially people working in the law enforcement, fire service, hospital emergency services, etc. Some of these vehicles were modified for military use and used by the American troops in World War II. By the 1960s, new snowmobiles with powerful engines emerged. It was popular among people around the world who lived in frigid regions where there was heavy snowfall. People enjoyed snowmobiles as a recreational activity and as a winter sport. It was also useful for going from place to place during the times heavy snowfall would block the roads.

Many incidents of accidents and mishaps involving snowmobiles were reported. Many were also concerned about fuel usage and its impact on the environment. In 1993, International Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Week was created to encourage people to use necessary safety equipment like helmets and protective gear and to use snowmobiles made by authorized companies that produce snowmobiles that undergo strict pollution checks.

Article courtesy of Nationaltoday.com. To read more about this event go to the web site.