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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 pm

“Christmas is for Kids” ATV Poker Run to be Held

The Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club will be hosting a “Christmas is for Kids” ATV Poker Run on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at Highland Lake Manor. The entry fee for this special event is a new, unwrapped toy or toys of value of \$15 or greater.

Local ATV and snowmobile dealerships, and our club will be sponsoring each stop along the ride and providing prizes to some lucky participants.

Registration will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with the ride beginning at 11:00 AM and continuing until 3:00 PM. The ride is open for all HLSORC members as well as members of Highland Lake Manor. Guests of either club will NOT be permitted.

All toys and proceeds collected from this special event will be donated to the local Christmas is for Kids program as sponsored by Post 51 Veterans of the Vietnam War of Hughesville. This is the eighteenth year this organization has been providing toys to children of needy families in our immediate surrounding area.

If you do not want to ride in the run, please feel free to come and help out and donate a toy. Or, if you are unable to make it that day, toys and monetary donations will be accepted at our next monthly meeting on Thursday, December 4th at Highland Lake Manor. Please help make this a special event for those who really need it.

“Winterfest” Plans in Progress

Winterfest 2009 is all set to be held Saturday, February 28th, 2009. The fun filled day will begin at 10:00am and run until dark, and is open for all HLSORC members only.

Among other things, on the agenda are snowmobile drag races and radar runs, beginning at 10:00 and a poker run from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Local dealers will have new machines on display. Additionally, a Chinese auction and 50/50 drawings will be ongoing. There will also be a “Sled Show and Shine” with some vintage and new snowmobiles on display, so polish your sled, old or new, and be a part of this attractive display.

We have moved this event to later in the winter season than previous years in anticipation of having snow cover. However, in the event there is no snow, Winterfest will still go on with the same activities, but bring your ATV for the poker run and still enjoy a great day. However, ATV's will not be permitted if there is snow.

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MARK YOUR CALANDARS

12/4—HLSORC Monthly meeting at HLM at 7:00 PM

12/14—PA State snowmobile trails open

01/04/09—HLSORC wood cut workday at Highland Lake Manor

01/08—HLSORC monthly meeting: Larson Design Group and Bureau of Forestry to give presentations.

**ATV TRAILS AT HIGHLAND LAKE MANOR WILL BE OPEN ONLY ON SUNDAYS THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2009, AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE OPEN ON DAYS THAT THE MANOR IS OPEN!
IF IN DOUBT, CALL THE MANOR!**

November 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

President Matt Frye opened the meeting with 42 people in attendance. Tonight is election night, all offices are uncontested except for president and we have Jim Shultz and Jim Hine running.

- ◆ The minutes from last month's meeting were read and accepted.
- ◆ Kim Bussler gave treasurers report as follows: The beginning balance was \$9032.72, a deposit for membership of \$20.00, bills paid, post office box \$58.00, DCNR sled registration \$20.00, HLM summer fest donation \$200.00 with an ending balance of \$8774.72. A motion was made and a second was heard.
- ◆ A ballot election was held for the office of president and Jim Hine was elected as President of HLSORC for the 2009-2010 term.
- ◆ Jim Hine presented an update of the status of Highland Lake Manor and some issues that were addressed with our club and mutually agreed upon (see article in this newsletter).
- ◆ The Poker Run in December is for Christmas for Kids on December 14th and will be brought to the board for HLM by Steve Knight. HLM would like to be included with this event. A dealer or vendor will sponsor each stop.
- ◆ The trails on Huntersville side need attention; there are trees down and some overgrowth. DCNR will be notified that we will be scheduling a workday for this. It will be on January 4th 2009.
- ◆ Steve Knight also requested that our club re-schedule the rained out wood cut day.
- ◆ DCNR and Larson Design will be rescheduled for a later meeting to bring us up to date on the trail study.
- ◆ January's club meeting has been changed to January 8th as the first Thursday is on New Years Day.
- ◆ PSSA raffle tickets are here for a 2009 Polaris; our club can make \$1.00 per ticket sold.
Jim Hine suggested we purchase the ones sent and also renew our membership, all in favor? AYE, unanimous.
- ◆ Ed Williams would like to start a news committee

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Williams, Secretary

Highland Lake Manor Continues Support of HLSORC

Through recent meetings between the new Board of Directors at the Highland Lake Manor and the BOD of the HLSORC, Highland Lake Manor continues to support the efforts of our club. Both boards discussed ongoing issues and have mutually agreed to the following conditions:

- ◆ No guests will be allowed at any events. You must be a member of Highland Lake Manor to attend.
- ◆ There will now be a \$10 per unit camping fee for overnight stay.
- ◆ All HLSORC events are to be coordinated with HLM's events.
- ◆ No outside food vendors will be permitted. With proper communication, the Manor feels confident they can handle the extra food demand from our events.
- ◆ All ATV and snowmobile riders must sign in and out on the porch when riding on HLM property.

We strongly urge all HLSORC members to oblige by these rules to ensure our strong ongoing relationship with HLM.

Thank You!

A huge thank you has to go out to the 31 club members who qualified for various levels of awards under the club's "Volunteer Membership Program". Members who achieved this status for 2008 did so by volunteering their own time to work at various club events to ensure other members had a good time. In 2009, our goal is to have 50 members reach this status.

"GIVING OF ONES TIME IS GIVING OF ONES SELF"



Renew Your 2009 Memberships Now!

If you have not yet renewed for 2009, your Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club membership is due to **expire soon**. Your support this past year has been greatly appreciated, as we have accomplished a lot in our infancy. We sincerely hope that you will continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership now for 2009. Annual membership fee is \$20. Checks should be made payable to HLSORC and mailed to Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club, P.O. Box 223, Hughesville, PA 17737.

Also, your membership to Highland Lake Manor will expire December 31st if not renewed. Memberships are available for \$25 if renewed prior to December 31st, 2008, and \$30 beginning January 1, 2009. As you know, you must be a member of Highland Lake Manor to be a member of HLSORC. Checks should be made payable to Highland Lake Manor and mailed to Highland Lake Manor, 2826 Genessee Trail, Hughesville, PA 17737.

PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE CHECKS! We are two separate clubs and applications must be mailed separately. Applications for both clubs are also available on our club's website. In lieu of mailing, you can also renew your memberships in person during our regular monthly meetings.

Did you know.....

Your membership in the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club entitles you to 10% off non-sale parts, accessories and apparel at Kurtz Kawasaki & Skidoo in Watsonstown, Best Line Equipment in Pennsdale, Ye Olde Cycle Barn in Hughesville and Wheels of Williamsport. Just show your card at the time of purchase and receive your benefit on the spot. We ask that all HLSORC members strongly support these sponsor members as their efforts within our club have helped us continue to grow. Without them, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Endless Mountain Regional Trail System Update

Time sure does pass by quickly. The study has now been in full swing for over a year. Both Alice Trowbridge and Bonnie Mahoney from Larson Design and the members of the steering committee have been hard at work on this project. The overall project is comprised of various phases. The beginning phase has established an open dialogue with the various agencies that have oversight in their specific jurisdictions: Bureau of Forestry, Game Commission, Fish Commission, State Parks, County agencies and townships. The goal of the study is to establish a network of snowmobile trails over a variety of public and private lands. This network of trails is to provide "public" access into business locations so that trail users can obtain fuel, food and lodging. Increase public access via improved parking facilities. Establish a viable long term management structure and a well supported/funded development/maintenance program (trail development, construction, off season maintenance and specific trail grooming practices.

The focus of this study is predominantly 3 geographic locations. Each of these locations already offer an established network of snowmobile trails in the high elevations, but lack certain key components which hamper their current utilization and desirability at this time, when compare to other snowmobile trail systems in the Pennsylvania and New York. The study is looking into the feasibility of enhancing these local snowmobile trails.

Area #1 are the trails located in the Loyalsock Forest near Hillsgrove , that run over to Ralston and north towards Shunk. We are working on connecting the State Forest via trails over private landowners so that we can connect in with the State Gameland #12 snowmobile trails just north of Wheelerville.

Area #2 is the snowmobile trails located in State Gameland #13. We are working on connecting the Elk Grove/Jamison City area in the Rickett's Glen State Park.

Area #3 is the snowmobile trails located in the Loyalsock Forest, known as the Little Bear trails, connecting into Highland Lake Manor.

Now, at first glance, the above might seem like a simple endeavor. However, it is NOT! There a mountain of issues that need to first be worked out prior to there ever being ONE new public snowmobile trail being built.

The details of the timing for the conclusion of this study is something this upcoming summer of 2009. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Arthur, local coordinator

NOTICE

Representatives from both Larson Design Group and the Bureau of Forestry will both be giving presentations at our January 8th meeting. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Highland Lake Snowmobile & Outdoor Recreation Club

President: Jim Hine
Vice President: Ryan Messner
Secretary: Janet Williams
Treasurer: Kim Bussler

DIRECTORS:
 Todd Arthur
 Chris Iachini
 Ernie Shumbat
 Travis Layton

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS:
By-Laws: Jim Hine
Membership: Mike Clementoni
Trail Development: Travis Layton & Jim Hine
Special Events: Todd Arthur
Public Relations: Lorne Crawford & Janet Williams
Legislative: Todd Arthur

“King of the Mountain” Hillclimb at Ski Sawmill

The Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club will once again be sponsoring and conducting the “King of the Mountain” Snowmobile Hill Climb on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Ski Sawmill in Morris.

This all day event is expected to be even bigger and better than last year’s hill climb, with state-wide publicity again expected.

There will be numerous classes based on engine size for this head-to-head, double elimination race to the top of the hill. Safety rules will be in place for this year, so if you plan to compete, be sure to review those rules as soon as possible as they may require mechanical modifications to your sled.

Food will be available throughout the day as well



Two racers leave the starting line during the King of the Mountain hill climb at Ski Sawmill.

as dealer displays. There may even be some new factory displays, if the timing can be coordinated.

Club member Rob Rabb is coordinating this event and is asking for assistance from as many members as possible. This is a significant fundraiser for the club, so your help is greatly needed! Please contact Rob!

HLSORC Election Results

At the November monthly meeting, Jim Hine was elected as president of the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club for the 2009-2010 term.

For those of you who may not know Jim, he is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served in Viet Nam during the TET offensive. He began working for PPL in 1971 and retired in 2004. He also spent 15 years working as a constable for the borough of Duboistown where he also served as a Councilman.

Jim has served 5 years as treasurer and then 12 years as President of the Highland Lake Manor where he is a Life Member. He is also a Life Member of 40et8 in Williamsport, Williamsport Detachment Marine Corp League, Purple Heart Association, American Legion Post 268 Muncy, VFW Post 7863 Duboistown, PA Post 51 Veterans of the Vietnam War in Hughesville. He is also a member of the NRA, chapter members of Yamaha’s Star Touring and Riding Chapter 369 and Snow Shoe Rails to Trails.

In his free time, Jim enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycling and ATV riding. He and his wife reside in Hughesville.

Reelected as secretary was Janet Williams. Janet has served as secretary of our organization since its’ inception and continues to exemplify the true meaning of volunteering and commitment. If there is ever an event going on, you can count on Janet raising her hand to be involved. Our club wouldn’t be where it is today without her.

When you see Jim and Janet, be sure to congratulate them, but most importantly, thank them for what they have done. We’re sure they will be most appreciative.