



# How Important Is Volunteering?

# 56 Days until trails are open

October 2024

## Volunteering for the club

In the current October addition of Minnesota Snowmobiling magazine, there is an article by Cheryl Clevenger that talks about Volunteerism. It really hits home as to how we need help within PLSA. So many of our current active members are getting older and have been volunteering for many years. Without the efforts of these members the trail system through our community and greater Scott County would not exist. PLSA is one of the largest clubs membership wise in the state and that looks very good on paper, but we need many of our current members who are younger and not active to look at ways in which they can be more involved. While I greatly appreciate all those who are in the club to show support, if you have not been active in helping with trail signing, trail maintenance, Music fest, adopt a highway or other events, I encourage you to attend one of our upcoming meetings to see how you can help. You would be surprised how little time it takes when a group comes together. Volunteering to help a trail boss install a trail can take less than 3 hours a year. Do you have 3 hours to help?

Ms. Clevenger quotes a poem by an unknown source and it really captures what volunteering is all about. It goes like this.

*It's not for the money, it's not for the fame,  
And it's not for any personal gain.*

*It's for the love of fellow man (i.e. Snowmobiler)  
It's Just to lend a helping hand,  
It's to give the tithe of self.  
That's something you can't buy with wealth,  
It's not the medals worn with pride,  
It's just for that feeling deep inside.  
It's that reward down in your heart.  
It's the feeling that you've been a part of helping  
others far and near:*

***That's what makes you a VOLUNTEER.***

## October PLSA Meeting

**10/09/2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

Please join us for our meeting this Wednesday. We meet in the basement of the Prior Lake VFW. Parking is limited so come early. Meeting will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. We have a lot of startup chores to do and planning for trails this year. Looking for help, so if you ride the trails and want to support snowmobiling please come and see how you can be involved.

## Trail In Volunteers Needed

We are less than a month away for trail sign in and maintenance of the trails. We need help. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be doing a trail sign clean up and build. This is where we replace damaged signs and poles prior to trail bosses going out in installing the signs. We have 100's to repair or replace. Can you help? We will be meeting at Jake's place starting at 4:00 p.m. and until done or we can't see any more due to sunset. Jake's address is <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BbM8JpiS6bAEpeiu9> Click link for map location since is off the road.



## Adopt A Highway October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

This fall, our commitment to Adopt A Highway was this past Saturday. With membership approval, all members that attended will have a free breakfast at Zee's Diner. Breakfast was at 7:30 a.m. with clean up starting at 9:00 a.m. I would like to thank everyone that came to the call. 16 fun people showed up and made quick work of it. In total we had approximately 20 bags and was probably the least amount of trash I have seen in years. Nice to see it's getting better.



Here are a few of the pictures from the event. More Photos on Facebook on PLSA Club group. If not in this group, please ask for access.



## Youth Snowmobile Safely Class

Once again we will doing an instruction class for our youth in the community. This year it is on December the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Savage Legion. We encourage our youth in the community who wish to be certified snowmobilers to attend the require course on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Savage Legion. If you as an adult were born after 1976, you need to have a snowmobile certificate to ride. Courses are available on line. Those ages 11 – 15 must also attend a class room session and driving test to receive a certificate.

If you have kids, neighbor kids, and friends of friends and are looking to have them certified, please register early as class sizes are limited. To register email Kurt Niosi at [kdniosi@yahoo.com](mailto:kdniosi@yahoo.com). On line class is required prior to attending the in class session.

## Snowmobile Trivia

Do you know the answer to this question?

Where was the first Snowmobile Club organized in the State of Minnesota?

*Baxter Snowmobile Club is the oldest snowmobile club in Minnesota. Starting in the early 1960's with 15 charter members, it has grown to over 100 families in 1999. Located in the heart of the Brainerd Lakes area, the club has developed and maintained the most highly used trails in the state of Minnesota.*

## 2025 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 16th – 19th Walker MN

February 6th – 9th Virginia MN

February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 2

Upper Michigan

## Mark Your Calendar For the Christmas Party

This year's party will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Prior Lake VFW. 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. This year the event will be **free** for all members as a way to show our appreciation for all the work our members do for the community. A link to sign up genius will be available in an upcoming mailer being send to your home.

## November Membership Drive

At our November 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

We are now starting to plan our four annual club trips out of town and our weekly local rides. These group rides are a fantastic way to meet other members and enjoy some of the beautiful trails in Minnesota and Scott County. Come to our October meeting and help with planning the dates and locations and perhaps share a place you visited that we would be a great place for our group to visit.

Membership renewal letters and forms will be mailed out late October. Membership is \$50 which includes membership into MNUSA. Easy ways to renew your membership. Return the membership application that you will receive or on line at [www.priorlakesnow.com](http://www.priorlakesnow.com). Click on membership and pay using one of the convenient pay options.

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 9<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.  
Location may change
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sign clean up workshop at Jake's
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> MnUSA 2023 Fall Workshop  
Carlton MN (Black Bear Casino)

### November

- 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.  
Trail in, dates and times to be up  
Updated

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trails open
- 7<sup>th</sup> Snowmobile Youth Training Event  
Savage legion

- 14<sup>th</sup> PLSA Christmas Party. Prior Lake VFW Social starting at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.

## Caliber Snowmobile Products

### DO NOT MISS

At this upcoming meeting we will be taking orders for Caliber Snowmobile Products. [www.caliberproductsinc.com](http://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. Visit their website above for more details on the products. Order forms will be available at the meeting. Payment must accompany your order All orders must be received by November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Josh McGibbon

You would have won the Buck Can drawing if you would have attended the September meeting.

## Community Fest

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, the PLSA club participated at the community fest held at the Prior lake Savage High School. Thanks to Terry and Kurt for joining me at this event.



## Snow Fall Guessing Game in back

For the last number of years, members have guessed on how much snow would fall in our back yard. The totals are calculated from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The member that is closest to the total amount of snow fall wins \$100. Entry forms will be available at our October and November meeting. You can also send your guess into Gail at [gailadelmann@aol.com](mailto:gailadelmann@aol.com). Deadline for entries is 13<sup>th</sup> and will not be accepted after this date.

## 2025 MNUSA Calendars

The 2025 Calendars are here and will be available at this upcoming meeting. This is a fundraiser for our club and MNUSA. For each calendar we sell, our club will receive \$5.00. If you have never purchased a calendar before, they are quite sought after as there is a winner every day throughout the year. Many of our members have been past winners as there are only 5500 calendars sold. They make great gifts as well. Get yours and help sell them to benefit the club.



## PLSA Hats Available



PLSA hats available at upcoming meetings. \$10/hat \$15 for each additional hat. Members get one \$10 per year.