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# MOVING **FORWARD**



Happy Holidays to everyone! May the New Year bring you much peace, joy and happiness!

The Board has been busy analyzing the results of the recent Powersport Show. received many positive comments and suggestions for next year. As we all know it takes many volunteers to make a successful show. Thank you again to anyone who helped in any way. Without Michelle and Blizzard's donation of trailers it would be difficult to have a profitable show. Thank you Michelle.

Concerning the trails, Glenn Knisely and I looked at the Penn's Creek area for a possible connection with the Bald Eagle trails. Currently a realtor is checking owners and deeds in the area. When we have current and reliable information we will meet with the interested parties.

Our state-wide video project is moving Lori Elliott, Grant Administrator, forward. has been contacting the Visitor Bureaus for the promotion of this video. Currently Video Mike will be touring the Poconos, Cameron, Forest Counties, the Allegheny National Forest, Wayne, Carbon, Huntingdon in year one (weather permitting). If we receive a

arant from Somerset County then Favette and Westmoreland Counties will be added to this aggressive schedule. Lori Elliott will be contacting other areas of the state for year two. This Video will be seen on the national TV show Snow Trails TV On Destination America and a copy will be provided to all sponsors. This Video is a good way to showcase PSSA, your area and your club. Contact Lori for more information.

Board members were recently introduced to a new mapping program thru North Central Planning. This program will allow individuals to make changes on their maps using a cell phone or iPad etc. Changes will be automatically uploaded to a trail website. Access can be limited or made available to the general public.

PSSA recently received a positive reply to our proposal to increase the registration fee and form a Public, Private, Partnership (P3) with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (see page 16).

Having the endorsement of the Advisory Council to the Secretary of DCNR is a great tribute to our ideas of what is needed to improve our snowmobile system. I will keep you posted as this project moves forward.

You will be receiving tickets for our annual Spring Raffle. The three prizes are: \$6000 Voucher, \$1000 Voucher and a \$500 Voucher to be used at a PSSA Dealer. Tickets are \$10.00 or three for \$20.00 You cannot win unless you have a ticket!

The Spring Membership Meeting will be held on May 13, 2017 at the Ramada Golf and Conference Center beginning at 9am. We are in need of suggestions for speakers. If you have any ideas please send them to me ASAP.

Think Snow

Liz Krug, President

## **NEWS FROM PSSA'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR**



Happy New Year! Hopefully there is plenty of snow on the ground when you receive this

I have been busy in the office coordinating

PSSA's video project with our tourism sponsors, snowmobile clubs, board members, and regional directors. In preparation for PSSA's and Pennsylvania's program for the national TV show, "Snow Trails TV" on the Destination America channel, "Video Mike" Grant and his crew will be on the snowmobile trails in the counties of Forest, McKean, Cameron, Wayne, Carbon, and Huntingdon, showcasing what Pennsylvania has to offer to snowmobilers. This is year one of a two-year project which will be aired in the Fall of 2017.

Thank you to the following sponsors of this project for year one:

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association The Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau **Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau** Northwest Pennsylvania Outdoors Visitors Bureau, Inc. Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau

I am still in the process of coordinating with snowmobile clubs at the time of this printing but will gladly list them in February. They will assist in guiding the crew on the trails.

We are excited about this project! It will be a great opportunity to bring into the national spotlight all parties involved. Be sure to watch for the 30-minute program next fall. It will be aired two times in that season.

In regard to the other PSSA grants, the Phase II Navigational Signage and GPS grant ended on December 31st. Phase III of this project is still open and includes counties in the Northeast part of the state. That grant ends December 31st, 2017. If you are helping GPS trails, please be sure to keep track of your time and mileage. I have forms for you to record and submit your time and mileage for this project. We will need your volunteer time to help meet our 20% match.

Clubs who received mini-grants are working on their projects. Those projects in Round III (DCNR Round 19) that were extended to use up fuel will end April 1, 2017 and reports will be due April 15, 2017. Projects in Round I (DCNR Round 20) will end April 15, 2017 and reports will be due April 30, 2017. Happy snowmobiling!

Lori Elliott, Grants Administrator



The Scagburners Snowmobile Club of Cambria County (Region 9) purchased a multi-blade planer using their mini-grant from PSSA's DCNR Round 20 grant.







## CHICKAREE RIDGE RUNNERS SMC

Hello from The Chickaree Ridge Runners Recreation and Rescue Snowmobile Club. We hope you all had a Merry Christmas, hopefully some of us had snow. And we wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Dr. Don Leckey has been busy planning our trips for the upcoming season. He has a trip planned for Wellsboro, or Erie, Pa. It will depend on who has the most snow. That trip is from Jan. 13th thru the 15th. The other trip that he has planned is to The Forks, Maine. That trip is scheduled for Feb. 17th thru the 25th. This trip was planned for last year but Maine didn't have snow, so we had to go to the U.P. of Michigan, which was excellent as usual. As of now we have 16 guys scheduled for the Maine trip. I hope they have snow for this trip. Thanks to Dr. Don Leckey for planning our trips!

Our Christmas party was held on December 17th at Hoss's in Ebensburg. We also have our Benefit Poker Run on Feb. 12th, 2017 and a possible Johnstown Tomahawks hockey game on March 18th.

Our Safety Course is scheduled for January 14, 2017. Please contact Clint Elias to register at (724) 349-5369. The class is limited to 30 students. Lunch will be provided by Martin Marine

We are also working with the DCNR to create and maintain trails on Chickaree and Rager Mountains. For more info. or to join our club, it is open to the public, a single membership is \$10 per year and a family membership is \$15 per year. Call Martin Marine at (814) 749-9931 or visit our website at www. chickareeridgerunners.com (I try to keep it up to date). Like us on Facebook at Chickaree Ridge Runners Snowmobile Recreation and Rescue Club. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month from Sept. thru April and the first Thursday from May thru Aug. They start at 8:00pm and are held at our clubhouse.

Happy New Year and as always, THINK SNOW, Sincerely,

Chuck Baligush, Vice President

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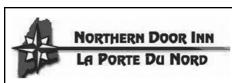
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### HYNER MOUNTAIN SMC



Hello from Hyner Mountain Snowmobile seeing the antics of Unsafe Ace while listening Club. Just wanted to let everyone know what has been happening up on the mountain. We held our annual snowmobile safety class at the end of November, with seven young snowmobilers attending. Year- after- year, it is nice to see them sitting in the kitchen of our lodge wearing shirts, hoodies and/or hats showing off their favorite brands of snowmobiles. Our class, at Hyner Mountain, has the benefit of having three really good instructors, who year- afteryear put on a great class. Their overwhelming love and passion for the entire sport of snowmobiling, and their desire for passing this on to the young future snowmobilers, is fantastic and entertaining. I, for one, look forward each year to being at the lodge for the class, thus listening to and watching the video Unsafe Ace. There is something heartwarming

to the narration by Eddie Albert. For those of you out there who remember Eddie Albert, I'm sure you understand. To me, this starts a new season of snowmobiling in Pennsylvania. A big thank you goes out to the instructors: Henry Hartman, Harrison Langley, and Rich Ebersole. Harrison and Rich are Hyner Mountain SMC members. Also, thanks goes out to all of the Hyner Mountain members who helped put the class together. Last, but certainly not least, we want to say thanks to Margret from Pat Reeder's Tavern who helped out with providing homemade cupcakes and brownies.

Well, the new snowmobile season would have already begun by the time you received this issue and started reading. So now we really have to start watching the weather and hoping and praying for some cold temperatures and some snow! That said, as soon as you're able to do some riding, and your travel brings you past our lodge, stop by and say hey. Well that's about all for now. Have a great time enjoying the winter, and be safe. Respect other snowmobilers on the trails, and also respect the land owners. Talk to ya next month.

Happy New Year! THINK SNOW! Dan Casey

## **GOD'S COUNTRY BLACK FOREST SMC**

Howdy from the top of the snowy mountain as I write to you, Saturday, December 10, 2016. We have about 4 inches of new snow on the ground and it is calling for 2 to 4 more. What a way to start this season compared to all last year. I really am hoping for a good snowfall this year. We all need it!

Just a reminder, all new memberships and 500 drawing tickets have been mailed out. Please take a minute and return to us please.

**Calendar of Events:** 

January ?? 2017:

Trail ride to Canyon or Ole Bull Park. Time and date to be posted on Facebook and our website.

February 4, 2017:

Vintage Sled Show and Ride 12:00 pm - 4:00 pmLunch, raffles, games and food all day

February 18, 2017:

Winter Picnic 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Free to members, donations for guests. Bingo, Door Prizes, Games and raffles all day. Lunch served 12:00 until 2:00 (always a good hot lunch)

Also, just a reminder that some of our trails have changed this season. Please respect our farmers and their valuable crops and land. This is a privilege, not a right to use our private land trails. Thank you for your respect.

Got to run, been hunting for 3 weeks, just got home and have unpacking to do. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy and Prosperous

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Well as you can see we are waiting for winter snow to arrive! We invited the engineer's from PennDot to come to a club meeting in October to explain the "Potters Mills Project". Steve Fantecki explained the big changes on the Seven Mountains as far as construction goes. The bridge at the top of the mountain constructed as a turn around is being worked on as we speak. I doubt it will be finished by winter but the construction company has a good handle on it.

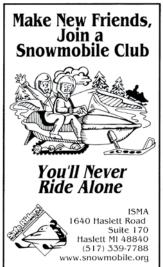
We've been working on a crossover for snowmobiles but with all the construction, we'll just have to wait and see. The Potters Mills project will not be complete until 2020, so I guess we're in store for a mess. The club recently had a meeting with Matt Beaver, Bald Eagle District Forester, and cooperation is looking good. We will clean and trim the sides of Panther Hollow Road in cooperation with Weikert Snowmobile Club as soon as possible. We wish everyone lots of snow this season. Come on up and enjoy our scenery.

That's all for now!

Don Spangler, Pres. PVSC







## DCNR-Bureau of Forestry 2016-2017 SMB Trail Miles

State Forest	Joint -Use	Trail	Total
Michaux	77.8	54.0	131.8
Buchanan	57.4	34.4	91.8
Tuscarora	88.8	51.5	132.4
Forbes	36.8	39.1	75.4
Rothrock	169.4	27.5	196.9
Gallitzin	10.6	15.5	26.1
Bald Eagle	269.8	28.6	298.4
Kittanning	12.4	0.0	12.4
Moshannon	155.5	61.9	213.1
Sproul	271.2	126.2	352.4
Pinchot	16.3	11.9	28.2
Tiadaghton	120.9	22.0	192.6
Elk	71.4	31.5	102.9
Cornplanter	0.0	0.0	0.0
Susquehannock	149.1	114.5	263.6
Tioga	147.4	23.5	166.6
William Penn	0.0	0.0	0.0
Weiser	20.1	20.5	40.6
Delaware	25.6	81.5	111.4
Loyalsock	112.3	15.2	127.5
State Parks	64.8	275.3	340.1
Subtotals	1877.6	1034.8	2912.1

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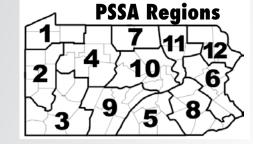
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## MARIENVILLE TRAIL RIDERS SMC

Club and the Forest County Snowmobile Club help promote that and pass it on to the next held our annual Snowmobile Safety Course on Saturday November 12 at the MACA Building in Marienville. Attending the class were 19 Kids from 7 surrounding Counties. The class is sponsored by the DCNR and the Forestry Service. All those involved in presenting the class are members of the club's who volunteer their time and talent so young snowmobilers receive their certification to operate a snowmobile on the trails. We all enjoy snowmobiling in

The Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile the Allegheny National Forest and want to generation. Riding "The Loop" is an experience that everyone should enjoy. Thanks to Nelda Martin, Ed and Jenette Fiejdasz, Ray Bish, Don Fisher, Ray Lamison and Micky Stevens and Kylee Hennessy.

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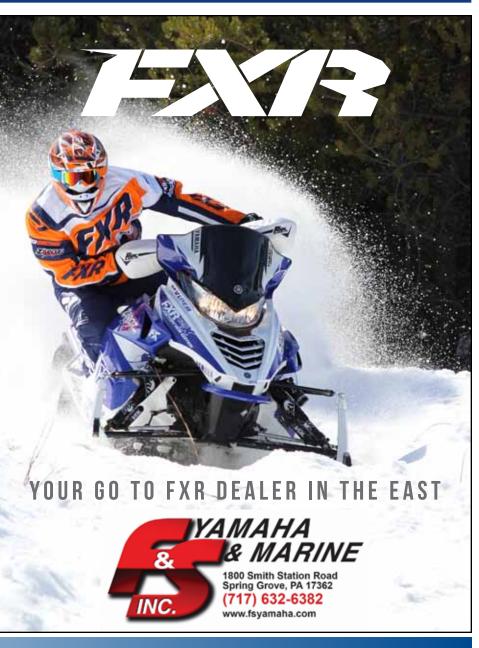
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held Military Rides, Political Rides, and often just have fun holding snowmobile rides with friends and family alike. Winter is starting strong, and there is still a good bit of winter to come this year. The trails and riding areas in many parts of North America are in phenomenal shape.

During this time of year, we are seeing a little bit more daylight and the temperatures are a little warmer, so the improved temperatures and additional daylight improves our opportunity and riding comfort.

The Go Snowmobiling campaign that I have personally participated in highlighted for me the "wow-tactor" and the pure enjoyment that people have when they first ride a snowmobile. I have ridden a number of times with first-time snowmobilers and they couldn't quit talking about how much fun it was and how they couldn't wait to do it again. Thankfully I was well prepared for the ride and made sure that my guests were well dressed and comfortable. I have been fortunate enough to also snowmobile with many individuals who have much more experience than myself. I have learned that with a little prior planning and thought, we can shape our friends' experience in snowmobiling with us which helps determine if snowmobiling wins over another convert. When you take a friend snowmobiling, remember that your friend may not be experienced. Keep the ride slow, short, and simple. Chances are that your normal ride would seem like a marathon to an uninitiated friend. Don't show off or push the envelope or challenge your friends to ride beyond their capabilities or their comfort zone. Remember, you are the one that snowmobiles a lot and understands your machine. Let your friend enjoy that first

day of snowmobiling. Again, go slow, make it short, make it simple, and remember that it is always a good idea to feed them well.

The Go Snowmobiling campaign is also joined with the Safe Riders! Campaign. Remember that we have a 22 minute safety video that can be found on our website at: www.snowmobile.org/snowmobile-videos.html or www.gosnowmobiling.org/snowmobiling-resources.html

The video is a great tool when introducing a friend to snowmobiling and will help make the ride more enjoyable for everyone.

You should also visit and "Like" our Facebook page before participating in a Go Snowmobiling campaign. Our Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. When looking at the page you will notice that many snowmobilers are posting pictures and their experiences on the page. We now have close to 10,000 Friends who visit regularly and it is common for snowmobilers to send out informative posts that are forwarded to hundreds and thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts worldwide. There is also a short general survey on our Facebook page, so when you visit the page, consider answering a few simple survey questions. We are constantly surveying snowmobile customers to see how we can better serve you and how we can help you enjoy your snowmobiling activity.

When you consider putting together a Go Snowmobiling ride, just remember that individuals who don't own a snowmobile, based on recent research shows that on a scale of 1 to 10, they rate their level of interest as a 9. People that you know, who don't snowmobile, want to snowmobile. Remember they also want to enjoy snowmobiling for the same reasons you do:

To enjoy the scenery

To get outdoors to have fun with family and friends To go to unique places that they can't reach any other way to see amazing sights

To have fun in the winter outdoors and be able to go home tired and be ready for a good night's sleep.

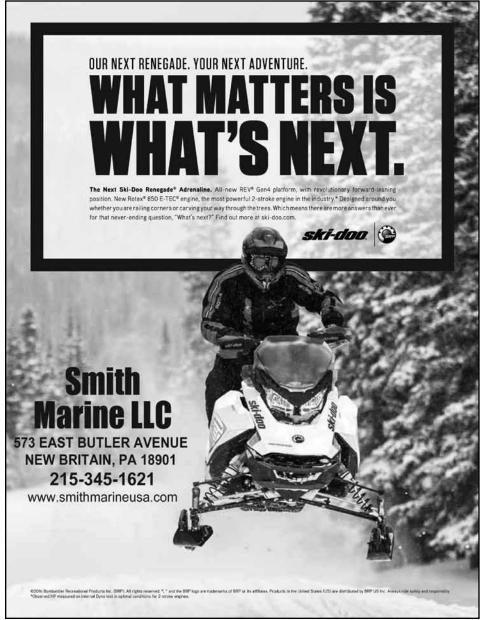
So please, go out and have fun, take a friend snowmobiling, and enjoy this wonderful winter.

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## MARIENVILLE TRAIL RIDERS SMC

Snowmobile Club has seen a busy 2015-2016 travel some other trails that are groomed by and plans on being just as busy into 2017. Not since the days of the late sixties and early seventies has Marienville snowmobiling seen so much activity going on in the Marienville Area. Back then, Marienville used to be known as the Snowmobile Capital of the world. They hosted snowmobile races that attracted over ten thousand spectators and competitors from all over the United States and Canada. Since that time, the Allegheny National Forest has taken over the majority of the local trail system that encompasses a 115-mile loop. It includes the small towns of Marienville, to Kellettville (app. 15 mile trip) where you can stop for a burger at Cougar Bobs. Leaving Kellettville, you travel another 15 miles and arrive at Chapman Dam State Park. Along this trip, you can take two side trails. One will take you to Flying W Ranch or you can take another longer trail that leads to the Wilderness Area just East of Tidioute, Pa.

When you arrive at Chapman Dam State Park, if you time it just right, you can arrive on the same weekend as the Warren County Winterfest activities where you might find sled dog races, ice skating, sled riding, Polar Plunges and some good old fashioned winter time fun. Leaving Chapman Dam State Park, you travel another 15 miles and cross Rt 6 just outside of Warren, Pa. When leaving Warren, you run parallel with Rt 59 and with any luck, Deans' Hog Wild Barbecue will be open for business. You travel app 10 miles on Trail 1 and you end up at the top of the Kinzua Reservoir. From there you can take some alternate routes to Jakes Rock that overlooks the Kinzua Dam. From there you can ride one of the most scenic rides that you will see on a snowmobile and that is the Longhouse Scenic Drive. This 10mile drive will take you to Rt 321 and you will be close to Bob's Trading Post where you will find great Pizza and Ethanol-Free gas. From here, you can continue north to travel on to the Westline Inn and the trails of New York and stop at the Salamanca Casino or you can stay on Trail #1 and head south toward Kane, Pa. for another 15 miles. If you stay on Trail #1, you can finish the 115-mile loop and travel past two local stops in James City Cafe or the newly opened Russell City store. Here you will find

the Highland Snowseekers and possibly stop at the Highland Hotel for more food. If you stay on Trail #1 at Russell City you will travel another 15 miles and come to Kelly Pines where you can do Trail 14, Trail 15 or Trail 16. These three trails will provide you with another 30 miles of trail in addition to the 115-mile loop. At Kelly Pines, you can also travel Trail 12 which is the Marienville Bypass which will take you to Trail 28 and Trail 11 or Trail 8 which leads you back to Chapman Dam State Park. These trails will provide the rider with an additional 40 miles of trail. Back at Kelly Pines, you can stay on Trail #1 and continue to Lamonaville Road and 10 miles back to Marienville, finishing the 115mile Loop.

Back in the 70's trails included all State and Township roads that had snow but with liability issues came the present day trail system. And it is up to our local clubs to continue the trail system with the help of the Forest Service. This year three local snowmobile clubs will be doing much of the grooming. The Forest Service is going to continue grooming the Longhouse Trails. The Highland Snowseekers will be grooming the trails around Highland and Russell City. The Marienville Trail Riders will be grooming the local trails around Marienville while the Forest County Snowmobile Club will be doing the trails around Kellettville to Chapman Dam. Please try to join one of these three clubs to help to financially support their efforts. The Marienville Trails Riders Club has acquired several arants to purchase a Bombardier BR 180 groomer and drag. (pg 10, center right) They have also brush-hogged 50 miles of trails, and upgraded their Track Truck Groomer. The club was also able to work out an agreement with Jenks Township officials to use the Knox/Kane Railroad storage garage for their groomers as well as the 2 Forest Service groomers. The Marienville Club also smoothed out Trail 11 which has a beautiful half mile Hemlock Canopy ride as well as relocating 1.2 miles of Trail 11 off of a Howe Township Road. The Marienville Club had to install two bridges, smooth out the 1.2 miles and should make that portion of the trail much safer and more user-friendly for local residents as well as snowmobilers. (pg. 10,



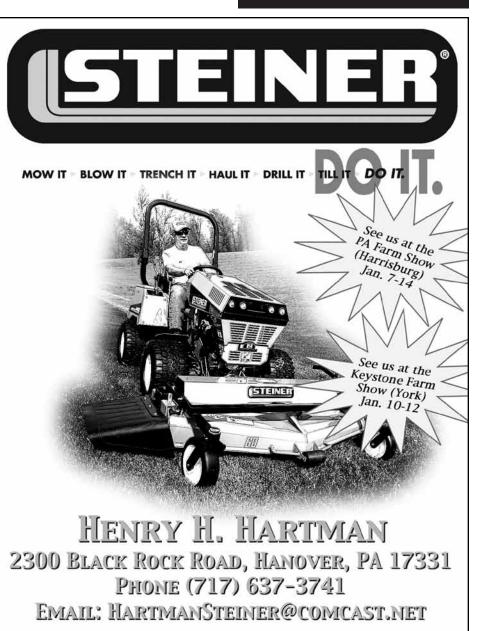
The Marienville Snowmobile Trail Riders gas and snacks. At this intersection, you can top right) The Marienville Club also installed 5 kiosks with maps and installed 2 maps at the following locations throughout the 115-mile trail system: Cougar Bobs in Kelletville (pg 10, lower right,) Chapman Dam State Park, Route 6 crossing 3 mile west of Kane on Route 6, Westline Inn, Longhouse parking lot, Bucktail Hotel Parking Lot, and Bobs Trading Post on Route 321. These maps were a much needed informational request by many riders. The Highland Snowmobile Club will be using the small Forest Service groomer to groom their trails near Russell City.

So if you want to have a great snowmobile experience, visit the Marienville area, stay and ride the many miles of trails. If you are in the area February 11, 2017, the Marienville Snowmobile Club will be holding a Valentine's Day Ham dinner at the Marienville Area Civic Association Building (MACA) from 4-8. They will have raffles, 50-50, Chinese auction, music and some wintertime fun activities. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 advance tickets and \$12.50 at the door. Children 12 and under would be \$6.00. The Marienville Snowmobile Club members hope you all have a great and safe snowmobile season.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jerry Thornton







Left: President Brad Hoover handing out the graduation license to Camden Moore with Ranger Stinedorf, Cindy Gallick, and Shelly Buckles.

Right: Linda Walker accepting the title of Snowmobiler of the Year from President **Brad Hoover.** 

Lower Right: Instructor Jim Tweardy handing out a thank you gift to Linda Walker and Pattie Serfozo.

Lower Left: Fred Fargotstein from the Nordic Ski Patrol thanking us for the informative Safety Class. Instructors Jim Wilkinson and Jim Tweardy in the background.











Above: DCNR Meeting participants Rick Suppanic, Ranger Shane Stinedorf, Ed Callahan, Ranger Jeremy Peck, Don Stiffler, and James McCorkle.

**Below: Students practicing Hand Signals.** 



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The trails are open!!!!! Hopefully by now you have gotten at least a few miles in. The date of writing this article was December 8, 2016, and it was snowing outside. The Weather Channel had issued a warning for the Lake Erie area of snow accumulation. The mountain received about an inch of snow. Check out the current conditions at the club website: www.lhsc.net. You can access the web cameras from there.

This article will consist of 3 main happenings at the

- 1. November 12 Safety Class held at the club, and trail workday
- 2. November 18 club banquet held at Oakhurst Tearoom
- 3. December 8 DCNR annual meeting

On November 12, 2016, the annual Snowmobile Safety Class was held at Laurel Highlands SMC from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. We had a total of 47 students take the class. DCNR requires anyone between the ages of 10-16 to have a license from a safety class. 16 and up are fine with their regular photo id. We require an adult to take the class with each youth in attendance. Therefore, we had a total of 17 students getting certified to ride a snowmobile legally, and a total of 30 adults in the class. One of the students who took the class was a DCNR Ranger, 7 of the students were members of the Laurel Mountain Nordic Ski Patrol. I asked one of the Ski Patrol members WHY they were taking a snowmobile class. I liked his answer. He said, "We all love the mountain. We must learn to share the mountain, and continue to get along with each other. We use a snowmobile to rescue people regardless if they are a hiker, snowmobiler, skier, dog sledder, etc. We also use the snowmobiles to groom our trails." With a group this large we must have an excellent staff - and we do. We have a total of 6 instructors. Jim Tweardy, DCNR Park Manager at Yellow Creek State Park, Shelly Buckles, 4th grade teacher at Mount Pleasant School District, Cindy Gallick, Southmoreland Middle School math teacher, Jim Wilkinson, retired Science Teacher from Hempfield School District, and club members sharing their knowledge of trailer safety, Tim McCune and Tim Costello.

## **LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC**

We also had 2 ladies, Linda Walker and Pattie Serfozo, in the kitchen all day. They kept everyone well fed. With a total 47 students, 6 instructors, plus a trail workday crew for the club to provide for, the women worked hard. Here are some comments from the class participants:

- 1. The food in the class was great!
- 2. Too much food.
- 3. Lots of good food.
- 4. Great class.
- 5. The instructors were well prepared.
- 6. The instructors were very nice.
- 7. This was a great event!
- 8. Very informative.

It was an excellent day all around, and we appreciate everyone involved in making it a success. The student participation was strong, and we are all the better for it.

The Workday crew replaced a pipe and two culverts on a section of trail between Jones Mill Run Road and County Line Road. They gathered rock removed from the trail and the ditch to build head walls for the culverts out of stone. Working in conjunction with Maple Summit club and their equipment we were able to complete the task. Thank you for the trail improvements!

November 18, 2016, The club banquet was held at Oakhurst Tearoom with a total of 65 members in attendance. The annual event is hosted by Bill 'Doc' Lewis and his wife Bonnie. They go out of their way to make sure everyone leaves with a fantastic door prize. The buffet food, as always, was delicious. The Snowmobiler of the Year was awarded to Linda Walker. Way to go Linda! She is the Treasurer for the club, a board member, and the head of the kitchen committee. She works in the race tower during race season, and keeps the bills paid year round. She has even been known to help by running the jackhammer. Much of her free time is spent helping out with club duties. Her husband Junior is also a board member. They regularly attend meetings and help at work days for the club. They live about an hour away from the club grounds. Thank you both for your devotion. Congratulations Linda!

December 8, 2016—DCNR at the club—

Our regular meeting was waived for the annual DCNR meeting. Ed Callahan, Forbes State Forest District Forester, introduced his coworkers in attendance; Don Stiffler, Ranger Shane Stinedorf, and Rick Supanic. He reported that Ranger Chris Hall was promoted to another location. Ranger Stinedorf is his replacement from Tioga and Bald Eagle State Parks. He thanked everyone for their continued help on the trails. Mr. Callahan told us that he is fully staffed and ready for the season. The northern trails have been tiger mowed, and all the trails were cleared. Although, they did report that a recent wind and ice storm will require them to head back out. Some of the new updates to look for are the new latrines at the Laurel Summit warming hut, the new trail on Locust Run Road to the now opened Laurel Mountain Ski Resort, and the widened public parking lot at Route 31. He mentioned that Senate Bill 648 will affect his funding next year. He wasn't certain of its full impact, but anticipates that he will need supplemental funding for grooming and culverts. He concluded by thanking everyone again, and letting us know that he is happy with our complimentary relationship. He has received several appreciative calls from the snowmobile community instead of complaints.

James McCorkle, Assistant Park Manager for Laurel Hill State Park Complex, introduced his coworkers in attendance, Brad Hoover (our

president) and Ranger Jeremy Peck. He let us know that there was a stream mitigation project that re-routed an area along Buck Run. It has affected some of the roadside parking. The Conservation District will be doing drainage work near Buck Run Road to minimize maintenance. He also informed us that the northern approach to the turnpike bridge has settled and will need some work. It should not affect our riding. Ranger Peck mentioned that we are doing a good job of self-policing. They like snowmobiles and will be out patrolling again this season. He appreciates any heads up we can give about troubles, and provided us with the Somerset Non-Emergency line to reach them. The number is 1-800-362-5060. He mentioned that Westmoreland County has one as well. James McCorkle thanked us all again, and mentioned Laurel Hill State Parks' Winter Weekend is scheduled for February 17-19. He invited us to be a part of it.

**Upcoming Events:** 

Jan. 12 8:00 PM Jan. 21 11:00 AM

Club Meeting Poker Run

(weather Permitting)

Please check the website or our Facebook page to find event updates.

Remember to live each day to its fullest. Happy Ridina!!!

Jim Wilkinson & Shelly Buckles





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# STATE FOREST SNOWMOBILE ROAD/TRAIL MILES IMPACTED BY GAS ACTIVITIES 2016-2017

Snowmobile Closure and Plowing

For the 2016-2017 riding season the total gas related joint use road closures is 149 miles, 14 miles of trail are closed and gas related road plowing is 114 miles for a total impact of 227 miles.

Below is a summary for each of the core gas districts;

District 06 - Gallitzin Closed 2016-2017 = 0 Plowed 2016-2017 = 1.3 miles

The Gallitzin State Forest currently has 10.6 miles of joint-use roads and 15.5 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 26.1 miles open for riding.

District 09 - Moshannon Closed 2016-2017 = 18.8 miles Plowed 2016-2017 = 0

Moshannon State Forest currently has 155 miles of jointuse roads and 62 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 217 miles open for riding this year.

District 10 - Sproul
Plosed 2016-2017 = 55.7 miles
Plowed 2016-2017 = 72.6 miles

The Sproul State Forest currently has 271 miles of jointuse roads and 126 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 397 miles open for riding.

District 12 - Tiadaghton Closed 2016-2017 = 32.5 Plowed 2016-2017 = 11.3 The Tiadaghton State Forest currently has 121 miles of joint-use roads and 22 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 143 miles open for riding.

District 13 - Elk Closed 2016-2017 = 6.5 miles Plowed 2016-2017 = 0.4 miles

The Elk State Forest currently has 71 miles of joint-use roads and 31 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 102 miles open for riding.

District 15 - Susquehannock Closed 2016-2017 = 0 Plowed 2016-2017 = 17.3

The Susquehannock State Forest currently has 149 miles of joint-use roads and 115 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 264 miles open for riding.

District 16 - Tioga Closed 2016-2017 = 0 Plowed 2016-2017 = 5 miles

The Tioga State Forest currently has 147 miles of jointuse roads and 24 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 171 miles open for riding.

District 20 - Loyalsock Closed 2016-2017 = 0 Plowed 2016-2017 = 17.3 miles

The Loyalsock State Forest currently has 112 miles of joint-use roads and 15 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 127 miles open for riding.

see Trail Mileage Chart on page 7.



December 8, 2016

Liz Krug, President Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association P.O. Box 10126 Erie, PA 16514

Dear Ms. Krug,

The Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council (CNRAC) thanks you for your presentation to our members during our September 21 business meeting in Benezette.

The council members discussed the presentation in our working session on November 16, 2016 and have elected to issue our guidance to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn regarding the matter. A copy of that correspondence is attached.

CNRAC appreciates the time and effort you expended to bring these issues to our attention. We trust we have written a response that addresses your concerns in an effective manner.

Should you have any questions concerning council's action, please feel free to contact me or another council member at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. Richard Sayles CNRAC Chair

cc: The Honorable Cindy Adams Dunn

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### USED SNOWMOBILES

2016 Yamaha Vector, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 125 hp, Power Steering, Factory Warranty till 12/2020, 3435 miles, \$9495.

2014 Yamaha Viper XTX SE, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 130 hp, track studded, Fox Float shocks front & rear, Tuner skis, belly pan, 141" track w/ 1.7" lugs, 3624 miles, \$8195.

2013 Yamaha Vector, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 125 hp, power steering, 11,000 miles, \$5999.

2011 Yamaha Apex SE, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 160 hp, Power Steering, Ice Ripper Track prestudded, Ohlins rear shock w/ Hygear dual rate springs, Fox Float front shocks w/ Hygear remote reservoirs, Ulmer Clutch kit, 7286 miles, \$5499.

2010 Yamaha Apex GT, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 150 hp, 2060 miles, \$6499.

2009 Yamaha FX Nytro SE, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 130 hp, track studded, 3476 miles, \$4499.

2009 Yamaha Nytro XTX, 4 stroke, fuel injected, 130 hp, track studded, 6800 miles, \$4499.

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December 8, 2016

The Honorable Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource Rachel Carson State Office Building P.O. Box 8767 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8767

Dear Madame Secretary,

During the public comment section of our September 21, 2016 meeting in Benezette, Liz Krug, president of the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA), addressed the council concerning several issues related to snowmobile use and funding in the commonwealth. Ms. Krug provided a written copy of her testimony and a document that dealt with the overall scope of our Pennsylvania Snowmobile Trails Program through the eyes of the PSSA. The information contained several issues that the PSSA identified as opportunities to enhance the program.

The council discussed this matter at our working session on November 16. In the view of this council, it seems the most effective course of action would be to strengthen the partnership between the department and the snowmobile community by considering a contract or public private partnership (P3) with the PSSA to address the issues as identified. Such an arrangement could provide expertise to the department, organized volunteer assistance for the overall program, and a consistent way for working volunteer enthusiasts to capture reimbursements for the work they are currently doing among other potential benefits to both parties.

One particularly troublesome issue, the recent bifurcation of the Snowmobile/ATV fund by legislative action, will require a shared user group/DCNR vision of registration fee increases and the application of those fees within the program.

CNRAC encourages the department to work closely with the user group to overcome these challenges and identify new opportunities presented through a contract/P3 agreement.

Thank you in advance for your reasoned consideration of this matter

Respectfully submitted,

L. Richard Sayles CNRAC Chair

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