Three generations of the Simindinger Family got some early season riding in on November 18th. Pictured are Paul Sr., grandson Mathew, Allen and Paul. This was their third day of riding for the 2018-2019 season.

Photo submitted by Randy Green, Glendale Lake SMC.

Happy New Year
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For those of you who make New Year Resolutions here are a few pointers:
- Make a few that you can keep - few kept is better than many forgotten
- Keep them simple

It is important that all of us speak in a positive way when referring to snowmobile recreation. We need to attract new members to the sport and invite them to become members of the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA).

PSSA recently held two groomer training classes. Thank you to Terry Wood who organized the training in Marienville. The thirty plus group was treated to chili and drinks provided by his wife. Charles Walter brought together about 16 people for the training in the Northeast. This group had pizza provided by Charles. Comments concerning the training were positive. If you have any experience with these races please contact a board member.

Calendars – The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) calendars have arrived. 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.)

New 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.

Get out and enjoy the beauty of Pennsylvania! MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Think Snow!

Liz Krug, President

Remember the Date:
Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 27, 9am
Ramada Golf and Conference Center, University Park, PA

We received notice that PSSA did not receive a grant from the April 2018 round. We are still waiting to hear about the Fall 2018 application. The next round opens in mid-January and I expect to have a grant submitted shortly after the opening date.

The groomer training classes took place in December and were well attended. Thank you to all involved in making the arrangements! If you haven’t applied for a $100 Safety Class grant and are still interested, please let me know and I will send you another application form if you can’t find it.

In case some of you have tried to reach me and received no response, the mini-grants computer was down for a while. The replacement has arrived and the software is being loaded as I type this (on my own computer).

Best,

Julie McKenzie, PSSA Grants Administrator
Happy New Year and Happy Snow Year from everyone at Glendale Lake Snowmobile Club. And a belated Merry Christmas. Our Club started out the Christmas season with a Club Christmas Party on December 3rd at the Patton Sportsman’s Club. This is where the club meetings are held and we had the party an hour before meeting. We had a great turn out for the Party and it was standing room only by the time that everyone arrived. Great food was provided by the Patton Sportsman and we were entertained with some holiday games. And an awful lot of good snowmobile stories were told. And some plans were made for riding this season.

Our annual meeting followed the Christmas Party. At the annual meeting we elect our club officers and board members for the year. They take office on January 1st. All the Club officers were new for 2018 and return for 2019. Five Board members were elected with two being new for this year. These 5 Board members will join 4 other Board members still serving. Our club is very fortunate to have members willing to step into these positions and serve with such commitment. Dues are remaining the same for 2019 but we are updating our club news and follow our regular Facebook page. Always a big topic at our meetings: Trail Reports. The Club had another trail clean-up in Prince Gallitzin State Park but a 3rd clean-up will need done due to the slow progress of the clean ups. This is due to all the wet weather that started in the summer and continues. And discussions continue regarding additional trails in the park and adjoining the park. Another report was given regarding new DCNR trails in the Scagburners and Chickory Ridge areas. That was encouraging to hear. Discussions were also had regarding our trail from Glendale to Black Mo with some possible improvements before the trail opens on January 20th. And progress on our other new trail continues.

The club had a very successful Pampered Chef fundraiser sale with orders due at the December meeting. This will ensure their delivery in time for Christmas. Orders could be placed online or order forms could be brought to the meeting. Thanks to everyone that helped with this and participated.

Another club fundraiser, activity, and snowmobile bling initiative is our club merchandise sales. Right now we are offering several styles of T-shirts, Hoodies and several kinds of hats. All of these can be purchased at a club meeting or at the Patton Sportsman. A new order of Hoodies was put in at the December meeting so that they would arrive in time for Christmas too.

The PSSA Regional Director reported that the Powersports Show was a success and will continue as a PSSA activity. Club members who attended the show reported that they enjoyed it. All club members are encouraged to join PSSA.

Some club members were fortunate enough to get some early season riding over the Thanksgiving Holiday. This was local riding on private ground and conditions were very good considering how early in the season it was. Picture and videos can be found on our Facebook Page. Speaking of Facebook, be sure to join our Facebook Group to get all the latest club news and follow our regular Facebook page just to be sure you don’t miss anything. Club activities as well as riding opportunities will be found on these pages. Like us! Join us! Some of the local snowmobile shops are offering discounts to club members, find that on Facebook too. Hopefully you’ve gotten some riding in by now. Remember that the club trail from Prince Gallitzin State Park to Black Moshanon State Park doesn’t open until January 20th when all of the hunting seasons are over.

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. 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.

Randy Green

**WINTER PHOTO CONTEST**

BRADFORD, Pa. - The Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau, the official tourism promotion agency for McKean County, is hosting a winter photo contest for photos taken in the Allegheny National Forest. The contest will begin December 1, 2018, and end on March 31, 2019.

From holiday events, skiing, snowmobiling, to hiking in the crisp, snow-covered forest - winter is a favorite season for many. We are looking for winter photos captured in the Allegheny National Forest Region. We want to see your photos of snow-covered scenery or people playing in the great outdoors.

Prizes will be awarded for the best photos. One first place winner will win a $100 Visa Gift Card, two second places winners will receive a $50 Visa Gift Card, and three third place winners will receive $25 Visa Gift Card. In total, six winners will be selected.

Photos entered must be 360 JPEG or higher. More than one entry can be submitted. Include photographers name, address, plus location that the photo was taken. A model release form must accompany entries with people in the photos. Submit photos by emailing them to info@visitanf.com or mail a zip drive/disks to PO Box 371 Bradford PA, 16701.

The winning photos will be on display at the Visitors Bureau Welcome Center, located in the Old Post Office, at 80 E. Corydon St. All photos entered and will become property of the Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau and may be used in different promotional projects.
SNOWMOBILE CLUBS ATTEND GROOMING CLASS

Three local Snowmobile Clubs attended a groomer class on Monday December 3, 2018. The PA Snow Seekers out of Highland, Pa., the Forest County Snowmobile Club from Tionesta, and the Marienville Trail Riders from Marienville, Pa. along with the McKeen and Presque Isle Snowmobile Clubs also attended the three-hour training that was held at the MACA building in Marienville, Pa.

The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association, with funding from DCNR, sponsored the event with instructor, Rick Endgasser from Chautauqua, New York doing the instruction. Terry Wood, President of the Forest County Club and a PSSA director, organized the program through PSSA and DCNR. Several members from the US Forest Service along with residents from Bob's Trading Post also were in attendance.

A possible solution for operating the large Forest Service Groomer that is parked at Bob’s Trading Post just north of Kane will hopefully be in operation for the upcoming snowmobile season. This groomer is an instrumental piece of equipment that needs to be in operation to maintain the trail in and around the Longhouse Trail. This 35 mile Longhouse Trail can provide up to seventy miles of breathtaking views and snowmobile riding and if properly groomed will add weeks of great riding. Marienville Trail Riders, Forest County, and the Snow seekers will be grooming over 350 miles of local trails for the 2018-2019 snowmobile season and if Mother Nature cooperates this winter, snowmobilers should see some nicely groomed trails.

The Forest County Club had some major work performed on their Tucker groomer in the off-season, while both the Track Truck along with the Bombardier BR 180 groomer that the Marienville Trail Riders club operate have been maintained and are ready for snow. The PA Snow Seekers from Highland, are prepared to groom with the Forest Service small groomer, and this newly formed additional set of volunteer groomer operators should see some nicer groomed trails north of Russell City. All local snowmobilers should take the time to either volunteer their time or join a local club in order to support these worthwhile activities.

A special thank you to PSSA and DCNR for funding the groomer operator safety class. Winter tourism along with snowmobiling help the local businesses and economy. THINK SNOW!!!

Jerry Thornton

A QUOTE TO NOTE

Tomorrow is the most important thing. It’s perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we’ve learned something from yesterday.

John Wayne, Actor

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Above Left: 2 place Blizzard trailer winner.
J. Michael Melhorn, Mount Joy PA with Roger Auker.

Above Right: 4 place Blizzard trailer winner.
Frank Thomas, Greensburg PA with Janet Auker.

Left: ATV winner.
Floyd Armel, Fairbank, PA with Roger Auker.
Hello from the Laurel Highlands. As I sit down and write this article it is Sunday, December 9, 2018. That means our snowmobile trails are now open as soon as weather permits. Most Pennsylvania trails open the day after buck season. The Allegheny National Forest and State Game Lands have different start dates. Let’s hope we get plenty of snow this year, and when we do please use “Common Sense” while riding and have a great time.

Our annual banquet was held in November and over 60 people attended. Thanks to Doc Lewis and his wife for being in charge of this event. Our club awarded the Snowmobiler of the Year to Bob Ainsley. He and his buddy, Bob Nichols, have been plowing our lot since last century. The official year was 1972. The two men are called Team Bob and do a fantastic job.

At our December meeting DCNR was in attendance to tell any and all news about the trails. Also, in December our club president Brad Hoover and his wife were in charge of the club Christmas party. They have crafts and gifts for the kids in attendance. We will have more information about these events in the next issue.

As always check out our website at lhsc.net. We have 4 cameras in operation and you can find out info on snow. A Poker Run is scheduled for January weather permitting. You can also look at facebook to see more club events.

Until next time—live life to its fullest—
Jim Wilkinson & Shelly Buckles

Brad Hoover (left) presenting the Snowmobiler of the Year award to Bob Ainsley.
SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

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1. – Roger German 1971 Skiouche SX-440
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