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Members of the Red Rose Snowmobile Club present PSSA President Liz Krug with a check to be split among the Snow Angel fund, the PSSA general fund and to clubs for maintaining and grooming trails. Left to right: Betty Ruhl, Marlin Ruhl, Ray Gruber, Liz Krug, Claude "Butch" Ebersole, Richard Ebersole, & Sandy Ebersole.

SAYING GOODBYE TO THE RED ROSE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Red Rose Snowmobile Club was formed in 1972 by snowmobile enthusiasts from the Manheim, Lancaster County, area. Today I am sad to report that the club held it's last meeting on October 16th at which time we decided how to disburse the remaining assets of the club and also to meet once a year in October, not as a club but as friends. Even though we will not have club business to discuss, our conversation will return to the many good times we had together as friends.

During the past 46 years our club held many activities including a snowmobile show before the PSSA held their first show. Many kids got their safety certificates at our club's safety class where one of our members taught for over 25 years. I will miss the club trips, the Christmas party, the summer picnic and many other club events. It is my hope that a group of young people see the need for a snowmobile club in the Manheim area and start a new one with a different name or keep the same name. If that happens I will be there to support it, but until or if that happens the snowmobile community lost a voice today.

Rich Ebersole

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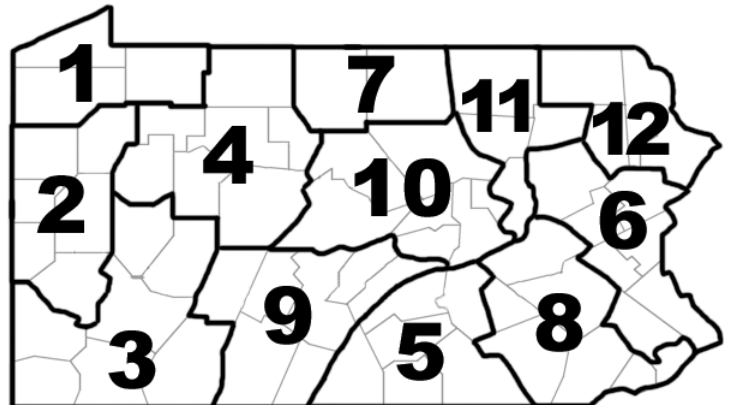
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MOVING FORWARD



**Merry Christmas!
Take Time to Enjoy Family
and Friends.
Be Safe Hunting.
Ride Safe.**

Thanks to the members of the Red Rose Snowmobile Club, Christmas came early for the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA). Thank you for your donation and contributions to PSSA and the sport of snowmobiling since the 1960's. You will be missed.

Power Sport Show – Thank you again for the excellent show. Without our many volunteers this show would not be possible.

Help - Potter County Snowmobile Clubs need your help. Many of their members do not live in the area so much of the trail maintenance is done by the few. Contact the club President if you can help. Information is on our web-site (www.pasnow.org) under the Tab – Clubs/Organizations or check for club information on the back pages of the **Keystone Snowmobiler**.

INFORMATION ON RECENT BILLS
(Call/e - mail your representatives.
Express your support/concerns.)

Federal Highway Bill – SB3604 –
(Recreation Trails Program)

S. 3604 – the *RTP Full Funding Act of 2018* – requires a study to estimate the total amount of taxes collected on nonhighway recreational fuel, improve reporting on expenditures from the RTP, and streamline RTP funding distribution to the states by reducing unnecessary paperwork. The Senate Bill is asking for a review of the amount of gas used in powersport vehicles. This directly affects the amount of money available for use by our snowmobilers. **Contact your Federal Representatives and express your support of the Bill.** (We provided this kind of information on our Registration Renewal several years ago. It needs to be updated.)

Recreational Use of Land and Water Act (RULWA) – (Act 98) was amended recently. It does protect landowners but does not pay for attorney fees. See Representative Dan Moul's reply on page 4 to my questions regarding this Act. The trial lawyers are very powerful. This is a Pennsylvania law.

House Bill 1511- (Act 109 of 2018) sponsored by Rep. Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks), would apply state sales tax to the full price paid by the consumer at point of sale for booking the hotel room, inclusive of any additional fees or markups that an online travel company charges a customer for booking the hotel room. This Bill will provide more money for recreational purposes.

OTHER INFORMATION

Clubs- PSSA is in need of your updated information - Please send your club President's name, address, phone number, email and Facebook information to Kathy Woolever.

Lake Erie Speedway – is planning to have a multiple motorized winter fest in January. This type of activity has proved very popular for a variety of recreation groups. This could be another source of members and a fund-raising opportunity for PSSA. It is in the research stages. If you have any experience with these races please contact a board member.

Calendars – The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) calendars have arrived in time for Christmas. They are available for \$20 each. You have many chances to win. PSSA benefits from the sale of these calendars. **Send your check with your return information to the Palmyra Office and the calendars will be sent to you.** (Calendars are available throughout the year.)

End of the Year – This is a good time to make an extra donation to PSSA. PSSA is in need of several snow cameras. These cameras alert snowmobilers to snow conditions in the area. They can also be used for safety and security purposes. Good quality cameras range in price from \$400 - \$750. Any size donation would be helpful. Thank you.

MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Think Snow!

Liz Krug, President

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NEWS FROM PSSA'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR



Dear PSSA Members,
I hope your Thanksgiving
was filled with family,
friends and good food!

I have received the first closing documents from the Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club for the holding of a Round II DCNR 23 Safety Class. I look forward to receiving more from other clubs in the months to come.

Wishing all Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!

Best,

Julie McKenzie, PSSA Grants Administrator



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HB 544 "RECREATIONAL USE OF LAND AND WATER ACT" (RULWA)

This law does protect a landowner who allows FREE access. Keep in mind, it's a different ballgame if a landowner charges access or provides a service of any kind on their private land. Individuals in cases such as this would need to have liability insurance and follow any and all Labor laws within the Commonwealth because it would be considered a business.

(Example: Landowner allows FREE access for whatever reason, and an individual gets hurt. The individual cannot sue the landowner because they assumed FULL responsibility by being allowed to enjoy FREE access on privately owned land. The said individual would assume all negligence by doing whatever they did which lead to an injury or damages caused on that FREE access to privately owned ground.)

I tried for six years prior to have a loser pays provision for legal fees, but because of the trial lawyers lobby I was unsuccessful. We negotiated the bill without that provision; however, when the suit is released from court you may certainly request the judge to reimburse any fees to that point. The gist of the bill sends a loud signal to ambulance chasers that it would be fruitless for them to file suit under these conditions.

Hope this helps.

Dan Maul, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dec. 9 -

State Forest Land & State Parks

Dec. 20 - ANF

Jan. 20 - State Game Lands

THREE SNOWMOBILE CLUBS MEET WITH ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Club members from the PA Snowseekers from Highland, PA, the Forest County Snowmobile Club from Tionesta, PA, and the Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club along with President and Vice President of PSSA Liz Krug and Jim Wolfe met with US Forest Service Representatives at the Marienville Area Civic Association building on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The three clubs and the FS meet twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The purpose is to discuss how the clubs can help improve the Snowmobile trails and how the Forest Service can assist or vice versa. The area snowmobile trails encompass over 350 miles and most are located on Forest Service property. Representatives from the Forest Service included long time member Curt Bowley, along with Josh Bridge, and newcomer Frank Smith.

The three-hour meeting turned into a thorough discussion that could see many improvements to the Snowmobile Trails. Key issue was the need to improve the approach for the PA Snowseekers to get across a FS bridge that will allow that club to get the groomer back and forth to their clubhouse and to the trails they groom. There were three options discussed and hopefully one will be accepted and acted upon by the FS so the Snowseekers can groom. Another main issue was the fact that the large FS groomer sat at Bob's Trading Post all year and did not move let alone groom. The reason was that no one was certified to run it. Hopefully with the three clubs offering volunteers and with the support and help from the FS this will not happen again. It was noted that the area had four big snow events and had the Longhouse Trail been groomed, it would have added weeks of enjoyable riding. The Longhouse Trail is a 35 mile loop that overlooks the Kinzua Dam and Jakes Rocks area of the ANF. If you travel the loop in two different directions, a rider can easily ride over seventy miles on a trail that is second to none.

Another important topic was the clubs would like to have the trails open the day after deer season which this year would be December 9, 2018. The last two years, our area was hit with two equally heavy snowfalls early in the season but riders had to wait almost two weeks before riding. This year's trails are scheduled

to open on December 20. Thanks to DCNR and PSSA there is a groomer operator class that will be held at the MACA building in Marienville on December 3 starting at 6 pm until 9:30 pm. Any club members interested in operating one of the five groomers should plan to attend.

Dave Timothy had an excellent suggestion that when the FS update their maps, that they look at how the trail system can inter-connect with any state trails. Club members and PSSA directors Terry Wood and Larry Martin reported that their work on the western Forest County side is finished for the year as well as their Tucker groomer is ready to groom snow. PA Snowseekers member and PSSA Director Rich Hayes reported about their bridge issue as well as getting people qualified to operate their groomer. Jerry Thornton reported that Hank Bauer, Joe Rogers and Jerry Beichner have the track truck ready to groom, and Dan Stevenson and Dave Timothy will have the BR 180 ready for December 9 if needed. The camera at the Marienville Library showing the trail and groomer barn will be up and working shortly. This was a big help in letting riders know how much snow the Marienville area had. All three clubs would like to thank each other for the trail improvements that have been made and would like to thank the Forest Service personnel, DCNR, and especially PSSA for all of their funding support.

Other news of interest; there will be a Christmas party at the Kelly Hotel December 9 starting at 2 pm. A gift exchange with a \$20.00 limit will take place. Meals will be off of the menu and Dutch treat. Discussion of the Michigan trip will take place. That trip is February 17-24, 2019 and we currently have 4 condos reserved that sleep approximately 6 each. The club will be staying at Pine Bluff, located in Curtis Michigan.

The Forest County Snowmobile Club and the Marienville Trail Riders are co-sponsoring a safety class at the MACA building on January 12, 2019 from 8 am to 4 pm. Lunch will be provide with no cost to the participants. Contact Nelda Martin 724-664-4951 or medic1307@yahoo.com or Roxanne Thornton at 814-927/8218 or rox8218@yahoo.com
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The Powersports Show is our big fundraiser for the year. Thank you to the Committee and volunteers who spent the weekend (and then some) making sure everything runs smoothly.

Also thank you to the clubs, those who donated auction items, bought tickets, made donations, and those who came out to the show.

Finally, thank you to our loyal promoters and vendors. Without them we could not have a successful show.



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Greetings from the beautiful Glendale Lake Area and the Glendale Lake SMC. It's snowing outside as I write this and the sledding season is now only a few weeks away. Fall came late, maybe winter will come early!

We had a large turnout for our November meeting, with some new faces, that was great to see. A report was given on the club picnic and club finances. The club picnic was a success resulting in many membership renewals for 2019 and great fun as well.

Club membership was also discussed. Just a reminder for those that haven't renewed or joined for 2019, it costs the club about \$2,000 a year to keep the club trail open from Glendale Lake to Black Mo. Our dues are the primary means of paying for this. If you enjoy riding this trail and haven't joined the club, please do so to help support the trail. If you're a member and haven't paid your dues, please do so ASAP. Application is upper right on our Facebook page. Please use the application and mail your dues in ASAP to save the club the expense of mailing out renewals. Thanks for your help on this.

We also have several fund raising activities planned including a Pampered Chef sale in time for Christmas. See our Facebook page for details or to order. Deadline is the first week

GLENDALE LAKE SMC

in December so orders will be in for Christmas giving. Another idea for Christmas giving is club T-Shirts, Hoodies and Hats. We have a large selection in a variety of styles, colors and sizes. The perfect Christmas gift for the sledder in your life. If you can't make the meeting pick up your club bling at the Patton Sportsman's Club.

October, November, and December are nomination months for Club Officers and Club Board members. We are very fortunate to have a very active membership with individuals willing to step up to serve in vital roles within the club. Elections are held in December with terms beginning January 1. If you'd like to get someone nominated or elected for a position, please do that at our December meeting.

Also at/before our December meeting will be our club Christmas Party. Cost is \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a couple. If you can, please sign up at our Facebook event so that we have a count for the cook. Come anyway even if you can't or didn't sign up. Look forward to great wings and pizza, great fellowship and some good sledding or trail stories. The party is the night of the regular club meeting on Monday December 3rd beginning at 6:30 PM.

Hope to see you there.

Trail cleanup has begun, if you haven't done so already, please get signed up as a DCNR Volunteer for Prince Gallitzin State Park. This can be done on the DCNR Website. Directions can also be found on our FaceBook page. We're also working with the Game Commission on some trails. For Trail Clean Up days and other events please follow us on Facebook, attend the club meetings or give us your email address. Most of the State Park Trails have now been cleared and we're also working on clearing and rerouting portions of the trail to Black Moshanon.

It was reported that several members made it to the PSSA Powersports show and really enjoyed it. Some good contacts were made, maps picked up, and purchases made, all leading to a rewarding time for all who went. The sled corral and antique sled displays were also fun, bringing back some memories.

The club is also in the process of developing several more new trails, for details please join us at club meetings. There's also been some preliminary discussions on having a poker run this year. Also the club is in need of a

new Webmaster, let us know if you would be interested in helping out with that. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for club activities, trail conditions and anything snowmobiling. We also have a Facebook Group that we encourage you to join.

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. Club hats and shirts are available anytime at the Patton Sportsman's Club. We have a great time at our Club Meetings. We take care of business, enjoy some great food if you're hungry, and swap some real good sled stories. Come join us.

If you're not from our area, we still urge you to join a club in your area, or where you ride. And join the PSSA, when all of us sledders work together we can improve snowmobiling for all. Enjoy winter and share it with a friend.

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Zachary Peiffer — SD

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Steve Fuller — Pol

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Points Standing

(Money Classes Only)

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Joe Oregia 326

Josh Boring 261

Jim Goller, Jr. 148

Steve Bright 62

Tyler Fram 48

Greg Maser 45

Vinny Civitarese 42

Sheila Knupp 40

Zachary Peiffer 40

Points Champion: Joe Oregia - AC

1st Runner-Up: Josh Boring - AC

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HYNER MOUNTAIN SMC

Hello from Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club. Want to let everyone know what has been happening up on the mountain. Not a whole lot but it is getting a lot closer to some good things going on, we HOPE! Last month we held our annual fall work weekend. Great weekend! Good weather, good turnout, lots of projects being completed along with getting the lodge ready for the upcoming winter/riding season. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the weekend but I am pretty sure all

the food/meals were good as well. Thanks goes out to all our kitchen volunteers who do an incredible job preparing the meals. Well, as you read this there will only be a few days until the start of the new snowmobile season, on paper that is. Then starts the waiting, for the cold and the snow. Don't forget to check out our snocam once the snow starts falling. Just go to our website: hynermountainsnowmobileclub.com and click on snocam. While you're on our website check out our membership

information. We have some memberships available. Maybe it is something that would interest you, joining a snowmobile club. There are many benefits belonging to a club here in Pennsylvania. Well closing this up we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! That's about all for now. Talk to ya next month. THINK SNOW
Dan Casey





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S-D	15	3	0	3	0	2	15	8	53%
YAM	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	25%
OOPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sled Totals	49	8	1	6	0	11	50	25	50%
Trailers	7	3	1	3	0	0	8	6	75%
Motorcycles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ATV's	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	
TOTALS	58	11	3	9	11		61	31	51%
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THANK YOU to all of our wonderful Used Sled Corral Volunteers. We appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for the time you spent making the 2018 Used Corral successful.


And we extend a special "tip of the helmet" to Al Esh for bringing and operating his own forklift to load and unload sleds.

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PA. GRAND CANYON SMC

On Saturday Sept. 22nd the Pa. Grand Canyon SMC held it annual work detail. We had a very good turnout for our trail clearing as both the north and south routes to our clubhouse were addressed. Most of the four miles of rail bed on the south side of RT. 6 was accessible with our vehicles. With seven inches of rain the week prior there was a 4/10 mile stretch of trail that was flooded with 3 inches of standing water (Baxter's Bakery to Log Cabin Restaurant) that wasn't touched by the trail teams. That small stretch will be addressed once freeze up occurs as it's in need of serious clearing. Tom Byrne, with a smile on his face, who used his tractor that "eats anything" found himself bogged down and needed to be winched out. A huge thank you goes out to our trail clearing crew: Walt Murphy, Corey Hockel, Bryce Schmel, Nolan Schmel, Jon Card, Scott Caps, Rob Myers, Tom Byrne, Dave Frost, Walt Domarew, Brian Shoop, Nicole Shoop, Edgar Shelmire and Jim Baney.

While the trail clearing team was in the field the ladies were busy at work at the clubhouse working on the brochures for our annual mass mailing of the memberships and preparing for a wonderful club picnic that included burgers, hotdogs on the grill and MUCH more. On the clubhouse front porch Aine Byrne and June Baney were in charge of the grill. A big thank you goes out to Karen Myers, Aine Bryne, Belinda Frost, Mary Domarew and June Baney for a job well done. A big thank you to everyone!

*Jim Baney, President
AKA "grousegirl"*



POTTER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

THE POTTER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION IS IN QUESTION OF SURVIVAL!!

Our club was established in 1969, only 10 miles of trails existed. Over almost 50 years the trail system has grown to 59 miles of trails, these trails are cleared, signed and insured by our club. Hours of labor, fuel and thousands of dollars for liability insurance is covered by the trail fund ticket donations and other fundraisers that we are able to pull together. However over the years there have been many changes, especially the last several years with little to no snow. Membership has declined along with the support of the local businesses. We have found the club in need of much more support! We realize everyone is very busy and with kids in sports and jobs and life in general. We have found the club is in need of much more support!! Without much more support the club future is in jeopardy!!

The president and the board of directors are asking for any and all help this season. It is very difficult for us to manage everything.

Clubhouse and trail upkeep, grooming fundraisers-fish fry's (in February) race events, breakfast and lunch on weekends when there is rideable snow.

Due to serious washouts that occurred this spring and summer, some of the trails are completely impassable. The expenses for equipment rental and the manpower hours of help are needed.

We reached out to the following local merchants and they have stepped up to help with donations, Lavelwood Inn and Steak House, Howards Inc, Fezz Diner, and Millstream, but man power is still needed to help with the rest of the trail system, 4 or 5 people isn't enough, we need at least 10 more helping hands and donations to clear and sign a major part of the trail system. So mark your calendars for Sunday, December 2nd at 8.30 am to help YOUR club get YOUR trails ready for this riding season.

If this doesn't happen there will be parts of the Potter County Snowmobile Club Trail System that will not be used this winter and not sure going forward.

PLEASE STEP UP and don't let the history of the Potter County Snowmobile Club diminish. We want to keep this beautiful place going. Way too many years of hard work and dedication should not go to waste, and remember join clubs so you have a place to ride in the future. Remember 4 or 5 people cannot keep the snowmobile clubs going. GET INVOLVED, JOIN YOUR CLUB AND LEND A HELPING HAND SO THERE WILL BE TRAILS IN THE FUTURE TO MAKE YOUR FAMILY MEMORIES. THANK YOU!

THE POTTER COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUB AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Hello from the Laurel Highlands. Several members of LHSC attended the PSSA PowerSports Show in Lebanon recently. It was great once again to see all the people who attended the show. Every year it feels more and more like a family reunion. We visited vendors, stocked up on supplies, planned some trip ideas, and thought about snow. Several of us stayed at the Holiday Inn Express, and enjoyed the company of some of the vendors and patrons of the show. We were able to experience the automatic pancake machine at its best. We are happy to see that Snowmobiling is still very much alive in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A special thank you to PSSA board, volunteers, and patrons for keeping things going.

The following weekend several club members made the trip to Novi, Michigan, which is advertised as the "World's Largest Indoor Snowmobile Event". It was also a great show. We found out that when you bond with other snowmobilers, you can expect a good time. We were amazed to see how many of our club members made the trip to Michigan. We were not surprised at the variety of vendors. All four manufacturers were there with sleds to check out along with plenty of gear to try on and more places to visit. It was well worth the drive.

LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC

Both of our drag races were a success this year. The weather cooperated, the racers came from different areas, and the fans also showed up. A big thank you to Allan and Shelia Knupp and to the race committee. Thanks to all the volunteers who once again make the races so great.

We now turn our attention to the snowmobile safety class at LHSC. We had a total of 13 students in attendance. The instructors were as follows: Tim McCune, Tim Costello, Jim Tweardy from DCNR, Shelly Buckles, and Jim Wilkinson. In the kitchen to feed the hungry crew, we had Linda Walker and Patty Serfozo. As you may or may not know, DCNR is now offering the safety class online for a fee of \$29.50. The class can be completed in 1-2 hours. An in person class like ours at the clubhouse is mandated to be 8 hours in length. This has been affecting the number of attendees across the state. My sources inform me the PSSA safety class in Lebanon had 15 students and the safety class in Novi had 21 students. The instructors at the club have all agreed that no matter how many students we have we will always give 100% all the time. The students braved the cold for three outdoor sessions including trailering, snowmobile parts,



Safety class graduation photo

and riding positions. Inside they learned about snowmobile laws, history, clothing, basic first aid, travel destinations, and miscellaneous items that the students had questions about. It was an informative day.

Our annual club banquet was held Friday, November 16, 2018, at Bell's Banquet Hall after we submitted the article. More on this event in the next issue.

Upcoming events: The riding season is almost open: Dec. 9, for regular trails through parks and forestry, Dec. 20, for the ANF and Jan. 20, for state game lands.

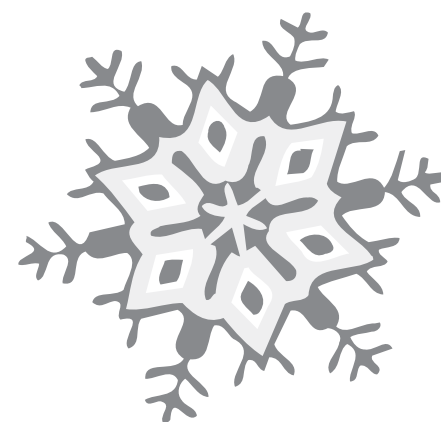
Thursday, December 13 at 8:00 PM in the clubhouse is our annual DCNR meeting. The public is welcome. We will be listening to and speaking with representatives from Laurel Hill State Park Complex and Forbes State Forest. They will tell us about what they have worked on over the past year and what their upcoming projects are. We greatly appreciate their attendance and ability to answer our questions.

Saturday, December 15, at 6:00 PM in the clubhouse is our annual covered dish Christmas party. Invitations are coming if you haven't already received yours. We provide the main entree and essential paper ware, drinks, and condiments.

Weather permitting: We have a scheduled Poker Run on January 13, at 11:00.

Until next time--live life to its fullest.

Jim Wilkinson & Shelly Buckles
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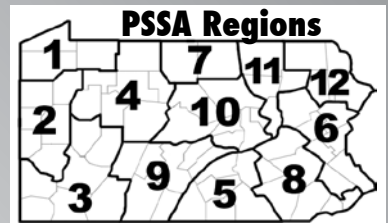


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December 9
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Region 12
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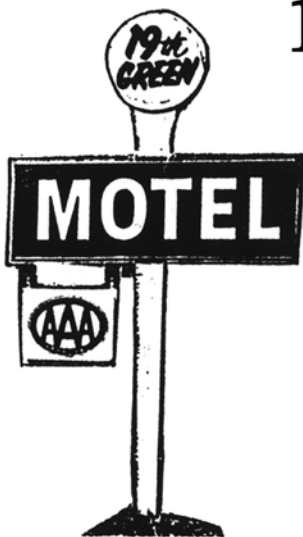
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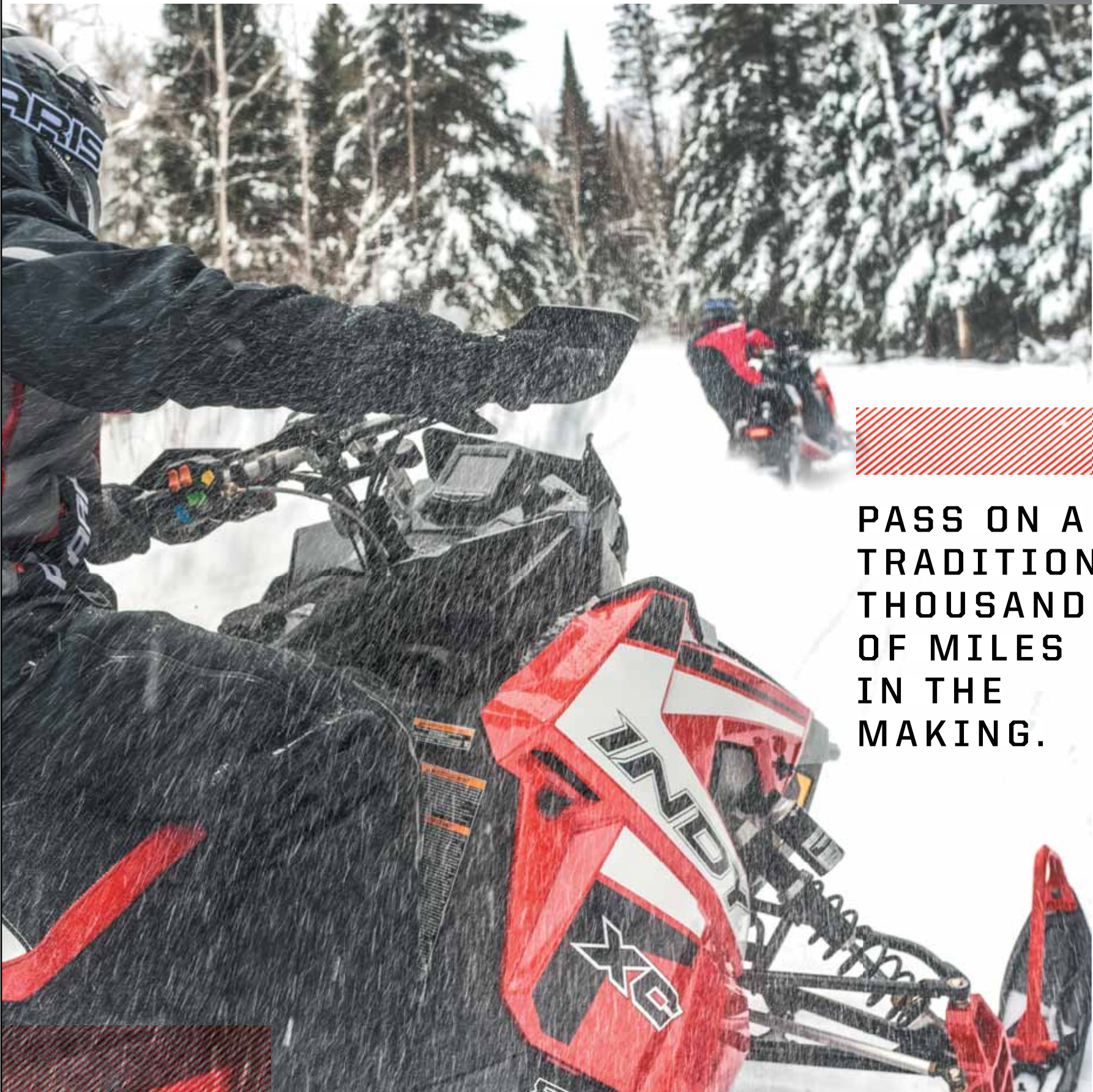
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