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**September Meeting:** It's that time of year again; Time to exchange summer stories and winter plans! Please join us at the first HST meeting of the 2009/10 season at Forsyth's Sunlite Resort on Lake George Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. For this first meeting, we will be having a Social from 6:00 to 6:30 PM followed by a Potluck Dinner from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. The Club will provide the main dish; please bring a side dish or a dessert to pass. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

We will begin to lay the plans for our activities for the coming season at this meeting. As always, members are invited to make their desires known. Among other things, we need to determine the location of the rest of the season's meetings. Bring your ideas to the meeting. For a successful meeting, the venue must have a separate room for the meeting or, agree to close the establishment for the meeting time.

**Adopt – Highway:** The photos below are from the April 25 trash pickup on our section of USH 8 near Rhinelander. There will be another pickup in October at a date to be announced. Please watch your e-mail and/or call Ken Dumar at 362-1556. Come on out and join us! It's a great way to get some exercise, enjoy the fall air, and meet your fellow sledders. Besides that, the Club always buys lunch!



**Club Business:** Donna Forsyth, Larry Dorich, and Mary Sweo were elected to the HST Board of Directors at the April meeting. Welcome Donna and Mary. Thanks, Larry, for your continued support of the Club.

We have been looking at selling the LMC groomer for the past few months. We have sent out limited information regarding the sale. If we are able to receive some interest in the LMC, we may be able to buy a new(er) piece of grooming equipment.

We need to come up with some fundraising ideas for this season. This could include raffles, dinners, poker runs, etc. Often just one or two people are needed to facilitate such efforts. The Club and pit stops may be counted on to support these activities once they are initiated. Please bring your suggestions to the September meeting.

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**Trail News:** We have not been made aware of any trail closings or re-routes for the upcoming season thus far.

Hodag Sno-Trails turned in \$59,085 of bills to the State for Grooming and Non-Grooming (brushing, signing) activities on DNR funded trails last season. We have 91.4 miles of funded trails. That puts us at approximately \$646.00 per mile which is in the middle of the pack for dollars per mile turned in as compared to the other nine clubs in Oneida County. Due to the snowfall in the Southern part of the state, we will not receive the entire amount of funds that were turned in. The first \$22,800 is guaranteed, and the rest could be reduced. The amount of reduction has not yet been determined. The Club will receive the first half of our maintenance monies (\$11,425.00) next month.

There is an award for the best club in the County in regards to best trail marking, and paperwork completed on time and correct. We have made significant improvements in this area, but we haven't won the award in some time (if ever). Let's challenge our club to win it this year. Proper trail signage is the area on which we need to focus.

**Other Trail News:** Re-opening a Northwoods Passage trail from the airport property across STH 47 and down to the businesses on Kemp Street has passed the first hurdle. The Canadian National Railway has granted approval for the trail to cross under their tracks at the STH 47 Bridge. The next step is WisDOT approval for work on the highway right-of-way. Sen. Jim Holperin has identified \$10,000 in State funds for construction associated with this project. Roger Breske (Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads), the Chamber of Commerce, WisDOT and Mayor Dick Johns have been supporting this project for years. We are hopeful that it can be completed in time for the coming snow season.

Although some of the folks involved in getting this project underway are HST members and officers, it must be understood that this is *not* a Club project. HST has no interest in acquiring this trail because access for our groomers would be very difficult. The trail is an extension of a Northwoods Passage route, and they have said they would maintain it if Rhinelander can get it built. Anyone interested in helping with this work in any capacity should contact Scott Hetland, Frank Bennett, or the Northwoods Passage Snowmobile Club.

### **Coming Events:**

Weekend of Sept. 12-13 Hay Days Grass Drags and Swap Meet. Columbus, MN. [www.snobarons.com](http://www.snobarons.com)

Tuesday, Sept. 15 HST Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM, Forsyth's Sunlite Resort, Lake George  
Social and Potluck dinner begin at 6:00 PM

Fri. & Sat. Sept 18-19 Vintage Snowmobile Show & Reunion. Eagle River Derby Track. [www.derbytrack.com](http://www.derbytrack.com)

Saturday, Sept 27 Vintage Grass Drags begin at 11:00 AM 12602 Stettin Drive, Marathon, WI [www.nvsrs.org](http://www.nvsrs.org)

Weekend of Oct. 16-18 Snowmobile USA Show & Sale. State Fair Park, Milwaukee, WI. [www.snowmobileusa.com](http://www.snowmobileusa.com)

Fall Trash Pickup, HST on a Saturday in October yet to be announced. Watch your e-mail or call Ken at 362-1556

### **How it Begins:**

