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MOVING FORWARD

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The Board wishes to thank all those who attended the Annual Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association Membership Meeting. Many of our faithful members drove several hours to attend this meeting. The voices of our members are important to the life and growth of our Association.

Congratulations to all those who were nominated for Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) awards. These are snowmobilers who were recognized by clubs or other snowmobilers for their outstanding service to PSSA and the sport we all love. Those who were the winners in each category are listed elsewhere in the paper.

In addition to the PSSA Awards, the membership also recognized Peggy and Henry Hartman for their many years of publishing the "Keystone Snowmobiler". Their persistence and enthusiasm for snowmobile recreation was emulated by their dedication to produce a twelve month paper.

This publication kept members knowledgeable concerning news and events which potentially impact snowmobile recreation. Several articles were written by Henry to keep members informed about antique snowmobiles and safety while riding the trails. Their work is greatly appreciated.

Also the PSSA recognized the contributions of Past President Lowell Morton. A plaque and monetary donation to his church were presented to his wife Ila. It was Lowell and Ila who carried the Association for many years. Thank you for your service.

Representative Ryan Bizzarro (D) Erie provided a short video thanking the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association and its members/clubs for all their work in providing well-groomed and maintained trails. He also noted the economic impact that recreational trails have for rural areas. It is his staff and contacts in Harrisburg who are researching the current laws and finding ways to help our cause.

Thank you to those who bought tickets for the raffle. The raffle is used to support PSSA programs and activities. The winners are listed in this paper.

A prior lucky winner brought to the attention of the Board the fact that not all winners needed another "toy". A cash prize would be a better option. Therefore, the Executive Board decided that in future raffles there would be an option for a cash prize. Small games of chance laws prevented the Board from offering the cash prize for the current drawing. All prizes must be listed on the application and given as stated. Let us give credit to the person who discussed the possibility of this option with board members. The Board listened.

Beginning with this month the "Keystone Snowmobiler" will become part of the electronic age.

The digital "paper" will have the same "look" as previous editions. The committee composed of: Terry Wood (Chair), Arline LaTourette, Rich Hayes along with Kathy Woolever and Maura Donley, spent many hours discussing options on how to proceed. It was finally decided that we make use of our website to produce the paper. This would reduce costs of print and postage and make the paper available to a wider audience. The Committee needs your help. Articles, pictures, etc., are encouraged. Send (e-mail) them to member@pasnow.org The committee is also researching possible advertisers. Please send any information you have to the above. We want to be relevant to our members. Finally, your ideas are needed. If you want to help with this project please contact Terry Wood (Chair). This is an on-going project and the Board will continue to evaluate it.

Moving Forward continued...

The Membership Meeting provided an opportunity to listen and discuss ideas and comments concerning snowmobile recreation. One comment that the Board hears from year to year is the lack of communication. The Association needs Regional Directors who communicate with the clubs in their area. Some areas do not have Regional Directors (Region 2, 4 East, 6, 7, and 10). We need people to take on the responsibilities of a Director in these areas. (I already received a nomination for Region 10). Each Director can have an Assistant to help with projects. Contact myself or any Board member if you can help.

Our brochure is in need of updated contact information, pictures etc. Shelley Buckles volunteered to manage this project. Please send updated club information to Shelley (shellyn33@gmail.com) and Kathy Woolever (member@pasnow.org).

The members also discussed ways clubs can help PSSA. We need more club members and their e-mail addresses. PSSA does not share or sell e-mail addresses. Another idea is to sponsor a sub sale or another event such as a PSSA snowmobile ride in your area. Any other ideas? Plan now.

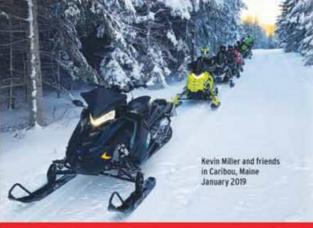
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Hot Dog Roast at Black Moshanon State Park

Randy Green Glendale Lake SMC



Here in west central PA the snowmobile season for 2018-2019 has come to a close. Toward the end of the season we had a club Hot Dog Roast at Black Moshanon State Park. The event was enjoyed by club members and riders just passing by. See the accompanying pictures. We definitely hope to repeat this activity next year. Many club members posted 1,000 to 2.000 miles of riding this season, others didn't fare as well. We were lucky to have many good spots of local riding, within an hour or two, if your schedule permitted you to ride when the snow was on this ground. Other club members traveled to New York, Maine, Quebec and Ontario to get some riding in for the season. One of the many great things about belonging to a club is the riding connections you make and the insights you learn about where there's good riding. There is always a good story or two. Looking forward to seeing you on the snow next year.

At the Glendale Lake SMC, we're active year round with monthly club meetings continuing over the summer. This permits trail planning and work parties to be scheduled as needed. Several new trails are in the works and much needs to be done on both of them. We're hoping that the spring clean-up of the trails is limited because we were able to do a lot of it during the riding season. As mentioned previously we hope to add some historical markings on our first club trail as well as smooth out and clean up some rough spots. And a local Township has asked us to redirect part of our trail to avoid a water vault. Volunteers are always appreciated at these activities.

It's with a mixture of gratitude and sadness that we congratulate Henry and Peggy Hartman on their retirement of the printed Keystone Snowmobiler. Thirty years of publishing the only 12 month a year snowmobile publication is quite a feat and one truly appreciated and enjoyed by many. That's 360 Keystone Snowmobilers if my math is correct. Thanks and congratulations Henry and Peggy! Hopefully this will give you more time to enjoy the trails.

Our club meets the first Monday at the Patton Sportsman's Club. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM and last till 8:30 or so followed by sledding stories and more.

Many members come early to enjoy the club food while some others may eat during the meeting. For more details about the club and our meetings be sure to check us out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Glendale-Lake-Snowmobile-Club-297210950313815/

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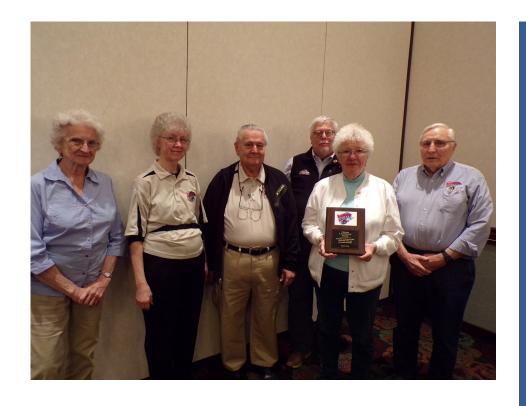


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Each trip covered approximately 700 miles +/-, depending on which trails the guides led their individual groups. The weather was mostly sunny with temperatures ranging from -20F to 20F, though each week had one day of some snow and/or freezing rain. The snow cover was 4-5 ft. deep in most areas and the trails were well groomed and good riding. The support truck had a trouble-free week the first week, and only two problem sleds the second week needed to be rescued. The accommodations booked on the tours included resort hotels, chain- franchised hotels, and bed-and-breakfast inns. The meals offered varied cuisine and generous portions.

We were pleased to welcome new riders to both trips, as well as many returning snowmobiling friends who have ridden with us in years past. The majority expressed interest in returning for tours to be offered next season.







Laurel Highlands Snowmobile Club

Hello from the Laurel Highlands. We want to start off this month by saying thanks to Peggy and Henry Hartman for the Keystone Snowmobiler. We've enjoyed being a part of the publication. Peggy and Henry started the newspaper way back in 1989 and it will continue to grow online. Thank you. Also, a big thanks to Henry for the many years he has been in charge of the Used Sled Corral at the PSSA state fall shows. You have been a dedicated supporter of our sport.

Since our club is a 12 month club that is busy all year long, here are some future dates for your calendar, May 11-workday, June 15---workday, July 13--workday, August 10 --workday and annual picnic. The picnic will be at the clubhouse which includes a hayride by Bob & Ann Ainsley. It's a covered dish event. September 14 and 21--workday. As soon as we get the finalized dates for the drag races we will post them. The tentative dates are Sunday, September 22 and Sunday, October 6. Volunteers are always needed for these great events. Thanks to Shelia & Alan Knupp for being in charge of this. For more information, contact grassdraggers@hotmail.com

As always you can check out our website at LHSC.net or our Facebook page to get the latest information. A big "Thank You" to Steve Matscherz for all the continued work he does with the club on the computer.

It is that time of year again to think about mowing grass. We have a total of 5 men involved in this project. Joe Klink, John Felice, George Sweigard, Jim Wilkinson, and Allan Knupp. The first 4 men listed are all retired. We go to a local restaurant and solve all the world's problems and then go and mow. Allan still has what we call a JOB. He lives close to the club and had been willing to spend his free time mowing. His biggest role is keepibg the equipment in running order. He will change the oil, service the equipment, check the blades, keep a trickle charge on the mowers, etc. We are a TEAM and all work together for the benefit of all.



Another great team came out on March 29, we had nine volunteers for the annual Adopt a Highway: Sheila and Allan Knupp, Linda and Jr Walker, Doug and Jake Hay, Jim Wilkinson, Shelly Buckles, and Willie Hecker. Together the crews removed thirty three bags from Route 31, Camp Run road, and Tunnel road. This was the least amount of garbage collected since this crew has been out. Happy to see a slowing down of litter.

We are about to gather in Penn State for the Spring meeting. Looking forward to sharing updates from that visit with you next month. We are excited to announce the nomination of Jacob Hay for PSSA Teen Snowmobiler of the Year. Jake has been faithfully attending meetings and workdays. He hasn't shied away from the challenges of the club despite his active school, work, and home life. We are lucky to have him on our team. Congratulations Jake and good luck!

Until next time, live life to its fullest---Jim Wilkinson & Shelly

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