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BENTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Hello folks! Welcome to.....winter?? If you haven't noticed, our weather is quite different from last year. We are experiencing an El Niño. What is that? It's an above normal warming of certain Pacific ocean waters. El Niño is Spanish for "Little Boy" and is named after "the baby Jesus". Spanish fisherman noticed the warming water would occur around Christmas time, and the name stuck. This particular weather pattern changes the jet stream to bring in warm air from the south. Warm air from the south doesn't make much snow, ergo, we are looking at our snowmobiles, instead of riding them. This type of weather pattern also brings plenty of snow, but that snow is far east of here, and appears generally late in the season. However, the show must go on! We are hosting the Youth Safety Class on February 3, 2024 @ the groomer shed in Gilman MN. Teaching kids the do's and don'ts is certainly superior to the way we learned, which was usually the School of Hard Knocks. Those knocks were usually knocked off the snowmobile, knocked the wind out of you, and finally knocked some sense into you. It's the evolution of our sport. Please make the meeting on January 9th at the East Side VFW. 6 pm social hour, 7 pm meeting. Might have to make some plans for a road trip? i'm thinking this might be the year for a U.P. snowmobiling extravaganza! Make a meeting, make some plans!!