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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 7th, 2007 at 7:00 pm**

## **ATV Hill Climb Set for Saturday, June 30th!**

The Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club will host its first ever, ATV Hill Climb on Saturday, June 30th at Ski Sawmill in Morris. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and racing is set to begin shortly thereafter. Participation is open to the public.

Following a similar format as our snowmobile hill climbs, this event will feature side-by-side racing up the center slope at Ski Sawmill.

Check out our website in the near future for more details regarding classes, registration fees and race rules, or contact Ernie Shumbat, event coordinator, at Ye Olde Cycle Barn at 570-584-3842. Ernie also needs volunteers from our club to help with this special fundraising event, so be sure to give him a call today.

Food will be available at the race and overnight lodging can be arranged by calling Ski Sawmill at 570-353-7521 or go to their website at [www.skisawmill.com](http://www.skisawmill.com)

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## **OBEY THE RULES!**

Now that Spring has arrived, ATV riding season is in full swing. We remind all riders to ride responsibly and take necessary safety precautions, as well as adhere to all the club rules while at Highland Lake Manor. It is evident that some riders, not necessarily members of our club, are violating the Manor's rules and creating a bad image for all of us. We must remember, **IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO RIDE AT HIGHLAND MANOR**, and that privilege can be taken away at any time! As a club and as individuals, we need to be respectful of the Manor's rules and address others who may be violating the following rules:

1. No ATV riding around the lake. Riding will be permitted if you are camping at the lake, and then only for transportation to and from the club, or for use on the ATV trails
2. ATV riding is permitted only on days the Manor is open (Wednesday thru Sunday),
3. Trails will be closed during ALL hunting seasons, opening only on Sundays. ATV's may NOT be used to retrieve game.
4. No riding before 8:00 a.m.; No riding after dark
5. ATV riders under the age of 21 must wear a helmet and be with an adult
6. When approaching horses, pull over and shut off your motor
7. No trailer parking or unloading in the Manor parking lot. Use the field/area across the road.
8. Stay on trails; keep out of open fields, except for unloading.
9. ATV's with loud exhaust pipes are NOT permitted.
10. Be courteous to others and police your own garbage. TAKE HOME WHAT YOU BROUGHT IN!
11. Stay on Highland Lake Manor Property; Do not ride on township roads.
12. Pennsylvania registration and liability insurance as defined by law are required.

**BECAUSE OF SPRING TURKEY SEASON, THERE WILL BE NO ATV RIDING ON TRAILS UNTIL AFTER 1:00 PM EACH DAY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS, UNTIL MAY 27th.**

## May 3rd Meeting Minutes

Matt Frye brought the meeting to order at the clam shed, the minutes were read and approved. Ryan Messner was ill so a brief treasurers report was read and approved we have a balance of \$6582.17 in the account as of today.

### Old Business:

The tentative date for a hill climb at Ski Sawmill will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. We still are working out the details with Mike.

Last Sunday we had a workday at Highland and cleaned trails, marked intersections for sign posts. Chris I. used his GPS to identify more trails for our evolving map. The map is coming along nicely and will soon be ready for printing. One side will have a map and the other will have club information and rules. They will be available at the trailhead and also inside at the bar.

We are having trouble with ATV riders disrespecting other property owners adjacent to HLM. Please do not cross other property while riding at HLM. Last weekend an ATV rider was escorted to the manor for trespassing on a neighbor's property. Two NO TRESPASSING signs were ignored. We will be coming up with a solution to the problem.

Brez from HLM attended the meeting from HLM and the BOD from HLM are working on some suggestions for riders that do not belong to our club. They may have their riders have decals with colored numbers indicating they belong to HLM on their machines. Dio suggested that all riders sign in and pick up a flag that can be clipped to the machine that is very visible and would mark the riders as our members. Jeff was concerned that the club would always be responsible for errant riders no matter what we did. We also decided that more signs at trailheads will need to be posted and more rules needed to be posted in the clubhouse along with a current map. If this problem is not brought under control the riding may be curtailed to only riding during events. Also the field is NOT a drag strip, please use restraint when riding thru it and respect the horsemen that camp nearby.

Dates for events for the upcoming year are as follows:

May 20<sup>th</sup> Work Day trail clearing Highland

May 27<sup>th</sup> 4-H Horse Endurance Run at Highland (*NOW CANCELLED!*)

July 29<sup>th</sup> ATV Poker Run at Highland

### Membership:

We have had a communication problem regarding memberships and are working to resolve it. If you have not gotten your new card please bear with us and you will get it soon.

*Respectfully submitted, Janet Williams, Secretary*

## Trail Map Nearing Completion

Members are compiling a trail map for the club. Spearheaded by the tremendous efforts of Chris and Sue Iachini, the trail map is, and will be a "work in progress" as we develop our growing system of trails on Highland Lake Manor's property. This map has been compiled using a consumer grade, handheld GPS unit with mapping capabilities, topographic mapping software, and an AutoCAD program. To date we have a network of approximately 13.75 miles of "main" trails with more developing. The map that we are working on consists of a USGS 7.5' Quadrangle (Topo Map) as the base with our trail network and approximate property boundary overlaid on to it.

We are currently inventorying the trails and trail intersections to come up with signage and a trail marking or numbering system with intersection identification so that a rider can identify where he or she is within the trail system and correlate that location directly to the map. The map will eventually have other points of interest identified on it as well.

It is anticipated that the final map product will also include pertinent information regarding club and trail rules and regulations, riding days and hours, as well as sponsor and other contact and/or membership information. This product to date has been the result of data collection GPS rides (on an ATV) and numerous hours on the computer reducing the data to a useable format suitable for use as a map.

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Chris and Sue and others involved in this extremely beneficial project.

## Membership Profile: **Kim and Matt Bussler**

Kim, from Hughesville, is a snowmobiler at heart and has been since 1970. He not only loves to ride snowmobiles, but also enjoys restoring old Skidoo sleds, his favorite brand. At the time of the writing of this article, Kim was in his garage sanding the hood of an old Skidoo Alpine he is working on.

Kim's son, Matt, also from Hughesville, is both a snowmobile and an ATV enthusiast. Matt never misses any of our club events or monthly meetings and, like his father, has always been willing to lend a hand to a project.

Both Kim and Matt designed and built the numerous portable bill boards that feature our club sponsors names on them. These billboards are displayed at many of our club functions. They also designed, built and installed the sign at Highland that highlights the rules and regulations for riding at Highland. The HLSORC logo on the storage trailer was designed and completed by Matt, as well as the racer sticker decals that the club uses at the Hill Climb events. Most recently, Kim designed and built a race "starting line" light tree for our club to use at our race events.

It is said that "apples don't fall far from the tree", and that is never more evident than with Kim and Matt. This is one great father and son team that has helped to grow and refine our club from day one. These two members are outstanding examples of what it means to be of service to others. A sincere thank you for their dedication and continued support of our club is extended to both Kim and Matt.



Club members Kim and Matt Bussler with Shiloh and Lexie

## Upcoming Events:

### **SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 9:00 am:**

HLSORC Workday at Highland Lake Manor. We will be doing trail clearing and hope to add another mile or so, bringing our total to approximately 15 miles of passable trails. We will also be installing intersection markers and signage. Bring your ATV, if you have one, chainsaw and whatever else may be needed. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS!**

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 30th:**

HLSORC ATV Hill Climb at Ski Sawmill, Morris, PA. See article on Page 1.

### **SUNDAY, JULY 29th:**

HLSORC ATV/UTV POKER RUN. This event will be open to the public with registration from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Riders can begin at 10:00 a.m. Registration fees are \$15 per driver and \$5 per passenger. This event promises to be bigger and better than ever, so bring your family and friends and enjoy a great day of fun and camaraderie with other outdoor enthusiasts.

### **DATE TO BE DETERMINED:**

2007 Summer/Fall Festival will once again be held near the end of Summer. This two-day event will include ATV competition events on Saturday and an ATV/UTV Poker Run on Sunday, among other events planned. Overnight camping will also be available. If you attended last year, you know what a great time this was, and this event should be even better than that. We will keep you apprised of the date once it is established so you can be sure to mark this in your calendar and plan accordingly.

## PSSA Conference:

On behalf of our club, members Jim Hine, Chris Iachini and Todd Arthur recently attended the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association Spring Conference in State College. This event was very well attended by members from across the state. Presentations were informative and topics discussed were meaningful in moving the sport of snowmobiling forward in Pennsylvania. All HLSORC members are urged to support the PSSA through their membership.

**IF YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL, WE DON'T HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO [MCLEM@WINDSTREAM.NET](mailto:MCLEM@WINDSTREAM.NET) AND START RECEIVING YOUR INFORMATION IN FULL COLOR.**

## New Club T-Shirts For Sale



Our club now has new T-shirts for sale. Available in dark blue with gold imprinting or gray with blue imprinting, these shirts are quite attractive and feature the “King of the Mountain” imprint on the right sleeve.

Cost is \$13 each and are available at meetings or events or by contacting Todd Arthur. But you better hurry if you want to show your support, as there are now less than 100 of these left.

## Club Purchases Trailer

As our club has continued to grow, so has our assets and possessions, but this also created some “growing pains” being able to safely store those items. Out of need, the club recently purchased an enclosed trailer large enough to store all of our portable sponsor signs, fencing, safety cones and all other event equipment.

This trailer is quite attractive and features our club logo on the sides. It allows us to easily transport our items to events and shows where we can become even more visible.

**Watch for it at a location near you!**

## Membership Update

Present membership in the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club stands at 221 members for 2007.

Interesting enough, the average age of our membership is 44 years. Below is a breakdown by percentage of our age groups:

**21-29 = 8%**

**30-39 = 30%**

**40-49 = 35%**

**50-59 = 18%**

**60-69 = 7%**

**70+ = 2%**

We feel the wide diversity in these age groups speaks extremely well for our club and our interests in the outdoors.

## 10 Reasons to Tell Others About HLSORC

1. One unified voice in local and state governmental affairs
2. Establishment of rules and regulations versus random chaos
3. 14+ miles of interconnected trails for horseback riding, biking, hiking, ATV's and snowmobiles
4. Great fun family events
5. \$90,000 DCNR and \$15,000 DCED grants for betterment of outdoor sports
6. Provide liability insurance for all major events and landowners who provide use of property for trails
7. Charity support
8. Camaraderie with others who enjoy similar interests as you
9. Promote safety training for youths
10. Discounts at local supporting dealerships on parts, accessories and apparel

## HLSORC Sponsor/Member Dealerships

Lake Country Motorsports, Mansfield  
 May's Cattie Shack, Hunlock Creek  
 Xtreme Power Sports, Selinsgrove  
 Wheels of Williamsport

Kurtz Kawasaki & Skidoo, Watsonstown  
 Best Line Equipment, Pennsdale  
 Ye Olde Cycle Barn, Hughesville

**SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!**

**President:** Matt Frye  
**Vice President:** Jim Hine  
**Secretary:** Janet Williams  
**Treasurer:** Ryan Messner

**DIRECTORS:**  
 Todd Arthur  
 Chris Iachini  
 Dave Smith  
 Travis Layton

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

## “King of the Mountain” Hillclimb at Ski Sawmill

Once again, the King of the Mountain Hillclimb was a great success, with Mother Nature cooperating by dumping over a foot of snow the day and night before. 144 racers participated this year, down from 150 last year, but that decrease was attributed to the previously mentioned snow storm which deterred some entrants as well as spectators.

“The Great Outdoors” show, as seen on Fox 56 on Sunday evenings, was present and did show segments and interviews that were aired on television on March 18th as part of their weekly telecast. This provided great footage and exposure for our club.

Winners of this annually planned event were:

### 500cc:

1st-Bob Kilgus, Muncy, PA Arctic Cat ZL500  
 2nd-Greg Stephens, Selinsgrove, PA, Skidoo MXZ440

### 600cc:

1st-Justin Hulsizer, Bridgeport, NY, Arctic Cat F6  
 2nd-Barney Lampman, Ulysess, PA, Polaris Switchback 600

### 700cc:

1st-Doug Stone, Youngwood, PA, Arctic Cat F7  
 2nd-Bob Moyer, Polaris XC700

### 800cc:

1st-Shawn McCarthy, Galetton, PA Polaris 700  
 2nd-Chad Straub, Middlebury, PA, Yamaha SRX

### 1000cc:

1st-Bret Smith, Spencer, NY, Polaris Dragon 975  
 2nd-Ron Stoltzfus, Woodbury, PA, Skidoo Rev 800

### OPEN/MOD:

1st-Bret Smith, Spencer, NY, Polaris Dragon 975  
 2nd-Steve Hoover, Boonsboro, MD, Arctic Cat  
 Crossfire 1000

### 2007 KING OF THE MOUNTAIN:

Bret Smith, Spencer, NY, Polaris Dragon 975



Racers line up to challenge the mountain



Getting some air and showing their bellies at the summit!

