

SNOWMOBILE CLUB OF ADAMS COUNTY



The Snowmobile Club of Adams County (SCAC) recently held their annual trail clean up day at Michaux State Forest near Caledonia Pa. The group of 9 snowmobilers met on Sunday morning, Nov. 12, and began cleaning up the Ram Hill trail at Big Flats. The group was able to cut unnecessary limbs, falling trees, and clear large rocks from the trail. This connector trail is heavily used to help link the north and south hills in the Big Flat parking area. Hopefully our work will make traveling by snowmobile easier and safer .

The day closed with hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. The club appreciates everyone's help and at this point we will begin to "think snow".

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MOVING Forward



Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Snow is falling in the West. Let's hope this continues throughout the snowmobile season and throughout the snowmobile areas. Safety is our number one priority.

Stay on the trails and obey all laws.

Although PSSA announces the opening of trails you should always check with the forest, park or clubs where you intend to ride. Our website (pasnow.org) contains links to most areas of the state. The map tab contains information on all the clubs throughout the state. Click

on a region and the club information will be there. Snocams also show the conditions of the area.

Ride safe.

PSSA is making plans to host several groomer training classes for members next year. The last training classes were held several years ago. Grooming trails is a science and depends on conditions not just the amount of snow on the trails. Thank the groomers who donate their time to groom late at night and early in the morning.

Don't forget to make a few simple New Year's goals. Remember to volunteer. Join a club and help keep the trails safe.

Many blessings for a safe and happy Holiday.

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 New Year! Here's hoping for a snowmobiling season of bountiful snow! In addition to needing snow for a fun snowmobiling

season, we will need snow for our "Snowmobiling in Pennsylvania — Year Two" video project.

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 this year will be on the snowmobile trails in the counties of Clearfield, Elk, Erie, Potter, Wayne, Carbon, and Huntingdon, showcasing what Pennsylvania has to offer to snowmobilers. Our program will be aired two times in the fall of 2018.

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

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- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
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- Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau
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- Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau

We are excited about this project! It will again be a great opportunity to bring into the national spotlight all parties involved in these areas. Our video crew will be available in February, so I will coordinate their itinerary with the visitors' bureaus and snowmobile clubs in these areas. Club volunteers did a wonderful job guiding the crew on the trails in our year one project. Be sure to hope for snow and watch for the 30-minute program next fall.

We are happy to report that grant awards from the April 2017 round of DCNR grant applications have been announced. PSSA was awarded an \$8,000 grant from the restricted Snowmobile Fund to provide groomer training and assist with snowmobile safety classes. Hopefully, the paperwork can be processed in time for training to occur before the 2019 season. Happy snowmobiling!

Lori Elliott, Grants Administrator

<u>A QUOTE TO NOTE</u>

The measure of leadership is not the quality of the head, but the tone of the body. The signs of outstanding leadership appear primarily among the followers.

-Max De Pree, Businessman and Writer

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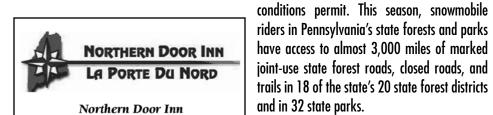
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riders another source of vital information."

the arrival of winter weather across the state, snowmobile hotlines, information on natural Department of Conservation and Natural snow depth, trail conditions and other key Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn is reminding snowmobiling enthusiasts that updated trail conditions for snowmobile and ATV riding enthusiasts are available by calling the department.

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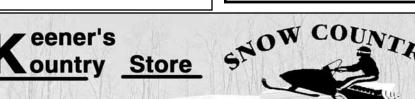
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Harrisburg, PA December 12, 2017 With when you get there," Dunn said. "Thanks to our updated midday every Tuesday and Thursday. DCNR also provides weather and condition reports online for state parks and forests.

> Snowmobile enthusiasts are reminded bureau snowmobile maps are updated to reflect changes linked to gas-drilling operations and possible storm damage.

Additionally, the Bureau of Forestry's ATV/ Snowmobile Safety instructors will soon begin offering training to both adult and young riders. Effective January 1, 2018, the certified snowmobile and ATV instruction will be expanded beyond the former age limitation of under 16.

Snowmobile enthusiasts will find maps, Winter ATV trails stretching more than 170 conditions, and other detailed information at www.dcnr.state.pa.us (select 'Recreation', then 'Things to Do').

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- * January 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler February issue
- * January 20-28–International Snowmobile Safety Week
- * February 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler March issue

* May 5–PSSA Annual Meeting, State College, PA





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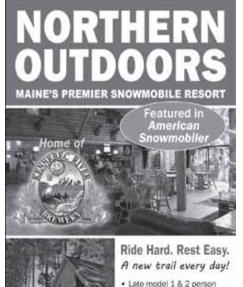
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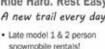
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PUBLIC OR PRIVATE? WHERE YOU CAN & CAN'T RIDE

SnowTech Magazine, September, 2017 Kevin Beilke, Editor

In the Spring issue of SnowTech Magazine we discussed the growing problem of snowmobilers trespassing on private land. Many, more like the majority, miles of groomed snowmobile trail cross private land. Even in areas with generous amounts of public land, the trails often must cross private lands to interconnect.

With the growing popularity of off trail riding, we find an increasing number of snowmobilers who are not familiar enough with the land or area they are riding in and do not study maps long enough to know where it is legal to ride, and where they need to stay on the trail. When we talk about "off trail riding" we are talking about riding in areas with no groomed trails, we are not referring to tearing across an open field right next to a groomed trail, but that is exactly the behavior that is causing all of the problems.

One almost needs to be a major in psychology to better understand the behavioral issues at hand. Do the riders not understand that the land adjacent to the trail is private, thus their off trail excursions are illegal trespassing?

Or, do the riders know the land is private but to cause the trail that has been here for 10do not think it will matter if they put down a few tracks? Or, do the riders know the land is private and simply do not care about land owner rights, and figure they won't get caught?

associations know first hand how much of a problem this is becoming. They go out to talk with the land owner to secure an easement or permission for the trail to again cross the private land, but are told to move the trail, snowmobilers are no longer welcome. Why? Sometimes it is due to the loud machines, sometimes it is due to a land use conflict. but most often it is due to the inability of the snowmobilers to stay on the trail. Plain and simple. Snowmobilers running over small trees, trampling whatever might be under the snow, spinning their tracks and causing erosion, any and all of it. Even if they cause no damage, it is a matter of permission and respect – respecting private property, not going somewhere if you do not have permission, and understanding what the word "no" means. Pretty simple, yet often misunderstood.

Trail clubs do their best to convince the land owner to "give them one more chance" and put up more signage to keep the riders on the trail. Maybe with extra signs indicating this is a sensitive area that requires riders to stay on the trail maybe they will be better next year? While this seems to be a logical strategy, it often times has the opposite effect. It is like riders see these signs and completely ignore them, going right past them to tear up the fresh snow out in the open field.

So with each year, as we all venture out onto the groomed trail network, we find the trail has been moved, relocated, or worse yet, closed. You often wonder why. What happened

20 years to get moved? Instead of taking the scenic route along a fence line and through the woods, you now are forced to ride alongside the roadway in the ditch. Oh boy, that sure is fun. Slowly, year after year, more and more sections Anyone involved with trail clubs and of "good" trail are replaced with ditch trail, using the last remaining path we have access to – road right of ways.

> One theory is that younger riders, who seem to be the bulk of the problem, do not remember what snowmobiling was like before we had groomed trails. They do not remember hitting rocks, hitting culverts, riding only ditches and lakes and rivers, not having a safe, marked, smooth path designated for snowmobiles. They do not know how much time and effort and money went into creating a trail system in the first place. Because if they did, they might try a bit harder to keep what we have. The entitlement attitude they carry in their daily lives will slowly destroy the privilege that many of us have worked so hard for, for so long - having a safe place to ride our snowmobiles close to home in areas with little public lands.

> To that end, each and every rider must ask themselves before they go off the trail – is this land public or private? If you don't know, don't go. Carry a map and learn how to read it. Know where you are. Pay attention to the signs along the trail. Use GPS information that indicates land ownership. Know where the restricted areas are. Know the customs and laws of each area you go to ride. Ignorance is no excuse!

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HYNER MOUNTAIN SMC

Hello from Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club. Just want to let everyone know what has North Central Pennsylvania Snowmobile Trails been happening up on the mountain.

Well the new riding season has begun! Now we WAIT!!....for cold weather and snow; and, that is what is happening up on the mountain.

Late in November we held our Annual Youth Snowmobile Safety Class. Unfortunately the attendance was down from previous years. We still had a great class and a great day; both up at the lodge and up in the mountains of North Central Pennsylvania. The class was taught by Henry Hartman (honorary Hyner Mt. Club member), Harrison Langley, and Rich Ebersole (both of whom are Hyner Mt. Club members). I have always said: "snowmobile season can't begin for us at the lodge until Henry shows the video "Unsafe Ace". Thanks Henry!

Our lodge this year completed the newest Map. We would like to say "thank you" to all the businesses that helped to sponsor this project. Also, lodge members would like to say "thank you" to Cindy Barrick (one of our members) for all the hard work, and all the time that she put into this map project. Thanks Cindy!

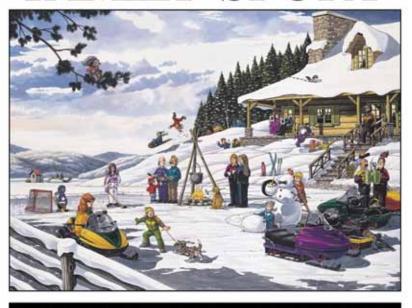
Once the snow DOES start falling, don't forget to go to our website: www. hynermountainsnowmobileclub.com and click on our snocam to see how much snow is on the ground.

Well that's about all for now. Ride safe! Talk to va next month. THINK SNOW!!

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FOREST COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

this article, we have had a lot of snow in the Allegheny National Forest. If not, get out there and do the Snow Dance. After a couple of really lean riding years, it would be nice to do the "Loop" or just take a leisurely ride over to Cougar Bob's for some hot soup and a burger.

We all know that in order to have a smooth riding surface, a lot of ground work is necessary. This year's main project was smoothing out and filling water holes on Trail 1 where it runs parallel to Hearts Content Road. 180 ton of stone was laid to fill holes. Unfortunately, it was too late in the season to install the drainage pipe necessary to complete the project, but the riding surface has been vastly improved and that work will be done in the Spring. This work was done by volunteers from the Forest County Snowmobile Club with cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service Bradford District. Funding was provided by Grants from DCNR through the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association.

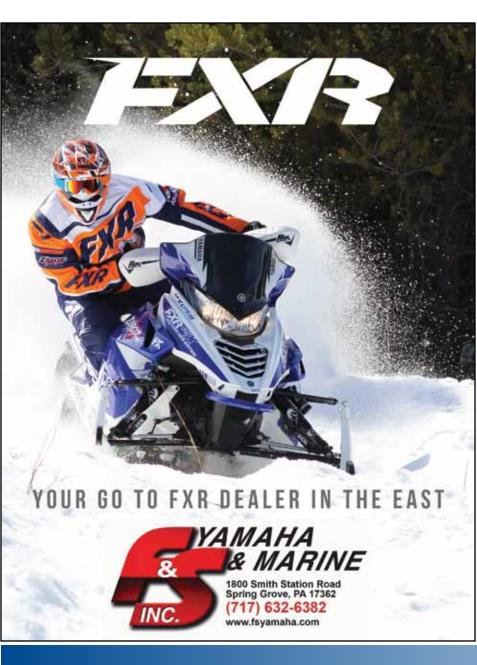
Another area of work was smoothing out with gravel another section of Trail 1 behind Cougar Bob's in Kellettville. Trail brushing was done on Trail 1 in various places where the underbrush was overgrowing the trail from Kellettville, around Marienville to Russell City as well as some side trails. This should make

Hopefully, by the time you are reading riding safer by being able to see oncoming riders and trail groomers easier. The trail brushing/mowing was done by Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club and Forest County Snowmobile Club. This was funded by a grant that MTRSC received from DCNR and PSSA with cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service Marienville District.

> We want to thank the Forest Service personnel for their help and input in these projects. They are always very helpful. As you see by the articles in this paper, all of the Clubs do a tremendous amount of work, all volunteer, to help make your riding enjoyable. Most of this work would not be done without them and the funding from Grants obtained through the PSSA. Please join a club in the area you ride and join PSSA (pssa.org). The PSSA website has lots of info and links to the clubs across Pennsylvania as well as our site www. forestcountysnowmobileclub.com.

Happy and safe riding.

Larry Martin, Forest County Snowmobile Club, **PSSA Region IV Director.**









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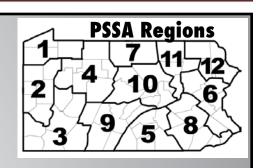
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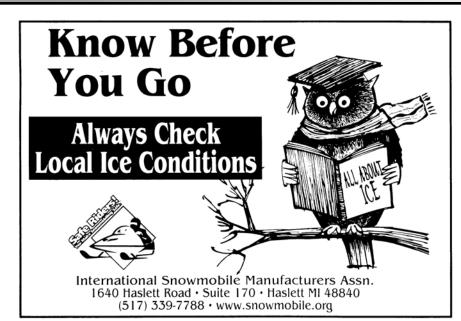
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Jessie Barley, from the Glendale Lake Snowmobile Club, crossing the Dam at Prince Gallitzin State Park for that one last ride of the season last year. You know it's late in the sledding season because the lake is already melted.







A SLED FOR EVERY RIDER AND EVERY TRAIL



GLENDALE LAKE SMC

Greetings from the begutiful Glendale Lake Area and the Glendale Lake SMC. December was a very busy month for the Club. The month kicked off with the installation of our Railroad Crossing on the Trail to Black Moshanon State Park. We've waited over a year for the crossing to be installed and were able to help fund it with a PSSA Mini Grant. Without the grant this crossing would have depleted the club coffers so we're very appreciative of the grant and put it to good use (see the picture of the crossing below). Trail work was also done between the two State Parks including cleanup of the historic Stage Coach Trail. Next up was the Club Christmas Get Together and Annual Meeting. We had a great turn out for this event, close to 40 members turned out for Pizza and Wings provided by the Club, and to elect the Club Officers and Board Members. We have new people stepping up to some key positions in the club, which is very exciting to see. Much time was spent discussing the expansion of our trail system and plans for future riding areas. We were also very fortunate to have donated by a local contractor, a 40-foot by 8-foot wide bridge for use on our trail expansion.

Club Swag was promoted as Christmas Gifts and order forms were passed around. The new Club FaceBook Group was briefly discussed and Club Members are encouraged to join the club GROUP for the latest information on Club events, riding opportunities, and last minute trail conditions and ride announcements. Our FaceBook 'Group' is new and different from our regular Facebook page and you must join the group for all this information.

The week following our meeting we had a Trail Clean Up and Bridge Removal Work Party at Prince Gallitzin State Park. We had rerouted and replaced a bridge earlier in the season and the old bridge needed to come out. Trails on the

north side of the lake also needed prepared for the winter season (see picture with Park Staff). The week after that brought another Work Party at the Railroad Crossing to complete the approaches to the Crossing. As always, we urge you to use caution at any RR Crossing and to be very respectful to landowners in this area.

Just a reminder that our trail to Black Moshanon State Park is on a lot of State Game Lands so that trail doesn't open until January 21st, please show respect in that regard. Trails at Prince Gallitzin State Park open on December 10th, weather permitting. The Park has only about 20 miles of trails but it's very picturesque and it's a great place for a family or afternoon ride. The trails cross the breast of the dam and wind thru beautiful wooded areas that bring you to several scenic lake view spots. It's not high mileage or fast riding, but it's very satisfying and reminiscent of simpler times. And for the family there is a heated, open year round, restroom at the Beaver Valley Marina and Snowmobile Parking Area. The Parking Area does have room for larger trailers, space permitting.

Our Club is located in south central PA, about 1.5 hours east of the Laurel Highlands and about 45 minutes west of Black Moshanon State Park. We're not far from Ebensburg and Altoona. If you're from this area or ride in this area, we urge you to join our club. We meet the first Monday of the month, year round at 7:30 PM at the Patton Sportsman's Club. Except in January 2018 since the first Monday hits on New Year's, we're pushing our meeting back a day to Tuesday January 2nd, still at 7:30. Come join us. If you're not, we still urge you to join a club in your area, or where you ride. And join the PSSA so that by all working together we can improve snowmobiling for all of us.

Hopefully by the time you're reading this we'll all have put some miles and smiles on our sleds. *Randy Green*



SNOWMOBILING OPPORTUNITIES ON DCNR, STATE FOREST LANDS 2017-18 WINTER RIDING SEASON

Forest and State Park lands total 3108 miles of open roads and trails statewide for this winter. This is a 196 mile increase from the total mileage available for the 2016-2017 riding season. Joint-use roads make up 1864 miles while trails and gated roads make up 1,244 miles of those total miles. There are 136.7 miles of joint-use road and 6.9 miles of trail that will be closed this season related to oil and gas extraction activities. These roads have been temporarily removed from the system to eliminate the safety issue and incompatibility of having gas development traffic on a road with snowmobilers. Additional snowmobile trails have been created and added to the trail system to make up for the impacted roads and trails. Timber sales, road/bridge maintenance re-routes and miscellaneous other activities account for an additional 14.5 miles of road closure and 5 miles of trail closure. This year an additional 288.6 miles of roads and trails will be plowed for vehicle access. Gas activities account for 106.5 miles and other activities account for 182.1 miles of this total.

Details regarding snowmobiling opportunities are discussed below for each forest district. For up to date snowmobile information, maps and trail conditions please visit: http://www.dcnr.state. pa.us/forestry/recreation/snowmobile/index. htm

D-01, Michaux State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed on the Michaux State Forest.

There are 5 roads anticipated to be plowed this season for Timber sales and other access (Dead Woman's Hollow, Milesburn, Rattlesnake Run, Ridge(Still house Hollow to SF boundary), and Stillhouse Hollow) for a total of 14.0 miles.

The Michaux State Forest currently has 79.5 miles of joint-use roads and 54.7 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 134.2 miles open for riding.

D-02, Buchanan State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed on the Buchannan State Forest.

There is 1 road anticipated to be plowed for timber sale access this season Summit(Mountain House Rd to Ross Rd) for a total of 2.0 miles.

The Buchanan State Forest currently has 55.9 miles of joint-use roads and 37.1 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 93.0 miles open for riding.

D-03, Tuscarora State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed or plowed on the Tuscarora State Forest.

Opportunities to ride snowmobiles on DCNR State The Tuscarora State Forest currently has 88.3 D-08, Clear Creek State Forest miles of joint-use roads and 46.7 miles of This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be snowmobile trails for a total of 134.9 miles open closed or plowed on the Clear Creek State Forest. for ridina.

D-04, Forbes State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed or plowed on the Forbes State Forest. No Roads are anticipated to be plowed this year.

The Forbes State Forest currently has 37.5 miles of joint-use roads and 40.0 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 77.5 miles open for riding.

D-05, Rothrock State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed on the Rothrock State Forest.

There are 11 roads and trails anticipated to be plowed for timber sales and other access (Bear Meadows (Beidelheimer to Stone Creek & SF boundary to Laurel Run), Beidelheimer (Bear Meadows to Gettis Ridge), Coopers Gap (Stone Creek to Huntingdon County line), Greenwood Runaround Trail, Laurel Run (Little Flat to Bear Meadows), Leading Ridge, Little Flat, Little Shingletown(Pine Swamp heading northeast for 0.7 miles), Pine Swamp (SF boundary to Little Shingletown), Stone Creek (Coopers Gap to Bear Meadows), and Teaberry) for a total of 22.8 miles.

The Rothrock State Forest currently has 167.1 miles of joint-use roads and 26.5 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 193.6 miles open for riding.

D-06, Gallitzin State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed on the Gallitzin State Forest.

There are 2 roads anticipated to be plowed for gas activity (Gas Company Road, Wellhead Access) for a total of 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.

D-07, Bald Eagle State Forest

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed on the Bald Eagle State Forest.

There are no roads anticipated to be plowed for timbersale or other access purposes this season.

The Bald Eagle State Forest currently has 245.8 miles of joint-use roads and 89.7 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 335.5 miles open for riding.

The Clear Creek State Forest currently has 12.4 miles of joint-use roads open for riding.

D-09, Moshannon State Forest

This year there will be 6 joint-use roads and 1 trail that is closed due to gas operations for approximately 17.2 miles. The following joint-use roads are closed this season due to gas activities: Ames Road (2.5 miles), Four Mile Road (4.0 miles), McGeorge Road (Powerline to Tyler, 5.1 miles), Tyler Road (McGeorge to compressor, 2.3 miles), Gordon Road (north of Anderson Creek 0.4 miles), and Weiss Grade Road (1.0 miles). 1.7 miles of trail are closed for this season for a and replaced with a reroute (Big Ridge Trail).

The district continues to work with Hilltop Howlers Snowmobile Club to find and lay out new trails as alternatives to joint-use roads impacted by gas operations. The riding experience should be greatly increased with the construction of new trail sections compared to a typical joint use road experience.

There is an estimated 13 roads that may be plowed for timber sales or other activities (Beaver Meadow (intersection Smays Run Trail headed west for 0.9 miles) Trail, Benner Run (SR540 to Rattlesnake Trail), Crystal Springs (Four Mile to SF boundary), Grant Trail (Quehanna Highway to PGC boundary), Hannah Furnace (SR 504 westward for 1.5 miles), Huckleberry, Medix Grade, Mines (Wilson Switch to Jack Dents), Moose Grade (Mud Run to Snow Trail), Snow Trail, Strawband Beaver, Sullivan (Jack Dents to Grant Road Connector Trail), and Tram (SR 504 headed northwest for 2.4 miles) for 22.7 total miles.

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

D-10, Sproul State Forest

This year there are 22 joint-use roads that are closed for gas activities this season totaling 61.3 miles. The following roads are closed this season due to gas activities; Beech Creek (Eagleton to SR144, 5.6 miles), Benson (SR144 to Dry Run, 0.6), Carrier (Private Drive to Robbins, 3.1) Coon Run Road (4.3 miles), Dry Run (North block, 3.6

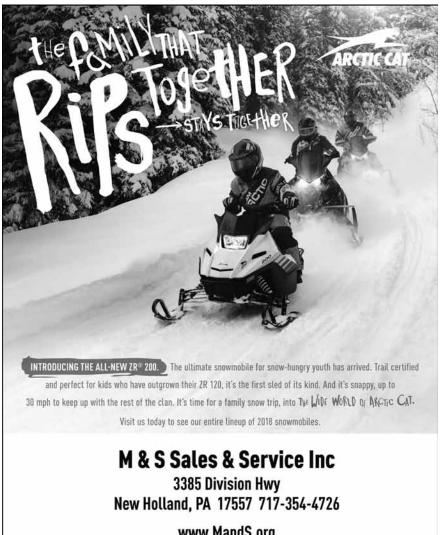
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Laural Highlands Snowmobiler of the Year, Allan Knupp, center, with his wife, Sheila and Club President, Brad Hoover.



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LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC

Hello from the Laurel Highlands,

I just came in from hunting deer to write this article. Guess what???? It snowed. That is what snowmobiling is all about. The White Stuff -- SNOW. I did not get a deer, however, I got inspired to ride sleds. Now that regular season buck hunting has come to an end, snowmobile season has officially started. The weather seems to be doing its usual up and down with the temperatures, but with any luck we will all be out there riding before you have received this issue of the Keystone Snowmobiler.

Our December events have yet to happen when I wrote this article. This is what is scheduled to have happened. DCNR will be present at our December 14 meeting. The public meeting is held annually in the clubhouse to provide us information about the wide wonderful world of snowmobiling. There are usually 5-6 personnel from Laurel Hill State Park Complex, and Forbes State Forest combined at the meeting. As with all our meetings, we will have pizza delivered, open up the pop machine, and have brownies to eat. More about this important DCNR meeting will appear in the next issue of the Keystone Snowmobiler. The club's Christmas party will be held on December 16th. Brad and Sherri Hoover are the hosts of the event, and have planned the night's activities. It is a covered dish dinner. Everyone always has a nice time.

At our annual snowmobile banquet held at Bell's Banquet Hall, our club awarded the Snowmobiler of the Year to a well-deserving, Allan Knupp. Allan is extremely active in the club with the drag races, work-days, and coming to meetings. He spends more time than most preparing the drag race strip, and still has the energy to attend and work the regular workdays. He often stops by the club to mow. and take care of chores while checking on the track conditions. If it were not for Mr. & Mrs. Allan Knupp, there would not have been drag races at our club this year. Therefore, on behalf of the Laurel Highlands Snowmobile Club --THANK YOU!

8:00 PM in the clubhouse. With any luck, we can get a quick ride in before the meeting. If you can, stop in to see what has been happening around the club. It's a great way to start the New Year! We will also discuss the plans for the Poker Run/Radar Run scheduled for January 20th. The event starts at 11:00 AM in the clubhouse. Our poker runs are flexible as far as the time it takes to run the route, and which parts of the route you complete as the playing cards are dealt in the clubhouse. We will provide you with a map to numbered boxes with index cards inside. Collect as many of the different numbers as you can, and return to the clubhouse to be dealt your hand. Extra cards are available for an additional donation. Our card boxes are strategically placed along a route leading to Maple Summit's famous trailside cookout. This is a great place to stop, visit, make a donation, and eat lunch. We will be eager to see who wins the prize when the final results are completed at the end of the run. This is usually around 3:00. The radar run takes place on our drag strip. For a donation, you'll be timed for speed running up the track. It's a fun way to see how fast your sled is moving.

The January meeting is Thursday, Jan. 11th at

In closing, I would like to thank all who are involved in volunteer organizations. It might be the fire department, churches, school boards, or snowmobile clubs. We are blessed in our area to be surrounded by hard working volunteers in our club as well as the Maple Summit and Rolling Ridge Snowmobile Clubs. The next time you ride a snowmobile in the Laurel Highlands area thank a working member of one of these clubs. These volunteers keep things going for all of us through their selfless devotion to making our mountain great! It is with pride and respect that I can say thank you to these people I refer to.

Until next time, enjoy life to its fullest and get involved in your local club.

Jim Wilkinson & Shelly Buckles

Below: Allan running the roller.



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 replaced by Dry Run Trail), Dry Run (7.5 miles). Eagleton Road (PPL powerline to Beech Creek 8.0 miles), Grugan Hollow (Pete's Run to Kettle, 2.4 miles), Kato/Orviston Road (3.8 miles), Panther Road (1.6 miles), Pat's Ridge Road (1.3 mile), Penrose Road (SR144 to Coon Run, 1.8 miles), Pete's Run Road (Sr144 to Grugan Hollow, 3.3 miles), Ritchie Road (Hyner Mountain to Old View, 2.2 miles), Shoemaker Ridge Road (4.8 miles) State Line road (2.3 miles) and Young Woman's Creek Road (Fork Hill to Benson, .6 miles). Additionally, 2 roads are closed due to Mining activities (Cole Run, 6.2 and Cooks Run(SR120 to Onion Run, 5.4)) for a total mining impact of 11.6 miles This works out to approximately 72.9 miles removed from the system for this year.

There are 16 joint use roads and trails that may also be plowed for oil and gas activities for a total of 65.5 miles. These roads include Allen Dam(2.7 miles), Clubhouse (2.8 miles), Dehaas (9.2 miles), Eagleton Road (2.2 miles), Fisher Fire (4.9 miles), Grugan Hollow (Kettle to SR 120, 8.3 miles), Hensel Fork (3.2 miles), Jews Run (4.1 miles), Kettle Creek Vista (0.5 miles), NY Central RR Access (0.1 miles), Panther (3.8 miles), Ritchie (, 0.8 miles), State Line (, 0.5 miles), Sugar Camp (4.4 miles), Trout Run (6.1 miles), and Yost Ridge Road (5.1 miles).

There are an estimated 10 roads that may be plowed for timber sales or other activities (Beech Creek, Big Basin, Carrier (Private Drive to Oak Ridge), Crowley, Eddy Ridge, Hicks, Lebo, Quarter Mile (SR44 to Woods Rd 415), Ritchie (Private Drive to Old View), and Shintown Run) for 36.4 total miles.

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.

D-11, Pinchot State Forest

*(Formerly the Lackawanna State Forest) This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be closed or plowed on the Pinchot State Forest.

The Pinchot State Forest currently has 14.7 miles of joint-use roads and 23.7 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 38.5 miles open for riding.

D-12, Tiadaghton State Forest

The following roads and trails are temporarily closed for gas activities this season; Barrens (2.4 miles), Big Springs (5.9 miles), Boone (2.0 miles), Bull Run Dead End 1 (2.0 miles), Bull Run Dead End 2 (0.9 miles), Bull Run Dead End 3(0.6 miles), Bull Run (4.9 miles), Francis Camp (SR44 to Highwood Trail, 0.4 miles), Gas Well Road (0.1 miles), Hacketts (2.0 miles), Huntley (2.2 miles), Lebo (SR44 to Dry Run Trail, 3.2 miles), Limbaugh Road (8.2 miles), Lower Pine Bottom (3.4 miles), McKees Run (2.6 miles), Okome (3.0 miles), Parker Road (1.0 miles), Ramsey (3.5 miles), Schoolhouse Hollow (5.3 miles), Silver

Springs (3.7 miles), and Tiadaghton Trail (0.02 miles), Thompson Hollow, and Windfall) for a D-19, Delaware State Forest miles) for a total closure of 57.4 miles.

plowed for timber sales or other activities.

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.

D-13, Elk State Forest

This year there are 2 Joint Use roads (Naval Hollow Road(Naval Briggs Connector Trail to Pad H Valve Access Rd. and Wildwood Tower Road(Straight Creek to Naval Hollow)) that will be closed due to gas activity in this district totaling 3.7 miles. Four gated roads (Boundary Line(Doe Run to Butcher), Deer Pen (Hooters Rd. to Naval Hollow), Doe Run (Boundary Line Rd. to McElk) and North Fork) will also be closed for an additional 4.0 miles.

This year Elk State Forest will have 3 roads that may be plowed due to oil or gas operations totaling 0.4 miles. These are Naval Hollow Road from Pad H Valve Access Road to Wildwood Tower (0.1 miles), Straight Creek Rd from Wildwood Tower Rd to Shawmut Grade (0.2 miles), and Wildwood Tower Road Shawmut Grade to Naval Hollow (0.1 miles).

There is an estimated 8 roads and trails that may be plowed for timber sales or other activities (Brooks Run, Crooked Run, Hunts Run, Pepper Hill Trail, Ridge(Ives Farm to Stillhouse & Hunts Run to Cowley Hill), Stillhouse, and Whitehead) for a total of 31.3 miles.

The Elk State Forest currently has 66.6 miles of ioint-use roads and 40.4 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 107.0 miles open for riding.

D-15, Susquehannock State Forest

There is 1 joint-use road, which is Twelve Mile Road (SR44 to Big Springs, 4.0 miles) is closed this season due to oil and gas. Rock Run Road (Losey Trail to ATV Trail, 2.9 miles) is another joint use road that is closed due to timber activities. This amounts to a total of 6.9 miles closed.

The district continues to be committed to moving trails from joint-use roads and onto pipeline rightof-ways that are adjacent to a road.

There are 5 joint-use roads that may be plowed this season for oil and gas activities for a total of 22.8 miles. Card Creek (3.0 miles), Elk Lick Run (1.3 miles), Horton Run (3.0 miles), McConnell (13.8 miles) and Pine Island (1.7 miles) roads may be plowed for gas related activities.

There are an estimated 14 roads that may be plowed for timber sales or other activities (Big Springs, Dyer, Elevenmile, Gas Well, Hungry Hollow, Junction, Nelson Run, Portage, Robinson(SR44 to Dyer), Rock Ridge, Rock Run, Sunken Branch(West Branch Rd northwest for 3.4

total of 52.2 miles.

138.8 miles of joint-use roads and 95.8 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 234.6 miles open for riding.

D-16, Tioga State Forest

This year there is 1 trail (Fall Brook, 0.1 miles) closed due to other activities.

There are no roads that need to be plowed to access natural gas operations.

The district continues to work with the gas companies to move trails off the road where possible and onto the pipeline right-of-way or trail. Reductions seen in the total trail miles are reflected due to a previous data error.

of joint-use roads and 37.4 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 196.2 miles open for riding.

D-18, Weiser State Forest

closed or plowed on the Weiser State Forest.

The Weiser State Forest currently has 23.0 miles of joint-use roads and 20.6 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 43.6 miles open for riding.



This year 3 roads and trails (Log Trail, Mill Brook 1. and Mill Brook 2) are anticipated to be closed There are no roads or trails scheduled to be The Susquehannock State Forest currently has on the Delaware State Forest due to a timber sale for a total of 3.9 miles.

> The Delaware State Forest currently has 29.5 miles of joint-use roads and 111.3 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 140.8 miles open for riding.

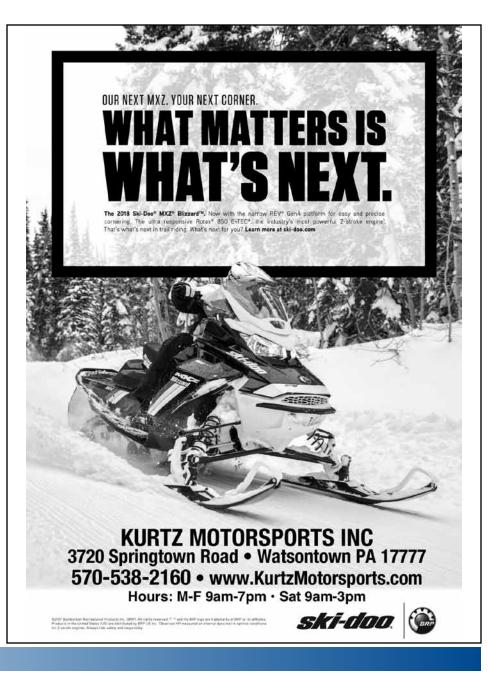
D-20, Loyalsock State Forest

Currently, there are 7 joint-use roads that will be plowed to allow access for oil and gas activities totaling 16.4 miles. These roads include Bodine Mountain, Brown, Dry Run (SR87 to Well pad), Firetower (SF boundary to Little Bear Creek), Gray's Run, Hagerman Run (Dry Run Twp. Rd. to SF Boundary), and Little Bear Creek (Firetower to Sand Spring).

The Tioga State Forest currently has 158.8 miles An additional 0.8 miles of Little Bear Creek Road may be plowed for other activities. This results in an overall total of 17.2 miles of roads and trails that may be plowed.

This year no roads or trails are anticipated to be The Loyalsock State Forest currently has 112.8 miles of joint-use roads and 23.8 miles of snowmobile trails for a total of 136.6 miles open for riding.

Jason M. Hall | Chief, Recreation Section DCNR



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