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OCTOBER 2024

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF!



For many of us, it is the season of hard work! Trail cleanup and clearing, setting signs, rerouting, working with landowners and local/state officials, paperwork, membership meetings, the list goes on and on....and on.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

It is the endless hours of volunteers that make this whole system work. **Please** do your part to support your local club. Many talents are needed to make a club run, we hope you think about what yours might be!

The payoff? An amazing snowmobile season that supports economies all over our state producing over \$1 billion in revenue each year. The calls are already coming into the office from across the country with people looking for sled rentals and making plans for their winter vacations to come enjoy everything Minnesota has to offer! Let's show them just how amazing our hard work pays off!

## RAFFLE CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE!

Raffle calendars are still being shipped out to clubs! There are 2 ways you can get yours:

1. Check with your local club to see if they are available for purchase.
2. Stop by and visit the office to pick one up in Ramsey, MN. Please call first to make sure there are some available and someone will be there! 763-577-0185



**Calendars are available on a first come, first serve basis, and going fast!**

For clubs that would like to reserve their block of calendars, please order soon to ensure you are able to participate!

### CLUB BULK CALENDARS REQUEST FORM

#### RAFFLE CALENDAR UPDATES:

1. As stated in VP Harder's report in the Oct Issue of Minnesota Snowmobiling, the tiered "pay" structure of calendar sales is being looked at to come up with a process that best benefits the clubs and abides by MN Charitable Gambling Policy.
2. We also learned that it is against federal law to mail raffle tickets or stubs through USPS. We have since corrected our error and will be using UPS for future mailings. We will be contacting all participating clubs with instructions on how to return materials soon.
3. For those that sent in order forms to the office, we will be mailing out your calendars via UPS once the system is set up. We ask that any members that still would like a calendar, please contact your local club or stop in the office in Ramsey, MN.



### OPEN HOUSE FOR SOLANA STATE FOREST TRAIL PLANNING

When: 10/16/24 6-8pm  
Where: Aitkin High School  
306 2nd St NW Aitkin, MN 56431

Written Comments can be sent to:  
[foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us)

**MORE INFORMATION**

## FREE AVALANCHE CLASS OCTOBER 22nd

Mies Outland in St Cloud is offering a free avalanche class on Oct 22nd at their dealership. Please contact Patt Donahue with Mies with any questions. 320-253-7878



**REGISTER FOR CLASS HERE**



## FSA LETTER TO LANDOWNERS WITH CRP LAND

MnUSA has been made aware that the FSA has sent out letters to all trail landowners that have CRP land.

We understand your concern with this notice and have reached out the DNR for guidance.

For more information, please see the attached notice from the FSA and also a response from MnUSA President Mike Clevenger

**FSA Notice to CRP Landowners**

**Response from President Clevenger**

## Snowmobile Event Dates

The ISMA has released the official international dates for snowmobile events this season!

October 26, 2024: Snowmobile Day

February 8, 2025: International Snowmobile Ride Day

We encourage all clubs to hold events in your local areas to help promote community and togetherness through snowmobiling on these dates! ISMA has provided some great insight and recommendations in the attached press release:

**ISMA Press Release**



## 2024 MnUSA AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 1st!

The deadline is approaching quickly to submit your nominations for this years MnUSA Awards! If you know of a deserving person who goes above a beyond to support snowmobiling in Minnesota, please nominate them before **November 1st, 2024.**

**Snowmobiler of the Year**  
**Snowmobile Family of the Year**  
**Young Snowmobiler of the Year**  
**Groomer of the Year**  
**Club of the Year**  
**Dealer of the Year**  
**Unsung Hero**



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# clubnews



## La Crescent Club Appreciation Event

The LaCrescent Snowmobile Club held their appreciation event on Oct 6 with a Vikings watch party (where the Vikes went on to win!) Old and new friends caught up from summer adventures and discussed the possibilities of a good snow winter!

Everyone had a good time and left with bellies full from 199 chicken dinners served. **WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!**

Thank you to LaCrescent club members and landowners for all you do to support snowmobiling in Minnesota!





**FALL WORKSHOP IS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY!  
REGISTER TODAY!**

## • Schedule of Events •

*Schedule may be subject to change*

### **Friday, October 25 –**

- Registration (*Fond du Lac Creek*) ..... 4 p.m.
- Legislative/Trail Committee Meeting ..... 4 p.m.
- Happy Hour *sponsored by the Silver Trail Riders* ..... 5 p.m.

### **Saturday, October 26 – Otter Creek Hall**

- General Membership Meeting with Elections ..... 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

*Coffee, juices and pastries provided*

- Fund Raising Committee Meeting ..... 11 a.m.

- Site Selection Committee Meeting ..... 11:30 a.m.

- Lunch On Your Own ..... 12 noon-1 p.m.

*Casino – Buffet at the Bear, Seven Fires Steakhouse, Sage Deli*

*Carlton – Streetcar Kitchen - 232 Chestnut Ave.*

*Third Base Bar & Grill - 225 Chestnut Ave.*

*Cloquet – Pedro's Grill & Cantina - 915 Cloquet Ave.*

*Gordy's Hi Hat - 415 Sunnyside Dr.*

*Hong Kong - 616 Sunnyside Dr.*

*Scanlon – Rendezvous Bar & Grill - 1100 Scanlon Way*

- New MnUSA Website demonstrations ..... All Afternoon

*mnsnowmobiler.com*

- Communications Committee Meeting ..... 1 p.m.

- Membership Committee Meeting ..... 1:30 p.m.

#### **Seminars –**

- Snowmobile Safety Training Overview and Q/A ..... 2 p.m.

- Trail Maintenance ..... 2:30 p.m.

- Grant Writing ..... 3 p.m.

- Lake County Search and Rescue ..... 4 p.m.

- Happy Hour ..... 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

- Dinner ..... 6 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 27 –**

- Board of Directors Meeting ..... 9 a.m.

*Coffee, juices and pastries provided*

REGISTER ONLINE FOR FALL WORKSHOP

PRINT FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM



# MnUSA Winter Rendezvous

Hosted by MnUSA Region 1

## Hampton Inn & Suites

Bemidji, MN

February 6-9, 2025

### Lodging

Rooms are available at the Hampton Inn & Suites and DoubleTree in Bemidji. They are connected to each other and located right along the snowmobile trail. Rooms are \$129 + tax. Book under the **MnUSA room block** until **Jan. 8** for this special rate.

Hampton Inn & Suites: (218) 751-3600

DoubleTree: (218) 441-4400



**More event info at  
mnsnowmobiler.org**



### Registration

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024

Adults # \_\_\_\_ x \$90 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (13-17) # \_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 13) # \_\_\_\_ x \$0 = FREE

VIP Ride # \_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

#### Registrations postmarked ON or AFTER Jan. 1, 2025

Adults # \_\_\_\_ x \$120 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (13-17) # \_\_\_\_ x \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 13) # \_\_\_\_ x \$0 = FREE

VIP Ride # \_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Meals and event registrations can be purchased individually until **Feb. 1**. Ask for prices. Meals are not guaranteed for late registrations. Registrations are non-refundable, but are transferable.*

### Payment

Make checks payable to **MnUSA Region 1** and mail to  
Gail Friborg, 37857 Fairground Rd, Bagley, MN 56621  
Email: pfgf@gvtel.com Phone: (218) 556-9613

PRINT WINTER RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM

WINTER RENDEZVOUS T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

## RENDEZVOUS VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 18 Dalton Snow Thrashers Club Meeting

OCT 25-27 MnUSA Fall Workshop

NOV 13 Marshall County Driftskippers Meeting

NOV 22 Maple Plain Snomads Winter Kick Off

NOV 23 Naytahwaush Nightriders Membership Banquet

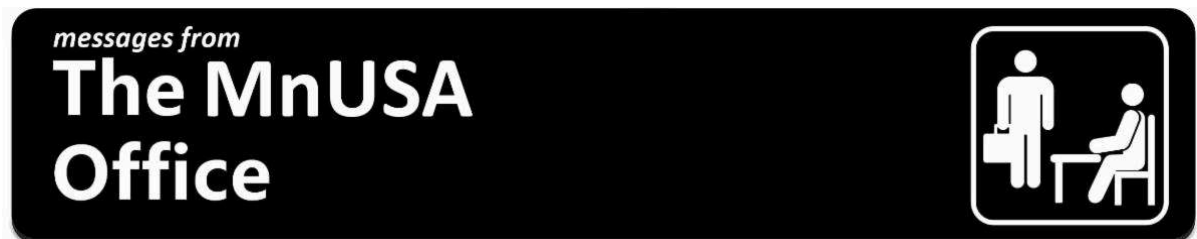
NOV 30 Tamarack Sno-Flyers Pancake Breakfast and Trail Clean up!

DEC 07 Delano Snowstormers Silent Auction Fundraiser

DEC 14 Madelia St James Snohawks Annual SNO- BALL

Visit [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org) for more information and to see the full MnUSA Calendar!

### FULL EVENTS LIST



### REMINDER! WE HAVE MOVED!

Please be sure to send any mail to our new office address at:

**MnUSA**  
14000 Sunfish Lake Blvd NW Ste L  
Ramsey, MN 55303

[office@mnusa.org](mailto:office@mnusa.org)  
763-577-0185

### ROSTER REQUESTS AND SUBMISSIONS

Rosters are available through the office anytime by request and can be sent via email or mail!

When returning your rosters, please be sure to send them to



OUR NEW ADDRESS in Ramsey, MN.

## **ROSTER DATA ENTRY UPDATE!**

Roster data entry has resumed, but we are currently working in 2 systems, both the new and old system, so things are slow moving for now!

*We are also holding your updated roster emails as we are setting up an automatic roster email reply in the new system.* Should you need a roster in the meantime, please let the office know and we will get one sent out to you as quickly as possible!

A reminder to all clubs to **please check your rosters when we send them to you for any errors or omissions. This is more important than ever now that we are starting to work in the new system!**

## **SEPT MEMBER DATA**

*All membership were held the month of September so there were no updates for any numbers. Oct will reflect both Sept and Oct.*

### **August Renewals/New Members: 0**

Ind/Fam Club Members: 0  
Ind/Fam MnUSA Members: 0  
Business Sponsors: 0  
Business Members: 0  
Clubs/Trail Assoc: 0

### **Total Memberships: 9181**

Ind/Fam Club Members: 7815  
Ind/Fam MnUSA Members: 948  
Business Sponsors: 140  
Business Members: 220  
Clubs/Trail Assoc: 58

## **WHERE ARE MY MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS?**

Here is another update for those of you that have joined or renewed with MnUSA **since March 2024** and are still waiting for your membership materials:

We are continuing to address this issue! The membership committee will be meeting at the Fall Workshop and will be addressing how they would like to move forward. Again, we are trying to find the fastest, most efficient, way to get all members their materials!

Your patience and understanding with this issue is greatly appreciated!



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

**The MnUSA office needs your help! Committee Openings:**

**Communications Committee - Social Media  
Corporate Service Committee - Safety**

Please reach out to the office with any questions or interest.  
office@mnusa.org or 763-577-0185



**Merchandise now available in the office  
or can be shipped directly to you for  
just \$5/item!**

## **45th Anniversary Merchandise**

Help show your support and spread the MnUSA message!

**Colors available:** Heather Blue and Gray

**Sizes and Pricing:**

All Sizes: \$10 (M limited availability)

**Hats available** in colors shown in photo for \$20

For Ordering Information:

Office: office@mnusa.org

Dick Theis: 763.494.3838 or

dickt.barbc@gmail.com



## **2024 CALENDAR WINNERS!**

**JANUARY 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
FEBRUARY 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
MARCH 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
APRIL 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
MAY 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
JUNE 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
JULY 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
AUGUST 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
SEPTEMBER 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners  
OCTOBER 2024 Raffle Calendar Winners**

### **LAST MONTH'S RESULTS:**

**What do you think should be the most important purpose of MnUSA?**

Providing additional funding opportunities for the clubs 19.2%

**Being a united voice for the clubs for legislation and lobbying 69.2%**

**WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?**

Want to know what others are doing? Want ideas from other clubs? Feel free to submit questions for the "What do YOU think?" Poll!

Providing a central location of information and communication for the clubs 7.7%

Providing additional benefits to its members: partner discounts, RAD directory, AD&D insurance 3.8%

How many hours do you volunteer in the fall doing trail work?

20+ Hours

10-20 Hours

5-10 Hours

Less than 5 Hours

None. I support the trails in other ways.

**Mike Clevenger**  
*President*

**Scotty Harder**  
*Vice President*

**Janet Widness**  
*Treasurer*

**Gordon Heitke**  
*Secretary*

**Scott Wakefield**  
*Director at Large*

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