

MnUSA News for Clubs

Governor to Attend Rendezvous

Governor Pawlenty plans to snowmobile with MnUSA members at the Rendezvous on Friday, February 12th. Rendezvous attendees may join the Governor for coffee at 8 a.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley. Rides will depart approximately 10 a.m. with lunch planned for Pine City. On Saturday guided rides will be available for the Rendezvous attendees. Registration forms, schedules and additional information on Rendezvous, can be found at <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=500>.

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Veterans Welcome on Appreciation Ride Feb 11th



Thank you to all the clubs and others that have generously donated funds to make the 2nd Annual Veterans Appreciation Ride a great event to show appreciation to those who have given part of their lives to serve all of us. All veterans and current military are welcome to join us whether they are snowmobilers or not. We would enjoy introducing new people to our sport. Please extend an invitation to veterans in your

community to join MnUSA for a day of snowmobiling. CTRL + click on the poster for a printable size poster and use it to promote the event. The day will begin at the Pine City VFW with a continental breakfast, sled instructions and meet and greet, ride to the Hinckley Pine City Flames Clubhouse for lunch and return to the Pine City American Legion for a reception. MnUSA members who are also veterans are welcome to ride. Preregistration with the MnUSA office is required 1-866-811-7669 or veteransride@mnsnowmobiler.org.



Great Gifts on Rendezvous Silent Auction - February 12-14, 2010



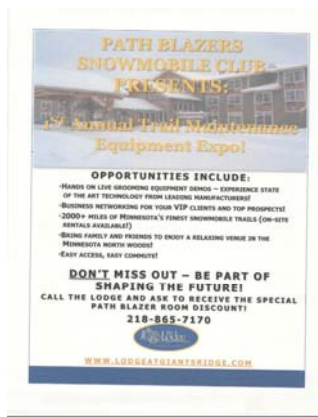
If you haven't already purchased a valentine's gift for that special person in your life, be sure to check out the Rendezvous Silent Auction room in the Grand Casino Hinckley. Last year over 100 items were donated to the auction. "Of course we had items directly linked to snowmobiling, but there were also several wildlife prints, numerous getaway weekends to resorts throughout the state," said Steve Bethke, coordinator of last year's auction. This year's silent auction will benefit the MnUSA Legal Defense Fund and the Minnesota Snowmobile Education and Advancement Fund. Donations to the silent auction are welcome and anyone wanting to donate an item to be put up for bid can contact their local MnUSA director or the MnUSA office. For a list of items known to be on the auction, go to <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=540>.

Minnesota Wild Foundation is Selling Autographed Snowmobile On-Line

SNOWMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS...This is your chance to hit the snowmobile trail while showing your Minnesota Wild spirit. Up for online bid is a brand new, custom designed Michelob Golden Light Arctic Cat Snow Pro 500, personally autographed by all members of the 2009-2010 Minnesota Wild Hockey Club. Protective laminate ensures safeguarding of those Wild player signatures. This custom designed stand-out snowmobile also comes with a Triton XT10-101 travel trailer. Donated by *Anheuser-Busch*, all proceeds from the auction benefit the Minnesota Wild Foundation. **Auction ends at 9 p.m. (or later if there is a rolling bid) on Friday, February 5th, 2010.** To view sled CTRL + click on the Wild Foundation logo or go to <http://auction.nhl.com/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/User?id=minNHL&wl=12717464&type=L>



Two Trail Maintenance Events To Be Held in NE Minnesota



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Giants Ridge 1-800-688-7669 or DeLyle Pankratz 218-744-1375

Is your club in the market for a new groomer or drag or do you need trail maintenance equipment? In February you will have two opportunities to check out equipment. The first will be the Trail Maintenance Equipment Expo at February 17 & 18th at Giants Ridge which will include hands on trail grooming demonstrations on 2 miles of the rolling hills and corners of the Laurentian snowmobile trail and displays of non-snow type of trail maintenance equipment. February 26 & 27th the 2010 Snow Grooming Equipment Demo will take place at Wendigo Lodge Conference Center near Grand Rapids. Hands on groomer demonstrations will be available along with displays and an informative session on the mechanics of snow.



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Take a Friend Snowmobiling - February 12 - 22, 2010

Just a reminder that February 12-22, 2010 is Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week. Remember how much fun it was the first time you rode on a snowmobile? For those that haven't had the experience of taking a non-snowmobiler out on a snowmobile ride, give it a try. They will find out why you love to snowmobile and possibly they will enjoy it so much they end up buying a new or used snowmobile to join in the winter fun. As a special incentive to take non-snowmobilers snowmobiling, the manufacturers will give away a \$250.00 gift certificate to a lucky individual who registers and participates in the **Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week** event. Create a club event and let MnUSA know about it. For additional ideas, see <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=531>. CTRL + click on the logo on the right for the registration form.



President Twombly on Snowmobile Radio Talk Show

Recently MnUSA President Keith Twombly was interviewed on Zen Talk podcast radio of Quebec, Canada. You can hear the interview at http://zenwaiter.podomatic.com/player/web/2010-01-21T20_43_10-08_00 starting at approximately 12 minutes into the show.

MnUSA Scholarship Program

The MnUSA Charity and Awards Committee met and will be announcing the 2010 program in the next few days. The application will be available on the MnUSA website at <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=508>

Important Dates and Deadlines

February 2, 2010 - Precinct Caucus Night - let your voice be heard - Find your caucus location at <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

February 5, 2010 - MnUSA 2011 Rendezvous Bid Deadline

February 11, 2010 - MnUSA 2nd Annual Veterans Ride - Pine City

February 12-14, 2010 - MnUSA Rendezvous - Grand Casino Hinckley

February 24, 2010 - MnUSA Legislative Reception - Kelly Inn St. Paul 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

February 26, 2010 - DNR Trail Grant Applications Due - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/index.html>

April 1, 2010 MnUSA Scholarship Applications Due

April 23-25, 2010 - MnUSA Spring Meeting

July 16-18, 2010 - MnUSA Campout - Madelia - <http://mnsnowmobiler.org/index.php?pageid=517>

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