

# HASTINGS

## Hastings Minnesota

# SnowMos

**Monthly Meetings: October – March 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, Eagles Club, 7:30 pm**

### **2012 Youth Safety Training** **Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> – Vermillion City Hall**

The 2012-2013 Snowmobile training class was held on Saturday, December 8, however, due to a lack of snow, the driving portion was postponed until this Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. It will be held at the Vermillion ball field located behind the City Hall, beyond the Stein Haus (Park Ave.). Thank you to those that came out and assisted with the class on December 8<sup>th</sup> and made it a success.

### **2013 Club Trip- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We are less than 30 days from this year's annual snowmobile trip to McGregor, MN. We'll be staying at Big Sandy Lodge & Resort. Saturday evening's banquet will include a wonderful dinner and great entertainment for the evening. Join us in McGregor Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – the 3<sup>rd</sup> and join in on the fun. Rooms may still be available at the hotel. Contact Country Meadow at 218-768-7378 for more information.

### **Dakota Trails Appreciation Dinner**

It was held at the House of Coates on December 1, 2012. 80 people participated. Thanks for the support.

### **2013 Vintage Ride & Show**

**February 16, 2013 – Frandrup Farm Highway 46, Hastings, MN.** This season's vintage ride is scheduled to take place on February 16 at the Frandrup Farm with rides leaving around 10:30 heading for New Trier. More information to follow.

#### **Snowmobile Trivia**

What is the world's most comfortable snowmobile?



**From the Editor:** I hope you all had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. Now that we're into the New Year, we have a number of great events ahead of us. Starting with the annual club trip in McGregor, MN on February 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> and followed shortly by the Vintage Show and Run on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We've gotten a taste of some snow but are looking for more to help out the trails. Make sure to watch the website for any impromptu trail rides should conditions improve. The regular February meeting also brings up our annual elections, so if you're interested in helping out on one of the many board positions, please let Terry or Tim know before the start of the February meeting.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January Regular Meeting	January 2, 2013 - 7:30 PM
Safety Training (driving test)- Vermillion City Hall	January 5, 2013 – 9:00 AM
Annual Club Trip - McGregor, MN	February 1-3, 2013
Vintage Ride & Show	February 16, 2012 10:00 AM

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#### **Club Trip**

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### Trivia Answer

According to Yamaha it was the Inviter in 1986. "Think of it as your favorite chair with skis" Actually a fairly unique sled, it had the standard struts of the day but a dual rear shock skid, adjustable backrest, "air-craft-style" handlebars, and a single cylinder electric start motor. Not a collectors sled - yet, but worth a look anyway.

### REMINDER

All requests for Charitable Donations/Sponsorship must be made to the board prior to their being presented at the club meeting. These requests must be made (or recommended) by a member in good standing (paid) of our club.

### Pot-O-Gold

At each membership meeting, a paid member's name is drawn for the Pot-O-Gold. If the member is present at the meeting, they win the Pot-O-Gold! If that member is absent, the money stays in the pot and increases \$25 each month until the pot is won. At the March meeting, names will be drawn until someone present wins! Make sure to be at the meeting so you are eligible for the drawing.

### Snowmobile Grant In Aid Account Fund Balances

There is nearly a \$1,700,000.00 shortfall for this year's funding. This was caused by approximately 35,000 snowmobiles not renewing their registrations last year, and \$1 million in trail passes not being sold. All is assumed to have been caused by the no snow season we had last year. The fund cannot show a deficit spending so the planning estimates for FYE 6/30/13 must be adjusted at this time by cutting expenses. The MNDNR's plan is to reduce all expenditures to the fund equally as they must submit a positive budget balance before 12/31/12. For this biennium the snowmobile account has been a 58/42 split with the Grant in Aid portion being the 58%, so the reductions will be assigned the same way. The DNR has determined the GIA 58% will be a \$920,000 reduction in funding for this year. Each of the DNR activities will take its applicable percentage cut. DNR proposed that the projected shortage to GIA be covered by cutting the final 10% benchmark payments to the clubs this season and not placing a sign order. MnUSA strongly recommended not cutting any funding from the GIA payments. DNR did agree that the reductions will not be enacted until after the February forecast when updated registration reports and the new fund projections are received and reviewed by all. If this year's registrations are normal, and those expired renewals from last year come in, there should be no shortage to the snowmobile account. But, now is the time to plan for these changes as if they have already been enacted. Clubs will still be paid for 100% for the grooming portion for this season. The DNR will be contacting the clubs shortly with regard to their final decision on any grant funding shortage.

### www.HastingsSnoMos.org

There is a special page for members only; the password is "snomos67". This page is for club members to post items that we don't want the world to see. For example: birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, or info on an ill member.

Got something to sell, trade or swap? Looking for that missing part? You can also post a "classified" ad for free!

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We need your help—have any ideas on how to bring in new members? Let us know and you may also be eligible for similar rewards.

### 2012 Bowl –O-Rama

It was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Treasure Island Extreme Bowl. 40 participants joined in with Craig Dressel coming out victorious. This annual event is quickly becoming one of the seasonal favorites. A big thank you to DeDe for setting this up.

### Space Available

Have a business or product you'd like to advertise here? Contact one of the board members or myself for details.



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**THINK SNOW!!**

Trails are closed. Check the website for updated status and conditions.