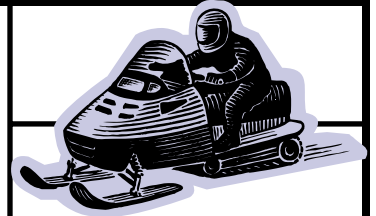




# Highland Lake Snowmobile & Outdoor Recreation Club

P.O. Box 223, Hughesville, PA 17737



**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 1st, 2006 at 7:00 pm**

The Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club membership continues to grow at a rapid pace. At this time, the club consists of 171 total members, including individuals, families and businesses. This is an unbelievable amount considering the club was just started approximately six months ago. However, this unexpected rapid growth has not been without its trials and tribulations. We continue to work to improve on weaknesses as we organize and define areas of responsibility.

Volunteers and communication are essential for any club or organization to be successful. Without both of these, there can be no club. This newsletter is just the beginning of our communication efforts. Hopefully, you will find it informative and useful. Many of you should have received an e-mail reminding you of our scheduled workday on May 21st. We will continue to use e-mail as a primary source of contact to send announcements. If you received this newsletter through postal mail, we do **NOT** have your e-mail address on file. Please forward your e-mail address to [mclm@alltel.net](mailto:mclm@alltel.net) so we can keep you better informed as to club happenings as well as provide you with newsletters.

As for volunteers, we can never have enough. We are planning an ATV Poker Run for Sunday, July 16th, for all HLSORC

members and guests and WE NEED YOUR HELP! The board of directors alone cannot continue to be the principle organizers in such events. If you are willing to lead or help with this event, please contact club president Dave Bower at 584-2101 or send an e-mail to [mclm@alltel.net](mailto:mclm@alltel.net) and it will be forwarded appropriately. Assuming we have enough help with this event, we'd also like to plan an ATV Fall Festival.

As a member of Highland Lake SORC, you would have also separately joined the Highland Lake Manor. Please understand that although we share the same name, we are two totally separate clubs. Please do not contact Highland Lake Manor for any information regarding our club as they have no knowledge whatsoever of activities or issues related to our club.

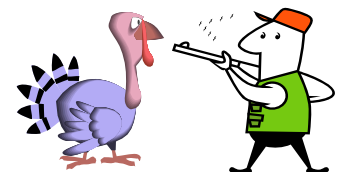
For your information, dirt bikes are **not** permitted on Highland Lake trails, and ATV's are **not** permitted in the camping area, unless you have a reserved camping spot to which you are leaving or returning. All members should respect the use of others remembering that we are a joint use club. Please stop and shut off your ATV when you see horses on the trail, and allow them to pass without incident. Common sense must prevail so that one incident does not create a bad image for all.

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## REMEMBER.....

Highland Lake Manor's ATV trails will be open on Saturdays, in addition to Sundays, after the close of turkey hunting season on May 27th at noon.



ATV trails are closed Monday through Friday. Please respect the rights of other HLM members.

## Highland Lake Trail Map Being Developed

A detailed trail map of the Highland Lake Manor property is in the process of being prepared. Chris Iachini from Larson Design Group has been volunteering his time and utilizing a GPS and his ATV to map out all the trails, both old and new just established during the past work days. Once completed with points

of interest, this map will be useful to ATV, snowmobile, and horseback riders as well as hunters, hikers and mountain bikers. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Chris for his support. Everyone who utilizes the Highland Manor grounds will certainly appreciate this map once it is completed and made available to club members.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello, everyone. Well, summer is upon us, and if you are like me, there are about a thousand things going on. It seems as if time just flies by.

Our club continues to grow, which is quite exciting. We had our second work day on Sunday, May 21st, and I am very proud to say we had a good turnout and we got a lot of work done. A big THANK YOU to all who helped out. There is still some more work to do, and we have scheduled another work day for Sunday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. We can certainly use your help, so bring your ATV

and your chain saw as we will be clearing a few more ATV trails. If you don't have an ATV or saw, come anyhow, as there is still plenty to do. The more volunteers we have, the less for everyone else to do and the sooner we get finished.

Remember, our monthly meeting is this Thursday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m., and we will once again meet outside at the picnic pavilion behind Highland Lake Manor. I hope to see you there. *Dave Bower*

## May 4, 2006 Meeting Minutes

President Dave Bower called the regular meeting of the HLSORC to order at 7:15 p.m.

The minutes from the past meeting were read and approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Frye reported a balance of \$4,045.87. We raised \$43 in T-shirt sales at Ye Olde Cycle Barn Open House and \$50 was paid to Pete Crawford for skid steer rental used for our first work day. Additional membership cards have now arrived, so if you did not receive a card, see Matt Frye at a meeting.

### New Business:

ATV riding is prohibited on HLM grounds during hunting seasons. Spring gobbler is currently ongoing and after 1:00 p.m. you may ride. The seasons are posted on the porch.

There is a trail-clearing workday scheduled for Sunday, May 21st.

We are considering an ATV poker run at HLM, provided there are enough volunteers.

New York state is now charging \$90 per snowmobile for registration, unless you are a member of a New York

state snowmobile club.

Senator Madigan's office sent a letter of support for the grant.

Monday night there is a meeting at Shrewsbury Township regarding the joint use road. We need to go and clarify this to only snowmobile riding, no ATVs. The township meeting is very important for us to access the north trail systems. There is no riding in that area for ATVs at this point.

Mike Getz from Best Line Leasing invited all members to an ATV ride and BBQ on July 22nd in Showshoe. Best Line and the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails club sponsor this event (see article in newsletter).

There is an ATV Safety Course at Best Line for youth available at no charge. They will also conduct one for us if we would like.

Curt Reeder won the 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$43.

Mike Clementoni will be working on e-mailing newsletters and important club information. Send your e-mail address to [mclem@alltel.net](mailto:mclem@alltel.net).

Meeting adjourned.

## Support our Supporters

Most people compare prices when purchasing anything, especially bigger "ticket" items. Although price can be important, service can be equally important.

As members of HLSORC, we need to also look at our sponsor businesses. These businesses have provided financial support to our club and efforts, and we need to support them! So before you buy, please consider the

following businesses. When they thank you, be sure to thank them for their support.

[Best Line Equipment](#)

[Haywoods Restaurant](#)

[Kurtz Kawaski & Skidoo](#)

[Whipples Auto Restoration](#)

[Ye Olde Cycle Barn](#)

## Best Line Equipment to Sponsor ATV Ride & Chicken BBQ

Best Line Equipment will be sponsoring an ATV ride for the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Club ([www.ssrt.org](http://www.ssrt.org)) on Saturday, July 22, 2006 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The ride consists of an entire day of riding on the SSRT grounds and a chicken BBQ, served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gillentown Trailhead. Since there so many riders during the summer ride, there will be no guided rides this day. This will allow groups of riders to travel all day throughout the area. There will be riders from all over the state as well as Ohio and New Jersey. Assuming the weather to be suitable, around 400 ATVs are expected for this event.

There is no charge to ride on the SSRT trails on the day of this event. The chicken BBQ dinner will cost \$5.00 if you join the club, and \$7.50 if you don't join. Membership in the club is \$10 per year for the first machine, \$8

per year for the second machine, and \$6 per year for each additional machine in a family. We encourage everyone to join and support the SSRT club, thus the reduced price for lunch. Membership can be purchased the day of the event.

Directions from the Williamsport area: Take 220S to Route 80W to the Snow Shoe exit. Right at the exit to a T and turn left toward Snow Shoe. At 4-way stop sign in Show Shoe, proceed straight for approximately 4 miles. On left side of road there is a wooden sign and planter that is dark brown with yellow lettering that says Gillentown Trailhead. Turn into parking lot on left side. There is parking available for 150-200 vehicles. For more information on this event, log onto [www.ssrt.org](http://www.ssrt.org).

**NOTE: HELMETS, REGISTRATION & INSURANCE ARE REQUIRED**

## HLSORC Membership ATV Poker Run

The Highland Lake Snowmobile & Outdoor Recreation Club will be holding its first ATV Poker Run for members and guests only on Sunday, July 16, rain or shine. Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and the entrance fee is \$10 per machine/driver, and \$5 for each passenger.

Although recommended for all drivers and riders, helmets are required for all drivers/passengers under the age of 21.

Come and support your club while exploring the new trails recently cleared. Please note the date of this event has changed since originally announced at the last meeting.

## Website to Be Developed

The executive committee of the HLSORC recently met and elected to pursue having an internet website to better serve club members as well as provide accessibility to information to prospective members. Club Vice President Jim Hine has volunteered to chair this effort and is asking for an additional volunteer or two to help provide ideas and input on this project. If you are interested in helping Jim, please contact him at 570-546-7861. A meeting with a web designer has already been established for June 7th.

**Highland Lake Manor has some campsites available to be reserved for camping near the lake. If interested contact the Manor at 570-584-2697.**

## Mark your Calendar

- 05/27- PA DCNR trails open for ATV riding -----
- 06/01- Next HLSORC meeting -----
- 06/11- ATV trail clearing work day at Highland Lake -----
- 06/21- Snowmobilers Rejoice: the longest day of the year, meaning the days start getting shorter as we look forward to winter & snow. -----
- 07/06- HLSORC meeting -----
- 07/16- ATV Poker Run at Highland Lake for club members & guests -----
- 07/22- ATV ride at Snow Shoe Rails to Trails Club, sponsored by Best Line Equipment -----
- 10/6-10/8- Big East Powersports Show in Syracuse, NY. Snowmobiles & ATVs -----
- 10/13-10/15- PSSA Snowmobile & ATV Show in York, PA.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

The HLSORC has T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts available for sale. If interested, contact Todd Arthur at 570-971-1300 or via e-mail at [longridgerealty@alltel.net](mailto:longridgerealty@alltel.net). These can also be purchased at monthly club meetings until they are all sold.

Prices for T-shirts are \$10 for S-XL, \$12 for 2XL and \$13 for 3XL. Hooded sweatshirts are \$23 for S-XL, \$25 for 2XL and \$26 for 3XL.



President: Dave Bower  
 Vice President: Jim Hine  
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 Treasurer: Matt Frye  
 Sergeant of Arms: Ed Williams

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 Jim Snyder  
 Dave Smith  
 Travis Layton

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 By-Laws: Jim Hine  
 Membership: Travis Layton  
 Trail Development: Dave Smith & Jess Fry  
 Special Events: Jamie Brelsford & Todd Arthur  
 Public Relations: Lorne Crawford & Janet Williams

## Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club Applies for DCNR Grant

The HLSORC is in the process of securing a grant from DCNR that would help fund a major feasibility study that would be completed by an engineering firm over the next year. The firm will study and then report on the various aspects of creating a multi-county/regional interconnected snowmobile and outdoor recreation trail system. The vision of this trail system is one where multiple groups of outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the many splendors that our region has to offer.

The projected costs of this study are estimated to be \$150,000 to \$175,000. If our club is selected for the funding, we would be responsible for 20% of the costs, with the balance funded by the state. Due to the high costs, this project would not have made it to the selection round without the support of State Senator Rodger Madigan coming through with a \$15,000 contribution pledge to see our organization make the filing deadline. Numerous others have been extremely instrumental in this huge process, including Larson Design Group (Alice Trowbridge & Dennis Norman), State Representatives Tina Pickett and Brett Feese, Sullivan County Commissioners Wayne Gavitt, Betty Reibson & Pamela Kravitz Arthur, Sullivan County Planner Mike Hufnagel, the planning commissions of Lycoming, Bradford & Wyoming Counties, Shrewsbury Township supervisors, Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association, and the Pennsylvania Equine Council. Various relationships with others are continuing to be forged at this time.

The community conservation partnerships program GRANT application on behalf of the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club, Inc, a non-profit corporation, has been filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. The project title is aptly named **ENDLESS MOUNTAINS REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM**.

The feasibility study seeks to identify large tracts of land for potential development of ATV recreation areas. This study will also provide a forum for opening discussions with State Agencies regarding the possibility of using the State Forest Lands for intermittent ATV use. This type of use may include special "permitted" events as is presently done in the Allegheny National Forest or similar to the road rally in the Tioga State Forest.

Public meetings, focus group sessions and key person interviews will engage the public in the planning process to determine interest and need for the proposed trail system. Demand analysis, development and operating costs, a revenue plan, organizational strategies for ownership structure and an implementation plan will be developed. Maintenance of trails will be through partnerships between state agencies and clubs, such as Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club and many others. It is envisioned that these types of partnerships along with a mechanism such as a county or regional trail corporation will be developed for the long term sustainability of this vision.

The grant application is the first step in many that are needed to make this trail system a reality over the next number of years. Your continued club membership support is vital to our future success. Ask a friend to join our "progressive minded" organization today. —*Todd Arthur*

## Highland Lake Manor to Hold Kids Fishing Derby

As members of Highland Lake Manor, you have other privileges other than those offered by our club. Refer to membership sent to you with your HLM membership card. On the back of your card, there is a calendar of events that HLM sponsors. One of most enjoyable is the Kids Fishing Derby to be held Saturday, June 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00, for HLM member's children age 16 and under. For more information regarding this event, you can contact HLM direct at 570-584-2697 or go to the web site at [www.highlandlakemanor.com](http://www.highlandlakemanor.com)