



## Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

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Dear Club Contact:

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are gearing up for a great winter season. If you are no longer the MnUSA contact for your club, please let MnUSA know and pass this information on to your club's new MnUSA contact.

We want to bring you up to date on some items that were discussed at the MnUSA Campout meeting. Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of the general membership meeting held at campout. August 23<sup>rd</sup> marked MnUSA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and special events will take place to celebrate this achievement throughout this season.

Thank you for using the E-Roster to send in your club's MnUSA dues. If you need either a printed or an updated e-roster, please contact the MnUSA roster ([mnusaoffice@popp.net](mailto:mnusaoffice@popp.net)). Information on our E-Roster procedure is enclosed.

**MnUSA Website** - Passwords for your club's page on MnUSA's website changed with the new website. If you don't have the new username and password, contact the MnUSA office. All club forms and information are now posted on [www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information). This page is not searchable so make it a favorite. If you provide trail conditions on your club's website or Facebook page, please copy that link into the club website form in the Club Trail Report Link space. Please let the MnUSA office know of club spectator/participant events that you would like included on the general Events calendar and in *Minnesota Snowmobiling* magazine in addition to the Club Events calendar.

**Club Officers** - When your club's officers change, please complete and return the club information form to the MnUSA office so that we have the correct information on our database. Changing your information on your club page on MnUSA's website **does not** change the information in our database.

**Dues** - MnUSA individual/family dues paid through club rosters are **\$20 per year**. There still seems to be some confusion on dues amounts. MnUSA members for **dues not paid through a club roster** increased a few years ago to \$25 for one year, \$45 for two years and \$65 for three years.

**Extra Miler Membership** - MnUSA also has an Extra Miler Membership which was created for the individuals who want to go the extra mile to support snowmobiling and may not be able to volunteer time to support our recreation. The membership is \$50 per year - \$20 for the membership and an additional \$30 to go the extra mile in supporting MnUSA's efforts. If there are individuals in your club who desire to purchase this membership, please indicate this on the payment information box on the top of the roster or on the Supplemental Payment Form.

**Members Recruiting Members** - For the clubs that have accumulated MRM points for new members, enclosed you will find "MnUSA MRM Bucks" which can be used toward payment of dues for MnUSA.

Your members may turn those certificates in to you as well. Use them as cash. Only original certificates will be accepted by MnUSA.

**Business Memberships** - MnUSA has two levels for business memberships- a business sponsorship which is \$100 and the business membership or trail association membership which is \$75. The membership includes a listing in *Minnesota Snowmobiling* and a link to the member's website. In addition to the benefits of a business member, a business sponsor will be randomly included on the listing of business sponsors on each page of MnUSA's website with a link and receives one month free banner ad on MnUSA's website [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org)

**Programs to Start the Season:**

**Arctic Cat Club Launches Snowmobile Club Support Program** - See enclosed media release describing the program which offers a discount to snowmobile clubs on select snowmobile models that will help support youth safety training, trail maintenance and grooming.

**Dealer and Business Supporter Open Houses.** To meet and promote the clubs and highlight their contribution to building and maintaining the snowmobile trails, promote snowmobiling, and drive traffic to the businesses, MnUSA's membership committee is supporting this program and will provide materials and giveaway items to clubs that participate in an open house upon request. Please provide information to the MnUSA office if your club participates in events so that they can be included on the web calendar of events.

**MnUSA's raffle calendar** will be ready in a few weeks. The price per calendar is \$20. Your club may receive funds per calendar it sells. The formula for funds to the clubs is as follows:

- 1-25 calendars sold - Club receives \$2 per calendar sold
- 26-50 calendars sold - Club receives \$3 per calendar sold
- 51-99 calendars sold - Club receives \$4 per calendar sold
- 100 or more calendars sold - Club receives \$5 per calendar sold

The money going to the club can only be distributed through the MnUSA Raffle Account according to the "Lawful Purpose Guidelines," which includes a qualified charity or to your trail system with appropriate approval from the DNR and the Gambling Board. Forms will be sent with the calendars. Checks to your charity of choice are made payable to the charity and sent to your club for delivery. There are 365 prizes and only 5000 calendars are being printed. The drawing will be held January 3, 2019. If your club is interested in selling calendars, please return the enclosed request to the MnUSA office. Your calendars will be sent to the individual you name on the request form. For additional information, please contact the MnUSA office.

**MnUSA Annual Membership Meeting and Fall Workshop will be held October 26-28, 2018** at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Bemidji. MnUSA and the host, MnUSA Region 1, invite you to attend this event to learn, have fun, celebrate the start of the season and celebrate MnUSA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Snowmobile safety instructor training will be held on Friday if there is enough interest and educational sessions will be held on Saturday including information on how to run a meeting, grant programs & RTP, trail signing and more. Special entertainment is set for Saturday evening. Event registration is through MnUSA Region 1. Registration information is enclosed, and can be found on the MnUSA web site at [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org). Updates will be posted there as well.

Election of MnUSA officers will be held at the annual membership meeting on Saturday, October 27. Nominations were accepted at the Summer Campout and will be open again at the meeting. Absentee ballots are available from the MnUSA office for those members not able to attend the meeting.

**MnUSA's Winter Rendezvous** will be held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd the weekend of February 7-10, 2019. Information on Rendezvous is available on MnUSA's website.

**Snowmobile Safety Classes** – MnUSA receives many calls and requests for information on safety training. Please use the enclosed form to let the office know information on your safety training classes. The form can also be found at [www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information) where you can fill in the form, save it and send it back to [mnusaoffice@popp.net](mailto:mnusaoffice@popp.net) as an attachment.

**Reflective helmet decals** are available for distribution at your safety classes. Please contact MnUSA to obtain the helmet decals or include your request with your safety class information. We will also send membership brochures and copies of *Minnesota Snowmobiling* to distribute at your classes.

**Landowner Brochures/Activity Books** - MnUSA continues to have snowmobile activity books for children and landowner brochures available upon request. Contact the MnUSA office if you would like any of these materials.

**Trail Signs** - Through Minnesota Snowmobile Education and Advancement Fund (MSEAF) your club has the opportunity to order corridor signs, blue information signs and club safety signs. More information on the signs and the order form on can be found on MnUSA's website at [www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information).

**Veterans Appreciation Ride** - Plans are being made for the 2019 Veterans Appreciation Ride for January 12<sup>th</sup> in Paynesville. Thank you to all the clubs that have supported this exceptional event over the past 10 years! Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The cost to sponsor a vet is \$225 but donations of any amount are welcome. Northern Pine Riders Snowmobile Club has offered to match up to \$1000 for this year's event. Donations can be made payable to MSEAF and mailed to MSEAF at 7040 Lakeland Ave. N. #212, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. Additional information on the ride can be found at [www.mnvetsnowmobileride.org](http://www.mnvetsnowmobileride.org).

Thank you for your help and support! Please share this information with your club members. A digital copy of this mailing can be found on the [www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org/clubs/information) page on the MnUSA website. We are all looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

**Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association**



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