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Pictured by the new "Dave Hassler Memorial Bridge" from left to right are: Dave Frost, Mike Van Ess, Tom Byrne, Nicole Shoop, Brian Shoop.
Picture by Jim Baney. Unfortunately, all the other bridge crew members had other Sunday afternoon commitments.
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MOVING FORWARD



Happy Holidays!

This should be the year for great snowfall! Take time to enjoy your family by taking them on a snowmobile trip in Pennsylvania. Happy Riding!

This is also the time of the year that we remind our members of the Snow Angel Medical Fund. Your contributions are used to help pay for medical bills, transportation etc. for a medical needy person under 18 years of age. You can make your contribution on our website or mail a check marked "Snow Angel Medical Fund" to the Palmyra office. If you know of someone in need please contact your Regional Director or a Board member for more information. Mrs. Watkins with the assistance of Mrs. Hayes has agreed to Chair this very important committee.

The Board is presently reviewing the PowerSport Show. A few new events were tried this year. Friday night featured the "Tough Truck" competition. Tractor pulls were on Saturday. Sunday was the show for Antique Cars. Saturday hours were extended to 8pm. The Antique Car Show was canceled due to the weather. However, Twenty-five

of the Car Club members attended the Show to promote our events. Thank you. High profile vests were purchased for the Used Sled Corral and traffic control. They were well-received. Now it is the responsibility of the Board to analyze and make decisions concerning these events.

Volunteers are always needed. Contact Travis Mathna if you can help in any way. Our volunteers who travel to the Show pay for their own hotel and food bills. Without their help we could not have this Show. Thank you.

Our promoters also helped cut costs by using social media and the internet to attract vendors and sponsors. The profit for this Show depends on attendance, vendors and cutting costs. PSSA has fixed costs for this Show regardless of the attendance or weather. Plan to attend and help next year.

This was the first year for Travis Mathna (chair) to be in charge of the show. It was also the first year for Arlene LaTourette (Treasurer) to handle the money. Kudos to both. Thank you to anyone who shared their experience with them. **They did a great job and they can both relax now.**

After the show ended I drove to the Scranton area to review and discuss the GPS/Signage/Mapping program with representatives from N.E. PA Sno- Trails and ACE club. Chick Walters and I drove part of their trail system. We visited the club meeting place and groomer shed. Like many other clubs they have experienced the need to reroute some trails.

From there I actually drove to the ACE meeting building and groomer barn. In spite of Clint LaTourette's directions such as: "go over the

bridge and take the first left, at the Y intersection take the right, continue on for two or three miles thru a major intersection, at the next Y take a right, continue on about 6 miles and at the intersection turn right and the barn is the first building on the left." Believe it or not I MADE IT. (I admit I made one wrong turn at a small y intersection) What a beautiful area to have snowmobile trails. Clint showed me around and I shared the mapping information for Phase Three of the GPS/Signage/Mapping program. **Consider joining a club and help maintain the trails.**

Phase Three Clubs can now make changes on our mapping website as they are out on the trails. Future plans are to integrate these maps with the DCNR maps and make them available to the general public. We hope to make this resource available to all clubs.

Finally, **Year Two of the Video Project** is in the final planning stages. We are in need of business and club sponsors to help support this endeavor. **Anyone can help sponsor this video including all clubs.** Contact Lori Elliott if you can help sponsor this video or provide possible sponsor names.

These Videos help promote snowmobile riding in Pennsylvania. Ride PA!

Think Snow!
(Let's do a SNOW dance!)
Liz Krug, President

Mark your Calendar:
Membership Meeting
May 5, 2018
Ramada Conference and Golf
Hotel- University Park
(same as this year)

NEWS FROM PSSA'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR



Happy Snowmobiling,
PSSA Members!

I am pleased to report that four clubs have received mini-grants totaling \$7,169 to help with projects this fall.

These awards were made possible by remaining funds in our DCNR Round 19 grant, which ends December 31, 2017. These clubs are:

Forest County Snowmobile Club
Marienville Trail Riders
Presque Isle Snowmobile Club
Tionesta Valley Snowmobile Club

On another positive note, funds for our "Snow Trails TV – Year Two" video project have been committed. PSSA has received grants from the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association and VisitErie and sponsorships from the Huntingdon County and Poconos Visitors Bureaus. The PA Lumber Heritage Region/PA Wilds is also supporting this project. Hopefully, you were able to watch on the national "Snow Trails TV" program on the Destination America channel one of the two viewings in October of our Year One project. There is also a link on PSSA's website. Take a look!

PSSA will need club volunteers near these areas to help lead and escort the video crew. Clubs will have the option to be promoted on this national TV show. We will soon be in contact.

Happy holidays!
Lori Elliott, PSSA Grants Administrator

POWERSPORTS SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

Blizzard #722 Trailer Winner:
Clark Eckhart of Walnutport, PA

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BALD EAGLE SNOW RIDERS

Hello from western Union County. We are a new club that has been in operation for a little over a year now. We currently have 45 members and hold meetings the third Thursday of each month at the Union County Sportsman's Club in Weikert, PA.

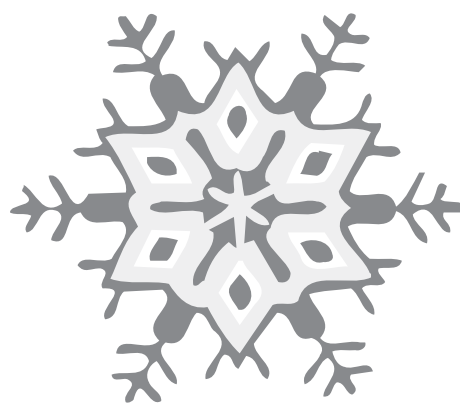
We have taken on the task of working with DCNR to assist in maintaining our local trails. This past year we have cleared the brush from two trails, using an excavator to clear out one of them, and installed new water bars. We are currently working to try to get a connecting trail between the northern and southern parts of the

state forest. It's going to be very difficult to accomplish due to the lacking of DCNR funding, but we will keep our fingers crossed that some day this will happen.

We held our first annual club picnic for our members and their families in September at the cabin of one of our members. We had 20 people in attendance and everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to our next gathering and hope that more members and their families can attend.

So long...till next time.

Steve Shreckengast, Vice President



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INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK: JANUARY 20-28, 2018



by Ed Klim
Haslett, MI, November 21, 2017: The snowmobile community is again holding the International Snowmobile Safety Week. This is the 25th

year where the entire snowmobile community, including State and Provincial Snowmobile Associations, Visitors and Convention Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, Snowmobile Clubs and local and state and provincial agencies

Hello from Hyner Mt. Snowmobile Club. Just wanted to let everyone know what has been happening up on the mountain. Wow... here it is December already! The month we have all been waiting for since March. However, I am afraid to say that now the unnerving wait begins...temperature's to get cold and STAY cold; and, for SNOW to start falling and piling up.

October had us up at the lodge for our fall work-weekend. We had a good number of members present for the day. We completed a lot of projects around and in the lodge. A few of our members did litter cleanup along Route 44. The weather for the weekend was perfect! Normally, a huge percent of our fall work-weekend is primarily about firewood. However, due to the past winter being sort of a bust, we already have plenty of hand-stacked and ready-to-use wood. Hope we use just about all of it this winter!

We at Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club would like to take a moment to say "Thank You" to all who stopped by our booth at the PowerSports Show to talk about snowmobiles and snowmobiling. We enjoy talking to fellow snowmobilers about our sport and certainly

about our club or "lodge" as we call it. An important part of participation in the show by clubs is being available to talk to snowmobilers and showcasing your club. We certainly enjoy showing our club, not only to snowmobilers, but to anyone who loves spending quality outdoor time.

What makes Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club different from most other clubs in our area is that as a member you actually become a shareholder in the Club. Being part owner of the "lodge" gives you unlimited club access year round. That being said, possibilities are endless for whatever outdoor activities you're passionate about (i.e.: snowmobiling, ATV'ng, hunting, fishing, hiking, biking the Rails-to-Trails System; or maybe you're not outdoorsy at all and just want a place to get away - got it there! If anyone is interested in belonging to a snowmobile club, we have some memberships available. You can visit our website at: hynermountainsnowmobileclub.com, or speak to any of our members.

Well that's about all for now. Talk to ya next month.

Dan Casey

join together to recognize the importance of safe, responsible snowmobiling. Many groups highlight safety week by holding various snowmobile safety training programs. All of the efforts concentrate the key position statements highlighted by the safety week efforts. Those key points include:

- Snowmobiling and alcohol don't mix - Don't drink and ride.
- Smart Riders are Safe Riders - Take a snowmobile safety training course.
- When night riding slow down - Expect the unexpected.
- Know before you go - Always check local ice conditions
- Cross with Care
- Know the risks and be prepared - Make every trip a round trip
- One is the loneliest number - Never ride alone.
- Ride safe, stay on the trail - Respect private property.

Snowmobiling is important to all local snowmobiling communities and therefore it is important to highlight that snowmobiling is a Fun Family Activity where we must keep safety as a top of mind awareness issue.

This year we are expanding our education that private landowners and public land

managers deserve all snowmobilers respect. We highlight the need to protect land use privileges and to stay on the trail and if you don't know - don't go.

Snowmobile Clubs and Associations / Federations are encouraged to invite local representatives from the business community to go snowmobiling with them and show them our known, safe riding standards. There is information available from the ISMA Office to help support your efforts. That information includes: a 22-minute Safe Rider DVD, various posters highlighting safe responsible snowmobiling behavior, reflective decals for placement on helmets and/or snowmobiles with the Safe Riders! Logo and position statement, brochures with quick safety tips. You can visit the www.snowmobile.org website where you can view the Safe Riders! Video as well as any of the public Service Announcements available to use throughout your local media. There is also available to download the Safety Week Manual with ideas on how to set up a Safety Week event or get International Snowmobile Safety Week recognized in your community.

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We've had a busy summer and fall with Club meetings every month, multiple trail clean ups, some bridge construction and a Fall Picnic. This fall we also participated in the Prince Gallitzin State Park Apple Cider Festival. Club members Rob and Robin put together a great booth (see the photo on page 7 at the top.) It was a fun event. While other exhibitors had to pay to be part of the Festival, the park invited us for free as a valued partner and attraction. They estimated that close to 10,000 people attended this year. The State Park has since sent us a letter of recognition for all the great work that we do there.

Our November Club meeting was well attended with close to 25 members there. It was nominations night for Board Members and Officers. We have all open positions filled with some new people stepping up and some veterans staying on. Elections are in December

with new officers taking office on January 1. It was announced that membership stands at 192 with 300 on our email mailing list. Receipt of our PSSA Grant Check was also announced. And we already have enough volunteer hours from working on the trail last weekend for our club match on the grant. See the pictures of the recent bridge work.

Also discussed was a new trail initiative. Attend our next club meeting if you'd like more details. We meet the first Monday of every month at the Patton's Sportsman Club at 7:30 pm. They have good food at the Club so many members arrive early and get supper. And after each meeting we always have good snowmobile stories to share. And be sure to check out our FaceBook page for the most up to date information regarding the club. Questions can be directed there too.

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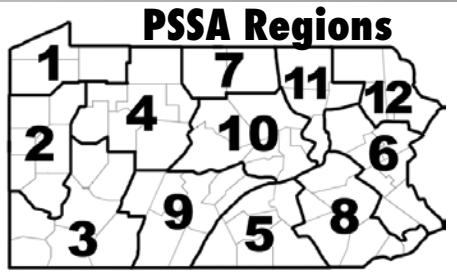
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Lancaster County December 2 8:00am-4:00pm	Region 8 Akron Fire Company, Akron, PA Sports 'N Turf of Lancaster & Dutch Trail Cutters SMC	Janet Auker - 717-859-5455 or 1-866-791-6384 Limited to 40 students
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Cambria County Jan. 6, 2018 8:00am-4:30pm	Region 9 Chickaree Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club Chickaree Ridge Runners SMC & Martin Marine Sales, Inc.	Clint Elias (724)-349-5369 or (814)-749-9931, clintswitchback8@gmail.com Class Limited to 25 Students

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<u>OOPS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Sled Totals	68	7		4	7		0	3		72	17		24%
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THE PENNSYLVANIA SNOWSEEKERS SMC

Hello all, greetings from the Snowseekers!

After the club's usual busy summer season with motorcycle poker runs for breast cancer research and our annual Snowseeker Highland Open golf outing, we still found time this past weekend, November 4th, to hold our Annual Landowner/Neighbor Thanksgiving Dinner & work weekend at the clubhouse.

We had the usual suspects from the club start with a breakfast prepared by Guido, and then it was off to whatever they chose to do. We finished our Hemlock ceiling in our social room, cut down several large white pine trees in our yard that were dead or dying, cleaned our local connector Trail #23 that connects us with the Allegheny National Forests Trail #1, brought seasoned firewood around front, and pretty much got the clubhouse and grounds ready for winter, including maintaining our gas pump and changing our 3 furnace filters (Not a typo, Three). To say it was a busy Saturday of work would be an understatement!

While all this was going on, (and after throwing Guido and crew out of our kitchen), the ladies got busy on their own, getting dinner ready for our soon to be hungry work detail and neighbors! Along with 7 stuffed turkeys, we had mashed potatoes, salads, corn, green beans, and desserts and pies. Some of our neighbors even brought some specialties of their own. The clubhouse was pretty raucous beforehand

with the renewing of friendships and old acquaintances and just catching up with fishing and hunting tales. After Preacher Bob lead us in giving thanks and saying grace, we got down to business. Over 70 neighbors, landowners, friends, and Snowseekers consumed just about everything! This Snowseeker tradition has been going on since the clubhouse was purchased in 1975, and is just as amazing today as it was way back then. Thank you to all members who came up to help and to all our neighbors whom have put up with us over the years. Cheers!

The club has also been getting ready to, hopefully, do some trail grooming this year. Contrary to popular belief, this involves more than just hooking up a drag, waiting for snow, and going grooming. Drivers have to be trained, the tractor needs maintenance, contracts need gone over and signed, trail exposure liability insurance needs procured, and the fuel, oil, & filters need purchased. All of this needs done before the first snowflake falls, and all of this is done from the clubs funds before we ever see a dollar of re-imbursement from the state. None of this would be possible if not for Rich Hayes' and Jim Wolfe's unwavering efforts working with the United States Forest Service in Marienville and our own PSSA liaisons. Thank you Bones and Hazey! And now, Let It Snow!

Mark Mueller



USFS groomer, to be operated and maintained by the Snowseekers.



Guests of the Snowseekers awaiting the dinner bell.

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PA GRAND CANYON SMC

Every year with the fall season comes trail-clearing time for many snowmobile clubs including ours. At the back of our clubhouse property is a rail bed that covers four miles in length from the Burnin' Barrel near the Colton Point West Rim entrance to the Log Cabin Inn located in the town of Rexford. The rail bed parallels Route 6 and Pine creek the entire length. It was noticed in the spring that the bridge behind Pine Creek Outfitters was in need of major repairs. The bridge is 40 foot in length and was bordering on being unsafe for snowmobiles to cross.

A major rebuild of the Pine Creek Outfitters Bridge was made possible by financial assistance from the PA DCNR, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Snowmobile/ATV account through the efforts of PSSA in the form of a mini-grant. Without that PSSA/DCNR mini-grant it would have financially strapped our club. With memberships down due to the marginal snows of the last two winter seasons budgets are tight.

The bridge could not have been a success without the help from our outstanding bridge crew of volunteers. The work on the bridge from destruction to reconstruction covered two days; October 20th and 21st. The bridge crew that made it happen was Mike Van Ess, Dave Frost, Walt Domarew, Tom Byrne, Edgar Shelmire, Dean Hess, John Tshudy, Darrel Hodge, Nicole Shoop, Brian Shoop and Jim Baney.

On a sad note we lost a wonderful man and founding member of our club along with a personal friend on October 19th as Dave Hassler passed away. Dave was 93 years old and did so very much for our club for so many years. This bridge will be dedicated in his memory and will be called the "Dave Hassler Memorial Bridge" with plaques on both ends of the bridge stating the same.

Think Snow,

*Jim Baney (AKA Grousegirl), President
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Above: On left side of bridge Mike Van Ess and Nicole Shoop and on right side of bridge is Brian Shoop. The finished "Dave Hassler Memorial Bridge" is seen on the front cover.

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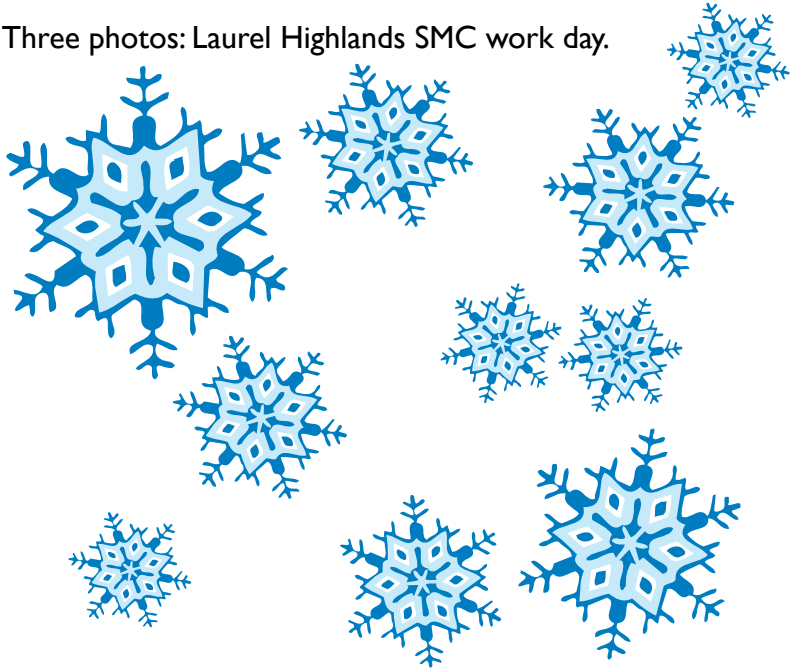




Above: Laurel Highlands SMC 2017 graduating safety class.



Three photos: Laurel Highlands SMC work day.



LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC

Hello from the Laurel Highlands.

Let the riding begin! Remember that the trails do have different start dates depending on whether you are riding on private land, forestry, state game lands or in the National forest. We cannot wait to see everyone out there. The December meeting is on Thursday the 14th. It is the annual public DCNR meeting to see what to expect from this riding season. Come on out to hear what they have to say.

We have helped a new batch of snowmobilers attain their certifications to join us on the trails through the annual safety course. The class was held on Saturday Nov. 11th from 8:30-4:30. There were 16 students that studied the history, mechanics, law, and safety of the sport. 100 percent of the attendees passed the course, and left with full stomachs. Jim Wilkinson led the class with the aid of DCNR Yellow Creek Park Manager, Jim Tweardy, Shelly Buckles, Tim Costello, and Tim McCune. Parts of the class were held outside despite the cold, windy day. That created more realism for what to expect when dressing for the sport. Catch phrases for the day were, "Keep Calm, Don't Panic, One is a Lonely Number, and The Sport is only as Safe as the Rider." During the class, Jim Tweardy handed out gifts to our faithful

kitchen team, Linda Walker and Pattie Serfozo. They fed us burgers and hotdogs, bacon mac & cheese, and a variety of sweets and treats. Thank you everyone for making this such an enjoyable class!

Nine volunteers showed fortitude as they faced the bitter cold on Saturday, November 11th. They installed a gutter on the equipment building at 8:00 AM, then loaded up to start the annual trail workday at 9:00 AM. As a group, they headed into Laurel Hill State Park to brush back the trails, clear fallen trees, clean culverts, and dig up rocks. They worked on several trails such as Ridge, Jones Mills, Pump House, Powerline, and Waterline. The crew is so devoted that they worked straight through lunch. They continued to work past the anticipated 4:00 finish time. This tough group made it back to the clubhouse for a warm meal closer to five. A quick scan of the group showed how hard they worked. The evidence was on their clothes, and the tired looks of satisfaction on their faces. Thank you Brad, Sheila, Allan, JR, Scott, Doug, Jake, Tim, and Todd for working so hard to make riding great for us!

The covered dish Christmas party is on Dec. 16th at 6:00. Brad and Sherri Hoover

have gifts and crafts prepared for the children in attendance. The invitation to the party went out with the parking tags and calendars in the last mailing. The club supplies the paper ware, condiments, drinks, and a main course of chicken to get things started. Members in attendance never let us down with their covered dish contributions. I can almost taste them now.

We had a great time at the PA Powersports show on Halloween weekend. The auction was a highlight for us as usual, and we were happy to see the returning sponsors and vendors. It was nice to see everyone again.

Check the website, www.LHSC.net, or our Facebook page Laurel Highlands Snowmobile Club for more pictures of events and updates.

Before we go, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
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Jim Wilkinson and Shelly Buckles

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MARIENVILLE TRAIL RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB



Left to right: Dan Stevenson, Ray Lamison, Ray Bish, Larry Martin, 7 snowmobile safety class students and lead instructor, Nelda Martin at the safety class on Saturday November 4, 2017. The class was held at the Marienville Community building (MACA). The two local snowmobile clubs, The Forest County Snowmobile Club and The Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club joined forces again to hold this class. A special thanks to Roxanne Thornton for getting the building ready for the class. The students were provided with some breakfast snacks and drinks and pizza and pop for lunch. Great job Nelda! From Jerry Thornton



Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club members take time out at the Magazine Shack, located on Magazine Road, part of Trail 12 of the Marienville Bypass. The club members cut up over fifty trees off of trails 1, 12, 11, 28, and 14, on Sunday, November 12. The club left Marienville at 9:30 am and got back at 5pm. Pictured is Jerry Thornton, Roxanne Thornton, Dave Timothy, Joe LeClaire, Jane Timothy, Dan Stevenson, and Jim Anthony. Picture was taken by Mickey Stevenson.



Left: PSSA and ACSA past president, Bob Kirchner and wife, Kathy, manning the ACSA booth at the 2017 PSSA Powersports Show.



Above: Used Sled Corral volunteer, Alvin Esh, uses his forklift to unload machines.

Below: Sled Corral volunteers model the new vests that identify them as Sled Corral helpers.



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CHICKAREE RIDGE RUNNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Hello from the Ridge Runners! We pray that each of you had a relaxing Thanksgiving, and a successful and safe hunting season. Hopefully, we'll get some SERIOUS snow this season that sticks around for longer than a day or two, so we can do some local riding in good conditions.

We continue to work closely with the Babcock State Forest staff, especially with Mike Nelson, the Recreations Manager, on trail development. Now that the snakes are going into hibernation, (a little known fact—Chickaree Mountain has the largest concentration of Timber Rattlesnakes east of the Mississippi), we will be working on clearing existing trails, and working on a few new, longer loops. The state has been updating their maps with the trails we plotted, and are working on improvements to these trails. A few things are hampering our efforts this year but we will continue to make progress. There is a lot of new pipeline routing taking place in our area, which will continue through at least this winter, and snowmobiles of course are not permitted on these right of ways without written permission, even if they were completed. Also, the state budget does not have money in its coffers to repair Babcock's dozer at this time, nor to allow the proper bridges to be purchased, so many of the major projects are on hold, but we will continue to push on. We are planning meetings next spring to include DCNR, PSSA, PA Greenways, and our local clubs to discuss legal connections between our clubs to interlink our trail systems. If done properly and if snow conditions allow, we will be able to ride from the west end of Johnstown as far east as Claysburg, south to Ogletown, and north to the Black Moshannon Forest. This will take a huge effort from all parties, but when finished, will help the local economy and be a fantastic destination for snowmobilers of all skill levels.

* UPCOMING EVENTS *

GRASS DRAG RACE RE-SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th — due to inclement weather and unsafe track conditions, our November 5th race had to be postponed. Both bracket and heads-up classes will be held for snowmobiles as well as ATVs and Side-by-Sides, with classes for all ages and experience levels. This will be our points championship and final race for the 2017 season. We do have three races planned for the fall of 2018. Please like us on Facebook to keep up with all of our latest club activities and track information. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Marine at (814)-749-9931. Gates will open at 8 AM; registration will be open from 9 AM — 11 AM, with racing starting shortly thereafter.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th — once again, our annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Hoss's in

Ebensburg starting at 6:30 PM. Even if you can't make the 6:30 time, a portion of all dinners purchased with a Ridge Runners voucher throughout the day is donated by Hoss's back to our club. Hoss's has provided us vouchers to hand out to interested individuals. We would love to see you at our dinner! Please pick up a voucher at Martin Marine to help our club.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th — our annual certified safety course is once again the last safety course offered in PA during the snowmobile season, and is usually well attended by participants from the far corners of the state, as well as from outside of the state on occasion. Pennsylvania's Snowmobile Laws require youths ages 10 — 15 to pass this course in order to operate a snowmobile on legal riding areas other than property owned by their parent or guardian. Three certified instructors will be present; Derek Yerty, Jack Machuta, and myself (Clint Elias). The course is free of charge and will be held at the Chickaree Ridge Runners Snowmobile Clubhouse from 8 AM sharp until approximately 4:30 PM. All ages are welcome — no one leaves without learning something new! Lunch will be graciously provided by Martin Marine Sales. Class size is limited to 25 students, so sign up NOW! Contact Clint Elias at (814)-749-9931 or (724)-349-5369 to sign up.

BENEFIT POKER RUN, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th — this poker run is held annually (snow or no snow) to benefit a needy individual or family in our local community, and is open to not only snowmobilers, but the community as well. Food and beverages will be available in our kitchen, and an auction will be held with gifts supplied by local vendors. All monies raised go to the person(s) in need. Snow permitting, an extended trail ride will take place after the auction. Details may be found on our Facebook page.

Snow permitting, we may attempt to have a few snowmobile drags in a 'pinks' type of format — run what sled you want against who you want. No individual classes to keep it simple with no prizes, just a simple, fun time for comradery. Any money collected will go towards track repair. Watch for details on Facebook, as it may be a last-minute decision to hold them.

Again, snow permitting, we will try to have a few Poker Runs that benefit trail development. No auctions here, just straight-up trail riding with cash prizes for the top hands. Watch Facebook for up-to-date information, as this again may be a last minute decision based on snow conditions.

For anyone interested, we are planning on resurfacing our track and return lane next spring. We always strive to have a safe, fast

track, and want to do our best to deter accidents and equipment failures. All help is appreciated!

Of course, a few trips are planned by Dr. Don Leckey, including a trip to Michigan's UP, and a trip to Wellsboro, with possibly a few more. Come to a meeting for more information! Meetings are at the clubhouse at 8 PM on the first and third Thursdays of each winter month.

Renewal membership forms will be going out soon. If you do not receive one by early January, contact Clint Elias at (814)-749-9931.

May each of you have a blessed CHRISTmas, and a prosperous New Year!

Best Regards,

Clint Elias

(Race results on page 17)



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Original 1969 - 1971

1st Place ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1969 ARCTIC CAT PANTHER
First Runner up HARTMAN FAMILY HANOVER, PA 1971 VIKING VIGILANTE
Second Runner up BILL SOWERS HUMMELSTOWN, PA 1970 SKI ROULE S - 300
Third Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1971 ARCTIC CAT PUMA 440
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Original 1972

1st Place BRIAN MOYER BANGOR, PA 1972 ALOUETTE ESCORT 295
First Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1972 ARCTIC CAT CHEETAH 440
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Original 1973 - 1974

1st Place ROBERT & MARIE FISHER EPHRATA, PA 1974 SPEEDWAY BLUE MAX 295
First Runner up BOB MOYER PENARGYL, PA 1973 ALOUETTE 440 SNO BRUTE
Second Runner up RICHARD ROLOSON TROY, PA 1974 ARCTIC CAT 292 LYNX I
Third Runner up ROBERT & MARIE FISHER EPHRATA, PA 1974 JOHN DEERE 500

Restored 1969 - 1974

1st Place WILL EGAN HUMMELSTOWN, PA 1971 SNO-PONY MACH II
Runner up MATT BLAUCH FREDERICKSBURG, PA 1969 MOTO SKI MS-18

Original 1975 - 1979

1st Place ROGER GARMAN CARLISLE, PA 1979 KAWASAKI INVADER
First Runner up ROSEMARY WYNOTT TROY, PA 1977 SNO JET SST
Second Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1979 ARCTIC CAT LYNX 2000/T

Original 1980 - 1984

1st Place ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1981 ARCTIC CAT PANTERA
First Runner up HARTMAN FAMILY HANOVER, PA 1983 JOHN DEERE SPRINT FIRE
Second Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1980 ARCTIC CAT TRAIL CAT 3000

Vintage Race Sled

1st Place STEVE LEAUBER LEWISBURG, PA 1974 SNO JET THUNDER JET
First Runner up BRIAN MOYER BANGOR, PA 1972 ALOUETTE VILLAIN
Second Runner up ROBERT & MARIE FISHER EPHRATA, PA 1975 JOHN DEERE 340 S

Vintage Muscle Sled

1st Place BRIAN MOYER BANGOR, PA 1974 ALOUETTE 340 SUPER BRUTE
First Runner up ERIK ROLOSON WILLIAMSPORT, PA 1980 ARCTIC CAT 5000 EL TIGRE
Second Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1979 ARCTIC CAT EL TIGRE 5000
Third Runner up SPENCER JONES GRATZ, PA 1980 POLARIS TXL - INDY

Vintage Mini Sled 1972 - 1977

1st Place ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1972 ARCTIC CAT KITTY CAT
First Runner up BROOKE LEAUBER LEWISBURG, PA 1977 ARCTIC CAT KITTY CAT
Second Runner up BRIAN MOYER BANGOR, PA 1972 ALOUETTE MINI BRUTE

Vintage Mini Sled 1979 - 1988

1st Place ROBERT & MARIE FISHER EPHRATA, PA 1979 ARCTIC CAT KITTY CAT
First Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1988 ARCTIC CAT KITTY CAT
Second Runner up ACKLEY FAMILY LITITZ, PA 1988 ARCTIC CAT KITTY CAT

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STATE FOREST SNOWMOBILE ROAD/TRAIL MILES IMPACTED BY GAS ACTIVITIES 2017-2018

Snowmobile Closure and Plowing

For the 2017-2018 riding season the total gas related joint use road closures is 136.7 miles, 6.9 miles of trail are closed and gas related road plowing is 106.5 miles for a total impact of 250.1 miles.

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

District 06 - Gallitzin

Closed 2017 = 0

Plowed 2017 = 1.3 miles

The Gallitzin State Forest currently has 16.3 miles of joint-use roads and 22.6 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 38.9 miles open for riding.

District 09 - Moshannon

Closed 2017 = 15.4 miles of joint use roads and 1.8 miles Trail

Plowed 2017 = 0

Moshannon State Forest currently has 162.5 miles of joint-use roads and 52.9 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 215.4 miles open for riding this year.

District 10 - Sproul

Closed 2017 = 60.6 miles of joint use road and 0.7 miles of trail

Plowed 2017 = 62.6 miles of joint use road and 3.0 miles of trail

The Sproul State Forest currently has 291.3 miles of joint-use roads and 182.2 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 473.5 miles open for riding.

District 12 - Tiadaghton

Closed 2017 = 56.9 miles of joint use road and 0.5 miles of trail

Plowed 2017 = 0

The Tiadaghton State Forest currently has 98.9 miles of joint-use roads and 65.5 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 164.4 miles open for riding.

District 13 - Elk

Closed 2017 = 3.7 miles of joint use road and 4.0 miles of trail

Plowed 2017 = 0.4 miles of joint use road
The Elk State Forest currently has 66.6 miles of joint-use roads and 30.4 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 107.0 miles open for riding.

District 15 - Susquehannock

Closed 2017 = 4.0 miles of joint use road

Plowed 2017 = 22.8 miles of joint use road

The Susquehannock State Forest currently has 138.8 miles of joint-use roads and 95.8 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 234.6 miles open for riding.

District 16 - Tioga

Closed 2017 = 0

Plowed 2017 = 0

The Tioga State Forest currently has 158.8 miles of joint-use roads and 37.4 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 196.2 miles open for riding.

District 20 - Loyalsock

Closed 2016 = 0

Plowed 2016 = 16.0 miles of joint use road and 0.4 miles of trail

The Loyalsock State Forest currently has 112.8 miles of joint-use roads and 23.8 miles of snowmobile

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Race Results - October 22, 2017

Vintage Fan Cooled:

Brandon Smith — Pol

Vinny Civitarese — SD

Vintage Liquid Cooled Improved:

Brandon Smith — Pol

Vinny Civitarese — SD

Stock Studded 600 S/P:

Brandon Smith — Pol

Levi Smith — Pol

Stock Studded 700 S/P:

Nick Orengia — AC

Josh Boring — AC

Brandon Bright — AC

Stock Studded 800 S/P:

Nick Orengia — AC

Josh Boring — AC

Jim Goller, Jr. — Pol

Stock Studded 800 M/P:

Josh Boring — AC

Jim Goller, Jr. — Pol

Stock Studded 1000:

Nick Orengia — AC

Joe Orengia — AC

Improved Trail 700:

Steve Bright — AC

Josh Boring — AC

Greg Maser — SD

Improved Trail 800:

Steve Bright — AC

Josh Boring — AC

Jim Goller, Jr. — Pol

Improved 700:

Nick Orengia — AC

Richard Hinkle — AC

Improved 800:

Nick Orengia — AC

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Anything Goes:

Ron Kalina — AC

Richard Hinkle — AC

Pro Quad:

Kevin Boyle — Yam

Jon Custer — Yam

Levi Smith — Pol

Mini's:

Sydney Scott — AC

Sunni Scott — AC

Conner Zorn — AC

Sled Bracket:

Levi Smith — Pol

Matt Adams — SD

Greg Maser — SD

Quad Bracket:

Justin Williamson — Hon

Josie McKinley — Pol

Levi Smith — Pol

Sled Bracket vs. Quad Bracket:

Justin Williamson — Hon

Levi Smith — Pol

Club Points Standing - October 22, 2017

(Money Classes Only)

Steve Bright 81

Nick Orengia 75

Jim Goller, Jr. 74

Josh Boring 62

Brandon Smith 30

Greg Maser 27

Vinny Civitarese 26

Jack Machuta 25

Brandon Bright 22

Tyler Fram 20

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