



PISC's February 2010

Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week!!!

Hey Presque Isle Snowmobile Club!!! Join the campaign!!! "Take a friend snowmobiling!!! This campaign has been developed to encourage all of us to take our non-snowmobiling friends out snowmobiling. We have all had many conversations, telling stories about how much fun it is to take people snowmobiling, and many of us are realizing that we have a lot of non-snowmobiling friends to take snowmobiling. So get out there and ask a friend!!!

PISC's Activities for the week!!!

Saturday, February 13th, 2010- PSSA Board Meeting, 10:00 AM, at Presque Isle Snowmobile Club.

Sunday, February 14th, 2010 (HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY)- PSSA invites disables veterans and other citizens with disabilities to share in the joy of snowmobiling. 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM, at Presque Isle Snowmobile Club.

Saturday, February 20th, 2010, **PISC'S 3rd Annual GIRLS RIDE!!**, 12:00 PM at Presque Isle Snowmobile Club.

Girls Ride

Okay Ladies!!! The Girls ride is only a couple of weeks away. On Saturday, February 20th, 2010, at 12:00 PM PISC will be hosting their Third Annual Girls Ride. The ride will begin at 1:00 PM and go till 5:00 PM. Afterwards we will return to the club house for a filling spaghetti dinner. So, RSVP NOW!!! Cost is only \$5.00. For more information contact Karen East at (814) 868-1572.



RMR Snow Cross Is Coming Back To PEEK N' PEAK Ski Resort

On Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, 2010, The Rock Maple Race West series will be returning to Peek n' Peak Resort. During the event you can see many talented riders show their stuff.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- GENERAL MEETING- Thursday, February 4th, at 7 pm, at PISC Clubhouse.
- WALES POKER RUN- Saturday, February 13th, at 9AM, at the Green Township Building.
- 3rd Annual GIRL'S RIDE- Saturday, February 20th, at 10 AM, at PISC Clubhouse.
- GENERAL MEETING- Thursday, March 4th, at 7pm, at PISC Clubhouse.
- ECSA BANQUET- Saturday, March 27th, at 6:30 PM, at PISC Clubhouse.
- GENERAL MEETING- Thursday, April 1st, at 8pm, at PISC Clubhouse
- PISC BANQUET- Saturday, April 17th, Social Hour 5-6pm Dinner served at 6pm at PISC Clubhouse.

Reminder!!!

Due to the fact we are halfway thru our snowmobile season PISC would like to reiterate the need to **stay on the trails. Abuse them and yes we will lose them.** We want to keep the landowners happy and without them we would not be able to ride. **THANK YOU to all the landowners without you we would not have a trail system.**



Nominations

Starting Thursday, February 4th, 2010, PISC will start taking nominations for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Financial Secretary, and 3 positions on the Board. So, start thinking about who you want representing our club. You can make you nominations during the February, March, and April general meeting. Elections will be held at the April 1st general meeting.

**Face book!!!
Come join
Presque Isle
Snowmobile club
at Erie Pisc!!!**

PISC's Spring Banquet

Presque Isle Snowmobile Club will be having our annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, April 17th, 2010. The event will be held at the PISC's clubhouse. The cost for the dinner is to be determined. Currently, price quotes are being obtained from potential caterers. **Mark your calendar and save the date.**



WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GO?

I heard many questions asked about where does all the money go? We all work hard all year long either at the grass drags or selling raffle tickets, doing club rentals, or keeping our membership current. We have successful events thanks to a great club effort and all the members help doing all they can. We read our newsletter that thanks us for our help and that we had a successful event (thank the Lord for that), but where does all the money go? I am going to take a few minutes to try and let you know what all you efforts and success has done for you.

The next time you come to the club house either in the summer or when you ride through in the winter take a look around you. See what is underneath the buildings and the trails. It is just like your house. It has heating bills, light bills, insurance (both building and vehicles), a mortgage, and lots of other expenses. It is also somewhat like the city or township you live in as it also has a trail system that would be comparable to their road system. In the next paragraph I am going to let you know approximately what some of those expenses are. Bear in mind that the fund raisers we have the drags, raffle and summer rentals, have to last all year.

Trails: \$2175.00, Fuel for groomer: \$1100.00, Postage, newsletter, paper etc.: \$1799.00, Equipment Repair and Maint.: \$3358.00, Utilities (phone, heat, & electric): \$2278.00, Building upkeep, supplies, and Maintenance: \$8711.00, Mortgage: \$7219.00, Insurance & Taxes: \$5398.00, Misc. fees, sunshine, dues, etc.: \$1685.00, Expenses for fund raisers: \$15606.30.

That's just the money. It does not include the countless hours our fellow club members have donated in their time, expertise, equipment, working on trails, contacting vendors, writing letters, getting estimates, and attending meeting. It all counts, and it goes to make our club what it is today. One last note and plea; **GET INVOLVED**, let's keep our club great.

Sincerely,
Linda McCarthy
Treasurer

Did you know?

History of Snowmobiling

The first snowmobile, although a crude model, was built in 1908. It was quite large and propelled via steam locomotive, but worked well for its intended purpose - getting rescue teams out to people stranded in the snow. Virgil White, a Ford dealer, was the first to coin the term "snowmobile" when he built his model in 1913, using blueprints from the Model T Ford and adding useful adaptations such as tracks and skis for steering. From 1922 to 1950, many different snowmobile models were born, including wind driven snowmobiles and motorized toboggans. In 1954, the first recreational snowmobile was built by David Johnson and Edgar Hetteen. This design became known as Polaris and was the first, after which modern day snowmobiles followed suit.



Snowmobiling Facts

Over 106,000 snowmobiles were sold in the year 2007 alone and the average selling price of a single snowmobile was \$8700, making the snowmobile industry a multi-million dollar industry. Three of the four major snowmobile manufacturers reside in the U.S. and are responsible for selling the whopping 1.5 million registered snowmobiles in the United States alone. Snowmobiles are quickly getting a bad rap for being environmentally taxing, but the positive impact on the economy from this profitable industry greatly outweighs any disadvantages of snowmobiling. New studies are showing that snowmobiles do not have an impact on outdoor wildlife such as deer and wolves when users exhibit care when taking their snowmobiles out for a run. (<http://www.snowmobilingstore.com/ab-out-snowmobiling>)