



Eden Prairie Snowdrifters
Snowmobile Club
“**THE DRIFT**”

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Monthly Newsletter
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Club Meeting
Friday April 4, 6:30 p.m.

The Spring Fling will be held at the Homeward Hills Park in Eden Prairie. The address of the Homeward Hills Park is 12000 Silverwood Drive.

Club officers and two board positions are up for election this year. The board positions ending are Denny Luettinger and Paul Ommen's. At the last general meeting we had a lot of people express interest in serving on the board and as officers. One position needing someone is the position of Secretary. Please consider if this is a position you could help with.

The meal will be potluck. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverages.

Club Rides

Orr: The Orr trip was held on the weekend of February 29th. The trails were in fair to good conditions, there were a few bare spots. The lake trails within Voyageurs Park were in good condition.

St. Croix State Park: On Saturday, March 8, a number of club members met and rode within the St. Croix State Park. The park has the Munger Trail running through it and also has a large number of smaller trails within it. Because of the dense woods protecting the trails within the park, the trails were in very good condition. Hot dogs were enjoyed at the warming hut.

Summer Activities

At the first board meeting of the new board, plans will be made for summer activities. The items under consideration include:

- Summer picnic

Summer Activities continued

- Summer or fall campout
- ATV weekend
- Motorcycle trip
- July 4th Water skipping in Knapp, Wisconsin
- Golf outing

Please come to the Spring Fling with your calendar and with ideas on which summer activities you would like to see move forward.

Trail Funding

The gas tax for snowmobile use generates approximately \$5 million each year towards funding the snowmobile programs, trails, and safety. Currently an attack is underway on the gas tax paid by non-road uses that goes to fund recreation.

MnUSA is working with other recreational groups to oppose this legislation. Your assistance through attendance at the Legislator's Reception and by our contacting your legislators can help defeat the legislation.

Your legislators can be identified by going to:
<http://geo.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/districts/start.html>

Tom Hecker wrote an excellent letter to Senator Mary Olson. Please consider using Tom's letter as a template for writing your legislators a letter opposing the legislation. A copy of the letter has been sent to the membership.