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Weather—El Nino! -La Nina!

I don't speak Spanish, but I know this child (Spanish translation) and his chick are messing up our riding seasons! There is a ton of information on El Nino and its counter part La Nina on the web. Its confusing, there are graphs, diagrams, reasons and explanations as to why the weather is warmer this season as to past seasons. And research to why these events occur is ongoing. The jist of it is there are warm spells and cold spells and changes in precipitation due to the ocean currents. Charts show that there are 2-7 year cycles in these events. Looking like a roller coaster with highs and lows it has been mostly cyclical. The past few decades have been some of the strongest cycles to date. So you would think that you could look at the chart and surmise that we should be due for a cooler spell in the next few seasons. While that may be, its not that simple. There is also something called the NAO. Google tells me "The **North Atlantic Oscillation** (NAO) is a weather phenomenon in the **North Atlantic** Ocean of fluctuations in the difference of atmospheric pressure at sea level between the Icelandic low and the Azores high." IE, NAO blocks the Jetstream and changes weather patterns.

Why am I bringing this up? Because statically the winters with the most snowfall have been Strong El Nino Years with -NAO. Right now we have a strong El Nino, but a +NAO. Which leads to a lighter winter for snowfall. Forecasters use three variables to forecast winter weather. The ENSO (El Nino/La Nino likelihood), NAO, and analog years. Analog years meaning the previous years and the cycles they've had. Sounds like a guessing game to me. Nature is hard if not impossible to predict with any longevity. My hope, after looking into all this was to say next year is going to be awesome riding! But it doesn't appear that's possible to tell yet. Until then, lets keep our fingers crossed the weather gods favor us snowmobilers next season!



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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ellery-Sno-Cruisers/13314479676471>



CASEY'S CORNER

All this talk about bad gas leaves many riders constantly worried about refueling their power equipment. Repair shops know it all too well, how ethanol and stale gas affects your equipment. They're seeing the damage every day. But for those who want to see it to believe it, here's your chance. Check out the effects of ethanol up close! Step into the shoes of a Powersports repair technician as we dissect a carb off a Youth snowmobile. You'll see with your very own eyes how ethanol and stale gas can clog and corrode the carburetor and fuel system components.



Crusty Deposits – Deterioration

Ethanol has a tendency to absorb water. The water moisture, along with ethanol, slowly deteriorates the metal parts of the fuel tank and carburetor. The white crusty deposits you see collecting on this carburetor are the deteriorated metal particles.

As ethanol eats away at the metal parts, as well as the rubber and plastic parts of the fuel system and carburetor, it leaves those corroded particles in the carburetor bowl. These particles can clog the carburetor jets, causing extremely poor engine performance. The particles can even enter your engine's cylinder! Fuel injected models not having carburetors ethanol breaks down the lines in the tank plugging the fuel filter and the injectors.



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Gummy Varnish Deposits

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-by Casey Mulkins
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Meeting Schedule >>>

Regular club meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Bemus Point Golf Club beginning at 7:00 PM. All members are welcomed!

Board of Director's meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Groomer Barn beginning at 7:00 PM.

Any changes will be posted on the website: www.ellerysno-cruisers.org.

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We have had few manufactur-

ing problems and zero returns or complaints from customers. The most common feedback that we hear is that it is "warm and comfortable". We are really excited to see next years line of FXR Factory Racing Inc. snowmobile gear and are hoping for a lot more snow and a lot more riding.

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Tom's Tavern



"You Want to Go Where Everybody Knows Your Name."

Close to Midway State Park on Route 430, Tom's Tavern has been a favorite watering hole in Maple Springs for a very long time. The main structure was built in the late 1800s, when they used tree trunks instead of milled lumber for beams.

Over the years, the place has been a bar and restaurant under many owners, and was a gas station and convenience store in the 1940s and 50s. It's offered "food, spirits, and tomfoolery" for the last 16 years with Tom Stanton at the helm.

Known for good burgers, wings and pizza, Tom's is a destination for locals, summer tourists and snowmobilers. "We get 300 to 400 sleds in here a weekend when the snowmobile trails are open," Tom said. "And if there's good snow, we'll do about 40% of our annual business between Christmas and New Year's. The economy in this county is really dependent on the weather, summer and winter."

Local bands play every Saturday night, and dancing is encouraged. Bumper, one of the regular bartenders, pours beer and drinks and occasionally shakes his tambourine in time with the music. Nancy and Brian help Tom with food and drinks, too, and provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for regulars and newcomers alike.

Tom has a long history in the food service industry, and wanted to have his own restaurant for a long time before he bought the Tavern. One of six children – four boys and two "mistakes," he jokes – Tom grew up in Sinclairville and still has a lot of family in the area. "There were 46 of us at the holiday dinner this year," he said. "Next year we're expecting at least 64."

Tom's Tavern cont.

In addition to taking care of patrons during business hours, Tom does a lot to support the community, too. He furnishes the beer for the annual Labor Day picnic at the Maple Springs Fire Company, and has done a number of fundraisers over the years for customers and friends who have had accidents or illnesses, or otherwise found themselves in great need. The first Saturday after Labor Day is Tom's anniversary party – a pig roast that feels like a block party he throws to show gratitude to loyal customers and the whole community. Halloween brings another party, with music and a costume contest. Otherwise responsible and respectable adults dress up in outlandish costumes and, at the designated time, line up outside. They march through the tavern twice – in the front door, out the back, and around again – to give appointed judges and patrons a good view. Prizes are awarded for the most original costume, the scariest costume and the funniest costume.

Families home for the holidays gather at Tom's Tavern, and those who find themselves alone also have a welcoming place to go. Tom provides full fixings for a free Christmas Eve buffet, complete with a drink or two, until 5 p.m. The place closes so the employees can enjoy their Christmas, but opens back up on Christmas evening, providing another opportunity for folks to visit with friends and family, or to escape those loved ones who were welcomed so warmly earlier in the week. A band is featured for Tom's New Year's Eve party, too. "Walk or designate a driver if you plan to drink," Tom says.

You can find Tom's Tavern on Facebook, but he admits honestly, the page isn't very well maintained. Tom is more of a social person than a "social media" person. The schedule for upcoming bands is posted on a board inside the tavern, so you might want to just stop by and have a look. Pretty soon, everyone will know your name.

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