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April 23, 2016

Ramada Golf and Conference Center, State College, PA

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To all our members, clubs, volunteers, Directors (Past and Present), and all those who helped in any way with this Annual Membership Meeting! You are truly appreciated!

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MOVING FORWARD



Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the recent terrorist attacks in Belgium.

HAPPY SPRING!

Only 3.9 inches of snow separate Syracuse, NY from Erie, PA as the snowiest small city for the Snow Globe Award for 2016. Erie is expected to get a few flurries in the next few days so here is hoping!

Thank you to all those who have returned their Voucher raffle tickets for the chance to win \$6000 voucher, \$1000 voucher or a \$500 voucher. Everyone has a chance to win **if** you have a ticket. Drawing will be held at the Board meeting in July.

The Annual Membership Meeting is in its final stages. The time, place, food and agenda will be similar to last year. Speakers include Alexander MacDonald, Bureau Chief - Trails, Greenways and Statewide Planning Section from DCNR and Video Mike Grant Executive Producer/SnowTrails TV & 45Video, nationally recognized outdoor sports Video producer for TV and state associations. We are waiting for a response from the PA Game Commission. Lori Elliott, Grant Administrator, will be on hand to update everyone on important current and future grant information. Bob Kirchner, past president of PSSA, and current American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) President will inform members of the importance of ACSA and its activities. The Public/Private/Partnership (P3) with DCNR will also be part of the Agenda. Awards will be given at the Luncheon. As always the meeting will be followed by the Trambola Auction. Register on line with your credit card or send your registration with a check made out to "PSSA Membership Meeting" to our Palmyra office. Information is on the Home page at www.pasnow.org

The Executive Board met via Conference Call with DCNR personnel March 1 to pursue a Public, Private Partnership. This initiative will take time to develop fully and **Legislative action will be needed.** A state-wide program to support snowmobile recreation across the state is necessary.

As we are well aware the current \$10 Registration Fee does not cover all trail maintenance and grooming expenses for trails on state land. Also trails on private land are supported by grants obtained by PSSA through the State grant program. Snowmobile clubs apply for these "minigrants". These grants do not cover total trail maintenance and grooming expenses either. Although these grants include an Administrative Fee to help cover some of the costs they do not cover final reports etc. PSSA memberships help pay for the additional costs associated with these PSSA needs more members including members from the clubs who receive funds to help support PSSA.

As stated previously: "The Board has met several times to discuss the PowerSport Show. I can finally report that after much discussion, tweaking of contracts and answering questions the Executive Board voted on the following: Location - Lebanon Valley Exposition Corporation Date - October 28, 29, 30, 2016 Promotors – Emily Summey and Davey Naftzinger Show Committee - Roger Auker-Chair, Travis Mathna, Doug Blauch, Bill Sowers and Janet Auker. Please contact Roger Auker with any comments or suggestions. We need everyone's help to promote this show. Pray for suitable weather (no blizzards or hurricanes)." Check the website www. pasnow.org for any updates as we get closer to the Show dates.

Glen Knisely, former Vice-President and I will represent PSSA at the ACSA Washington "Fly-In" April 16-19, 2016. Besides speakers representing the National and State Forests, research which involves snowmobiles/atv's and other trail issues we hope to meet with several of our legislative representatives and discuss both the needs of PSSA and the contributions that PSSA makes to snowmobile clubs and the local economy.

Don't forget to donate to the PSSA Snow Angel Fund. Grants are given to help support medically needy children. Donations marked "Snow Angel Fund" can be given on line or sent to the Palmyra Office. Contact Ginny Kline (Chair) for information concerning any child in need.

I look forward to meeting you at the Membership Meeting.

THINK SNOW!

LIZ KRUG, PRESIDENT

Note:
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9am
Ramada Golf
and Conference Center.
Bring an Auction item.



NEWS FROM PSSA'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR



Hello, PSSA Members, In regard to PSSA's grants,

Round III mini-grant projects for DCNR Round 19 ended on

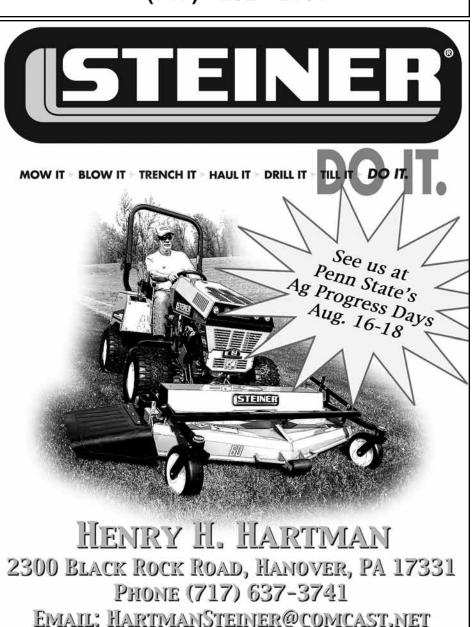
March 15th and reports were due March 31st. Sixteen applications were submitted for Round I of DCNR Round 20, and they are currently being processed through the different approval phases. Hopefully, those mini-grant recipients will be notified before the start of the summer. I will give a grants update and answer questions on the mini-grant application and process at the PSSA spring membership meeting. Please make jot down any questions that you may have come across in the past or questions that you may have in general about PSSA's minigrant program.

Round 19 ended on I look forward to seeing you there!
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EXPERIENCE

MAY 2008-PRESENT

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Environmental Planner, Recreation and Conservation Partnerships Division

- Manage trail, greenway and statewide grants
- Presents at annual grant workshops on developing good trail projects
- Presents at statewide meetings and conferences, such as the PA Land Trust Association and PA State Association of Township Supervisors on trail-related topics
- Leads the development of workshops and conferences, such as the 2009 and 2011 PA Greenways & Trails Summits
- Develops and coordinates with other staff to develop policy and technical assistance documents, such as the trails scoring criteria for grant round 19, the Trail Study Guide, the Trail Development Checklist and the PennDOT/DCNR Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requirements
- Serves as liaison to the Planning Subcommittee of the PA Trails Advisory Committee
- Manages complex projects, such as the planning and development of the multi-million dollar Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area

FEB 2006-MAY 2008

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Environmental Planner, Environmental Quality Assurance Division

- Coordinated annually with seven federal and state regulatory agencies to update and manage Interagency Funding Agreements totaling \$2 million
- Coordinated annually with eleven PennDOT district offices to track and measure the performance of seven federal and state regulatory agencies
- Track and coordinate the review of National Environmental Policy Act clearance documents for highway projects
- Coordinate the monthly Agency Coordination Meetings (ACM) between PennDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and federal and state regulatory agencies

NOV 2001-MAY 2004

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Historic Preservation / Environmental Planner

- Provided historic preservation and environmental planning technical assistance to local governments within a fourteen county region
- Assisted Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) with identification of historic resources in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
 - Created socio-economic justice maps of a fourteen county region for use by Georgia DOT
 - Conducted several regional water resource workshops
 - Assisted local governments with state mandated environmental protection ordinances
 - Prepared historic preservation, community development, and environmental protection grants
 - Presented to city councils and county commissions on various projects

ACTIVITIES

JAN 2011 DCNR Instructor Training Course APR 2012 & OCT 2013 DCNR Management University

FEB & APR 2013 DCNR Leadership Developmen Program



MIKE GRANT
SnowTrails TV

History: Started by 45Video Productions and TV Producer Mike Grant in 2000.

SnowTrails TV has been broadcasting on television for the past 12 years. After starting with 8 years on PBS, we are currently on season 12 with national coverage on Discovery Networks — Destination America Channel. Destination America Channel is received in over 65 million TV households throughout North America, where SnowTrails TV airs Saturday mornings at 7AM — Oct. Nov. Dec., the 4th Quarter of the year. SnowTrails TV is available on cable, DISH, and DIRECT TV. Our show is currently in production for season 13 to be broadcast Oct. Nov. Dec. of 2015.

Season 11—2015 Broadcast on National TV had over 975,000 viewers over 13 weeks.

Season 12—2014 Broadcast on National TV had over 1,114,400 million viewers over 13 weeks.

SnowTrails TV has totaled over 2 million National TV viewers with the combined past 2 broadcast seasons, 2013 & 2014. Through the use of online social media sharing, we have had over 200,000 online views.

SnowTrails TV is also being broadcast on Vermont TV Network through a separate broadcast distribution agreement.

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2014 -Season 12 Viewer Ratings

Weekly Nielsen rating chart supplied by the media buying company and Discovery Networks. 1,114,425 (1.114 million) nationwide viewers over 13 weeks.

Goals And Objectives

Alaska

Goals of SnowTrails TV

To provide recreational organized snowmobiling with positive national television exposure throughout the United States on CABLE, DISH and DIRECT TV on a regular weekly entertaining reality series. Through positive recreational snowmobiling exposure more people will see and understand how, where, and who they can safely snowmobile with. Viewers are informed of where rentals, clothing, and aftermarket sales may be available.

SnowTrails TV instills value by uncovering the local clubs and trails while continuously promoting safety education.

By providing members of the American Council of Snowmobile Association and The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations to reach out to the public conveying ways to get involved and enjoy a snowmobiling vacation.

The ultimate overall goal is to increase recreational growth through positive television media.

OBJECTIVES

Growth of Viewership to expand viewer and increase consumer awareness in regards to recreational snowmobiling.

To work with and expand broadcast media coverage for recreational organized snowmobiling on national TV

Provide cost efficient and hudget sensitive TV /Video production

Provide cost efficient and budget sensitive TV/Video production for the snowmobile community.

Improve the image and bring awareness of public snowmobile opportunities through television while working with provincial, state and local tourism to develop public exposure promoting snowmobile tourism destination possibilities.



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GOD'S COUNTRY BLACK FOREST SMC

mountain, Pigeon Hill Road, Germania, PA. Well, we all see by now my asking Mother Nature to wave her magic wand this winter did not work out so well. We had a 3 day period in February to ride a very select area on the high elevation forestry roads and then it was gone. Well, we can all say this one was for the record books for snowfall. Next year will be a great year I hope. Enough about winter and no snow!

Our winter picnic went well for having no snow. We had about 90 members and auests enjoying a great meal, plenty of roast beef on wick and plenty of good desserts. We had a nice crowd playing Bingo, and our silent auction went well. I would like to thank all of our staff and the kitchen help for a very successful long

Our next meeting will be April 7th at 7:30 pm at our club house. After that, we will not be meeting again until Thursday, August 4th, same time, and same place.

Well, our Sunday breakfasts ended on March 6th. We averaged about 75 people each Sunday which, I thought was good for not having any snow. We usually do about

Howdy, Howdy from the top of the 150 to 200 people when there are rideable snow conditions. But all in all, it was a good year for us. I would like to take the time to thank our devoted workers. "GREAT JOB" We had enough help that each crew worked every other Sunday.

> I'll leave you all for now. If you get bored, call us for a schedule of our summer work detail to build a new section of trail to Germania.

> > Thanks for your time. I'm out of here! Brvan Junkins, Pres. G.C.B.F.SMC



Left: Jr. and Linda Walker working as a team cleaning up for the Adopt-A-Highway.

LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC

"Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful!" This is a typical sloaan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. LHSC will be doing the annual Adopt A Highway on Saturday, April 9, 2016. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 9:00 A.M., and divide into two groups. One group cleans up Route 31 between the signs, working from the top to the bottom of the mountain toward Jones Mill. The 2nd group cleans the length of Tunnel Road, and if time allows, parts of Fire Tower and Camp Run Roads. We also clean both public parking lots on either side of Route 31. The groups will depart from the clubhouse, and return for lunch around 12:30. After eating, we head back out to finish the job. In the past, we have picked up between 44-86 bags of garbage. At one spot last year,

we located 4 TV sets. It looked like people rolled them down a hill to see which one would go the farthest! It is always interesting to see what unique things are tossed along the road. The necessary tools will be provided. We offer safety vests, gloves, and long-handled grabbers to make the job easier. We appreciate you taking the time to volunteer. The more we have to help, the faster the day goes. Don't worry, there will be plenty of fun and laughter along the way.

As I write this article it is Tuesday, March 8, 2016, and the local paper has a picture of a guy mowing his lawn. This picture belongs in the "Believe It or Not" section because the weatherman says the temperature is going to 72 degrees today. We never expected this season to be so warm. While we didn't get the snow we wanted, we are grateful to our plowing crew, Bob Ainsley and Bob Nichols, for keeping the lot plowed and open when we needed it. Pennsylvania overall did not have a good winter for snowmobiling, but there will always be a new winter season to look forward to. I am not giving up! Especially, since the new sled line-up just came out for each of the manufacturers. So much temptation!

Don't forget that the PSSA Spring meeting held at the Ramada Inn located in State College, Pa is coming quickly. The date is April 23, 2016, starting time is 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M

Our next LHSC Club meeting is Thursday April 14th, in the clubhouse at 8 PM.

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by Henry Hartman

Have you ever ridden a snowmobile that had two tracks, or one that you sat inside of? The Raider was the first of several snowmobile models to have these features, all the project of a man named Robert A. Bracey. Bob Bracey had a background working in the auto industry, he was born in Detroit and at one time or another was employed by Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler.

Along with some private investors, Mr. Bracey formed a company in 1970 called Leisure Vehicles, Inc. The firm was based in Troy, Michigan and had a factory that was 20,000 square feet in size, later they moved to an 80,000 sq. ft. facility.

For the 1971 model year, a limited number of "Roamer" machines were produced. Along with these, another series of machines called "Raider" also were built. The Raider sleds featured Canadian Curtis Wright (CCW) engines. In 1972 there were four models, all with CCW engines: 290cc, 340cc, 400cc, and 440cc.

Production of the Raider snowmobiles continued through the 1975 model year. Like so many other snowmobile manufacturers, the OPEC oil embargo along with some poor winters spelled doom for Leisure Vehicles and the Raider. They declared bankruptcy in 1976. Bob Bracey had left the company prior to this time (1973) and in later years he built more snowmobiles that had the same basic design as the Raider: Manta and Trail Roamer. He passed away in 2003 at the age of 66, after a battle with cancer.

The Raider design was like so many other snowmobiles from the 1970's: ahead of it's time. The engine was in the rear, twin 8-inch tracks with grouser bars rotated around sliderail suspensions, the front skis were suspended on telescopic spindles, and the Raider had a cockpit which the driver sat in. Warm air from the engine was found to travel forward through the body of the machine and the riders feet got quite warm, if not simply hot!

For many years, Honda was rumored to be investigating possibly entering the snowmobile business. In 1972, Honda made a proposal to Leisure Vehicles and some prototypes were built, supposedly they were given to Honda dealers for evaluation. The end of this relationship came when the Honda folks revealed a lack of confidence in the Leisure Vehicles leadership team. What happened to those 250 prototype machines that were claimed to be built is not known!

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