

# Benton County Snowmobile Club

## Newsletter



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I don't want to start off on a negative note, but i'm sure you've heard by now that **Textron, Arctic Cat's parent company is pulling the plug on Arctic Cat snowmobiles.** Arctic cat had about 15% of the market and produced about 20k snowmobiles per year. I think our lean winter last year, and our boycott of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, were the final straws. We had over 100 manufacturers of snowmobiles. The lean winters of the 1970's whittled it down to 5. Then Kawasaki was put out to pasture. Recently, Yamaha decided to call it quits. Now we're down to 2 manufacturers, Polaris and Ski-Doo. **YOUTH SAFETY TRAINING** is scheduled for January 11. We're going to have the cold, but will we have the snow???

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for last minute rescheduling. We didn't even have it last year due to lack of snow, let's hope this year we can get some new riders out on the trails, those young people will instantly fall in love with the sport. Switching gears one more time, for those of you going to MNUSA's Rendezvous, the hotel it's being held at, (and where most of us are staying at), has a new name. It is no longer called the Hampton Inn, it has been sold and renamed **South Shore Hotel**. It is unclear at this time if the new signage will be in place when we get there, but it sounds like the Hampton sign has been removed. **Happy sledding folks and pray for some snow would ya?**



