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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 3rd, 7:00 pm, at Angus Inn

Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club to Pursue New Direction

After much discussion and effort, the Board of Directors of the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club has chosen to disassociate itself with the Highland Lake Manor. This decision did not come easily as numerous attempts were made to the Manor over the past year to try to work out an amicable agreement that would allow the HLSORC to operate similarly as it had in the past. Unfortunately, this did not occur and our club directors felt the direction we were being forced to take was not conducive to the goals and growth of our club.

So what does this separation mean to members of HLSORC? Obviously, we will not be able to conduct our club events on Manor property. However, as members of the Manor, you should be able to still ride ATV and snowmobiles on Manor property if you wish, assuming riding continues to be permitted. You should check with the Manor for clarification and trail conditions as we will no longer be maintaining those.

But just because we don't have Manor property to utilize does not mean we will be discontinuing our events. To the contrary, we now see the opportunity to have larger and more successful events. We have already made plans for an upcoming family ATV ride on State Forest Land, and we have also made application to DCNR for permission to hold snowmobile Poker Runs in the Cabbage Hollow area. We expect these events to be of significant interest as we can open them up to all members and guests. We also have a committee planning a member banquet/dinner this fall as promoted further in this newsletter, and we are also planning for the "King of the Mountain" hill climb. Other present considerations are a snowmobile drag race event this winter as well as a large "ATV Festival" in the fall of 2010.

No, we are not going to "roll over and play dead" with this change. As you can see, we have a lot of fun ideas for all members, and welcome other ideas. However, we can only get out of these events what we as members are willing to put into them. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated by all.

HLSORC Board of Directors

September 3rd Meeting Location

The next monthly meeting of the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club will be held on Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM at the "new" Angus Inn located along Route 220 approximately 1/4 mile north of Hughesville. The recently renovated Angus Inn features a separate non-smoking dining room that should accommodate our needs quite well.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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MARK YOUR CALANDARS

9/3-7:00 PM HLSORC
Monthly meeting at [Angus Inn](#)

10/1-7:00 PM HLSORC
Monthly meeting at location to be determined

10/2-10/4 Big East Snowmobile & ATV Show, Syracuse, NY

10/24 Banquet Reservations due back to HLSORC

10/30-11/1 PSSA Snowmobile & ATV Show, Lebanon, PA

11/8 **HLSORC Banquet, Hughesville Firemen's Social Hall**



Family ATV Ride Planned

HLSORC members are invited to participate in a family ATV ride on Saturday, September 19th at 9:30 AM at the Haneyville ATV trail north of Waterville. This is just a friendly "get together" and ride on the 17.1 mile trail on State Forest Land. All state ATV Rules and Regulations will be applicable.

Please feel free to bring guests and friends along. The more the merrier! We hope some members can bring gas grills, also, so we can provide and cook hot dogs and burgers for lunch.

For those who choose to do so, we will be meeting at the Hall's Station Park and Ride along Route 220/I-180 and departing at 8:30 AM.

The week prior to the ride, Mike Clementoni will be sending out an email to see how many people will be attending. Please respond accordingly. This should be a fun time, so let's hope the weather cooperates!

Endless Mountains Regional Trail System Feasibility Study Update

The steering committee held a meeting at the Hillsgrove Ranger Station on August 19th, 2009. Potential trail enhancements on the Loyalsock State Forest Lands, State Game Lands, State Park Lands and private lands have been discussed and prioritized. Legal issues, trail easements, trail management models and project timelines have been reviewed. Phased in trail development, trail maintenance, bridge building and trail grooming options are being considered. Manpower, equipment, trail construction materials and development/construction costs are being evaluated. The need for our organization to gain Nonprofit 501c3 status for our club and other area club's has been emphasized.

A sincere appreciation goes out to the members of the steering committee for their continued commitment and dedication over the past few years. As it has been said, many times before, the wheels of progress move slowly, but many small steps may eventually lead to something greater for us all.

As of right now, the plan is to release the First Draft of the Feasibility Study via two public meetings, one in the southern tier (Hughesville Area) and one in the northern tier (Dushore Area), sometime in January or February of 2010.

Youth Snowmobile Training Class Being Offered at Best Line Equipment

Best Line Equipment will be featuring a Youth Snowmobile Safety Training class at their annual Fall Open House in Pennsdale on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Safety training will be limited to 40 children, so register early by contacting either Ila or Merissa at 546-8422 to get seating for your child.

In addition to the training class, Best Line will offer the complete line-up of ATVs and Rangers, along with Polaris snowmobiles and Worthington Trailers. They will be featuring the all new Polaris 400 4X4 available for under \$8000. However, the Polaris RUSH snowmobiles will NOT be in for Open House, as the expected ship date for those units is December 2009. Stop in for refreshments, accessory specials, and the full-line of Polaris recreational products



Financial Planning??????

According to financial experts, the average mutual fund lost approximately 40% last year. However, the value of a new snowmobile depreciated only 25%-30%. That just goes to show you a new snowmobile would have been a better investment!!!!



November Banquet Meeting Planned

The November monthly meeting date has been changed to **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 2009**. Instead of just having a meeting, we will be hosting a Membership Appreciation Banquet at the Hughesville Firemen’s Social Hall, located on Water Street in Hughesville.

Start time will be 3:00 PM with beverages and snacks provided. Our business members will be displaying some new 2010 snowmobiles and ATVs.

At 5:00 PM, dinner will be provided and features roast beef, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, corn, beans, cole-slaw and cake. Please feel free to bring your family and guests. [A 2009 individual, business or family membership entitles you to one free meal per membership.](#) Any additional family members will cost \$15 each and non-member guests will cost \$18 each.

A rolling slide show will highlight photos of our club’s past events as well as include some great photos of members’ trips to Canada, New York and out West.

Following dinner, the monthly meeting will be held. Guest speakers for the evening will be Alice Trowbridge from Larson Design Group and Don Graves, our new regional PSSA director. Alice will be giving a presentation on the final stages of the snowmobile trail study and Don will give a short talk on how the PSSA is working for you.

Additionally, club appreciation awards will be given out and we will also be collecting unwrapped toys for the “Christmas is for Kids” program that we have supported in the past.

In order to provide the banquet staff with the number of dinners needed, a reservation form will be required. Please complete the enclosed form and return **prior to Saturday, October 24th, 2009.**

Be sure to mark you calendar for this very special event as we are looking forward to a large attendance and a very good time.

For more information, contact Todd Arthur at 570-971-1300 or 570-546-8700.

HELP NEEDED!

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated to help with any of the events we have presently planned. Simply contact Jim Hine at 570-546-7861 or 570-971-5967

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.

NEW DATE!! NEW LOCATION!!

The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association’s annual snowmobile and ATV show has changed dates and location. This year, the show will be October 30, 31 and November 1 at the Lebanon Expo Center in Lebanon, PA.

For more information on the show, go to www.pasnowmobileandatvshow.com

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Letter Sent to Highland Lake Manor

To the Board of Directors of Highland Lake Manor:

Over the past several years, the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club has had the opportunity to work together with the Highland Lake Manor to promote our clubs. In doing so, we strongly believe this relationship strengthened both clubs while policing both ATV and snowmobile riding on club grounds, in addition to bringing in memberships and revenue. Furthermore, safety awareness was brought to the forefront as well as property and trail maintenance.

Unfortunately, our club now feels that, for whatever reasons, the same cooperation and appreciation that was evident for several years is no longer there on behalf of the Highland Lake Manor. It is for this reason that the Highland Lake Snowmobile and Outdoor Recreation Club has chosen to disassociate itself with the Highland Lake Manor. We will no longer be holding monthly meetings nor attempting to schedule any of our organized events on Manor property.

As you are probably aware, our club purchased and installed signage and gates on Manor property. At this time, we felt it was best for Manor members that these are left in place. However, if you would like those removed, kindly advise and we will accommodate your request.

In closing, we regret having to make this decision, but we felt we were faced with no alternative. We respect the fact that business decisions needed to be made on behalf of the Manor, and we subsequently had to do the same. We wish the Manor continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Jim Hine
President

Janet Williams
Secretary