Hi Hoboer's,

Here we go! We had our planning meeting, with a good turnout and a lot of good rides planned. So you're going to want to get your horse out and in shape, coggins done, and feet ready to go! Coggins is required for riding on hobo's from June – Aug. as the state of MN requests.

At the meeting we had a discussion on our newsletter. Right now it is being sent to about 65 homes, with only about 25 paid donations for the newsletters. Now that we have a web page set up

(<u>http://hobomn.tripod.com</u>), we decided to only send out newsletters to those who donated to receive one. Donation is \$10.00 for the year. If you choose not to donate it will be your responsibility to check the web page for any up dates and future rides. Make sure you copy down the web page & check it out, it is very well done. You aren't going to want to miss out on any up coming events. <u>http://hobomn.tripod.com</u>, thanks to Joann for doing such a great job on our web page for us. If you need to get ahold of me for anything you can call 218-984-3100, e-mail – <u>rolfsonb@hotmail.com</u>, or snail mail at 5166 Wahlsten Rd., Embarrass, MN 55732.

We also discussed our rules to see if anyone had anything they wanted to see changed or added. We have flyers and rule books if anyone is interested. I'll bring them with on rides, let me know if you'd like one, or I could also mail you one if you request it. If we start getting jr. riders, we will start having jr. high point again for the banquet. If anyone is interested in doing the banquet let me know. It is a lot of fun putting one on!

A lot of discussion was about ride managers. As reminders to managers; We are asking that no rewards be handed out until all riders are in from the ride. If riders need to leave early, other arrangements will need to be made to get their reward. It is also up to the ride manager the donation they want to ask for. Hobo receives a sanction fee of \$2.00/adult and \$1.00/jr.. The rest of the donation is to go toward gas and expenses for putting on a ride, and awards. Putting on a lunch is up to the ride manager, it is not necessary, and not considered a ride expense. I have ride packets made up if any manager didn't receive one at the meeting, let me know if you need one. The last reminder to managers is to please always get your ride info in to me on time, so newsletters can get sent out on time for everyone to have plenty of time to prepare for up coming rides.

Thanks!

RIDES so far for 2006!! May 6, Big Aspen – Beth and Lisa May 20 -21, Solon Springs – Annette and Liz June 10 -11, WI – Irene June 24, Embarrass -Teri July 29, Stoney Brook – Beth and Chris Aug. 19, Cook – John and Robin Aug. 26, Duluth – Jane Sept. 16, Togo – Doug and Carla Sept. 23, Tomahawk – Ruthanne and Joann Oct. 14, WI – Annette

Reminders: All ride are tentative dates and places. Notices will be sent out each month on all rides for the month. Donation for a newsletter is \$10.00, payable to hobo, sent to my address.

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