



MOVING FORWARD

December 2019

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Ride Safe and Stay on the Trail!

RIDE PA!

Pennsylvanians love snow! (In case you didn't know)

Welcome to Pennsylvania's 5,500 miles of snowmobile trails. PA has a mix of scenic trails on State, Federal, Game Commission and Private Land. All are open to snowmobilers who have a current registration sticker displayed on the sled and insurance. The PA registration fee remains at \$10. There are no trail permits. Currently the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) is working with local legislative representatives to research ways to increase this fee.

PSSA welcomes over 32,000 potential riders every year. As you can imagine, the economic significance is over \$132,000,000. Snowmobile recreation is the life-blood of small towns and rural areas in the winter.

A great way to experience the varied scenery of PA is by snowmobile.

Check out our website: www.pasnow.org under the "Directories" tab you will find a map of the entire state, click on an area and information concerning the area with contacts will appear. It is advisable to contact the club where you are going to ride.

Great riding opportunities can be found throughout the State. Several great places to ride are: in the Northeast – Northeast trail system; Central – Potter County; Northwest – The Allegheny National Forest (ANF); and the West- Erie County. In the South, east of Pittsburgh, is the Laurel Highlands trail system and in the South Central - Glendale Lake. The center of the state contains the PA Wild's area. All are worth the trip to ride.

MOVING FORWARD (cont.)

Recently the PSSA Board upgraded the "Keystone Snowmobiler" magazine to digital format. This format allows PSSA to reach many more people. It is always on our website. Check it out.

Our snowmobile clubs are the backbone of the snowmobile trail system. Club volunteers maintain and groom over 2,000 miles of trails. Many of these are on private land open to the public. Help support the clubs where you choose to ride.

Recently PSSA contracted with "Video Mike" to produce videos of several riding areas in the state. Click HERE to view them all or you can can find them on:

https://youtu.be/adRBGnPN9xM

#1MarienvillePA

https://youtu.be/jt3LaJuSAoc

#2CameronPA

https://youtu.be/6z10aeXM7Fk

#3McKean County

https://youtu.be/gLgktdy0HRI

#4SomersetPA

https://youtu.be/m6EvDtrPiis

They will also be reposted on SnowTrailsTelevision FB page.

We are currently looking for sponsors to promote videos for the PA Wild's and Erie County areas. PSSA also has a Children's Medical Emergency Fund. Children under 18 years of age are eligible for a grant from this Fund. Grants can be used for expenses for travel to doctor appointments, medicine etc.

MOVING FORWARD (cont.)

PSSA recently held its annual Powersports Show in Lebanon, PA. This is a major fundraiser for the Association. Volunteers came from Ohio, Maryland and PA. Funds realized are used to help improve the snowmobile experience in Pennsylvania.

PSSA, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, provides "mini-grants" to qualified clubs to help with trail maintenance and grooming expenses. The total amount contributed in the last 7 years is over \$550,000. There are over 50,000 volunteers hours associated with these grants and work not covered by grants.

A sign of good health is new growth – we recently added a new club to our snowmobile family. This club was formed in an underserved area of Bradford, PA. The club will help with grooming the northern section of the 330 mile ANF snowmobile trail system from the NY line to Westline in PA. A connector trail is also being planned with the cooperation of the Bradford water authority.

PSSA is always seeking new members, advertisers and donations.

We are a member of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, United Snowmobile Alliance and the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

JOIN NOW IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER: www.pasnow.org

Liz Krug, President

CALL TO ACTION! OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANS

Please refer to the DCNR website for information concerning recreation plans in Pennsylvania. You can make comments via December 31, 2019 Speak up for motorized recreation especially snowmobile recreation. VISIT:

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/recreation/PaOutdoorRecPlan

OR

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/PennsParksforAll



Happy Holidays!

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OUR ANNUAL AUCTION

The annual auction at the PSSA Powersports Show is an opportunity to have fun, get some great deals, and support PSSA to do the good work they do for snowmobilers. If you have not attended this benefit event, you have missed out on some wonderful items such as snowmobile clothing, helmets, tee shirts, decorative items, toys, baked goods, gift certificates, and much more. You could get your Christmas gift shopping done in an hour in one place at this event! Did I mention that there were homemade baked goods?

You may wonder who donated the hotly bid on items. There was a wide variety of vendors who supported the auction this year: F & S Yamaha & Marine from Spring Grove, PA: Rusty Palmers, Baer Sport Center, Marshall Machinery, Inc., and NEPA Power Sports, all from the Honesdale, PA, area. The Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) also contributed items for the fund raiser.

The support of snowmobile clubs is very strong for the auction. This year Megan Laskey and Joy Ackley of the Dutch Trail Cutters Snow Club made a beautiful quilt that won a blue ribbon at their local fair. Many of the panels on the quilt came from sweat shirts given to them from our most beloved and honored past president, Lowell Morton. Members from the following clubs brought items for the benefit: Presque Isle Snowmobile Club, Forest County Snowmobile Club, Dutch Trail Cutters Snow Club, ACE Snowmobile Club, Lehigh Valley Snow Association, Laurel Highlands Snow Club, PA Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club, Marienville Trail Riders, and McKean Snow Riders Snowmobile Club.

This year the auctioneer was Archie Dutton and the clerk was Carla Komar, both from Honesdale, PA. The folks who organize and run the auction each year are Bob and Marie Fisher with help from their daughters, Michelle Fisher and Danielle Martin. Not only do they donate items, but they make sure the auction runs flawlessly year after year.

So join me next year at the PSSA Powersports Show and support the annual benefit auction. I swear I will not miss out on getting the winning bid for the homemade pumpkin roll next time!

WHERE WILL YOU RIDE?

BY: RANDY GREEN

Re: DCNR's Penn's Parks for All Strategic Plan and Survey

I got my first snowmobile when I was 14. It was a 1971 Moto-Ski MiniSno. In the winter I couldn't wait to get home from school to hop on that sled and go for a ride with 1 or 2 of my buddies, all of us on the single 1/2 size MiniSno. Off we would go thru the woods to a neighbor's field where for hours we'd ride around in circles till dark. The field was only about half the size of a football field, it didn't matter, round and round we went. You couldn't have more fun. The next winter as we got too big to all pile on the MiniSno, my friends got their own sleds. Ok, now we're ready for an adventure. So down a new trial and off thru the woods we went to explore the mountain behind our home. Soon we discovered that many of our adult neighbors had established trails to the top of the mountain and beyond. Going even as far as Glendale Lake, an incredible 20 miles away, you couldn't make the round trip on one tank of gas!

Fast forward to today. I now live in the middle of my childhood sledding field with 25 of my neighbors. The mountain ground behind us is posted by the Game Commission and Water Authority. So now to partake of my childhood passion I trailer my sled to the nearest PA State Park. We're very fortunate here in central PA in that we have 9 State Parks within a 2 hour drive. And I love to see and explore them all over the course of the winter. I follow the snow to the best conditions and spend a day in some of the most beautiful and picturesque parks in the country.

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WHERE WILL YOU RIDE? (CONT.)

BY: RANDY GREEN

Maybe you can still ride out your back door, but most of us can't.

I'm now concerned that PA State Park riding now may be threatened. PA DCNR is in the process of putting together a 20 year master plan called "Penn's Parks for All." Part of the planning process is a survey of park users and targeted non-park users. Guess what the initial survey said? 94.5 % of the people surveyed said that the state parks should only be used for quiet non-motorized recreation! And there wasn't anything there that said "except snowmobiles." I found this so alarming that I recently attend a public forum on the Penn's Parks for All Strategic Planning Process and Survey. The senior DCNR staff there said that snowmobilers didn't need to be concerned, that snowmobiling in the parks has always been an environmentally sound, compatible and accepted use. My concern is that an environmental group in Harrisburg or at the national level would see this differently and run with this survey information in an attempt to lock us out of the State Parks. That's the fear.

What can each of us do to prevent this from happening? Whenever possible, get to know your state legislator and share with them the joy of snowmobiling with family and friends, and what a great winter recreation that it is. And make sure that they don't lump us in with other motorized recreation like ATV's or Off Road Motorcycles that don't have the clean environmental record that snowmobiling does. Both the EPA and DEP have given us clean records with regard to not polluting the land, air or water.

Also take time to be part of the Penn's Parks for All planning process. Click on this link and comment why snowmobiling is good for you and your family, why it's an appropriate use of our State Parks, and why it's good for Pennsylvania:

https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/DCNR/improving-outdoor-recreation-opportunities. You only have till December 31st to respond.

For more information on the whole Penn's Parks for All Strategic Planning process, go to: https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/PennsParksforAll/Pages/default.aspx . Please attend that Public Review Meetings when they come to your area. Let's all work together to protect the sport we love.

Randy Green
A Concerned PA Snowmobiler

UPCOMING SNOWMOBILE SAFETY **CLASSES**

The following Counties and Regions in Pennsylvania are holding Snowmobile Safety Classes. For full information on these classes please visit: www.pasnow.org/snowmobile-safety-classes

Lancaster County - Region 8

Date - December 7th

Time - 8am - 4pm

Location - Akron Fire Hall

Sponsor - Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Club

Contact - Janet Auker - 717-336-1061 lv msg or email - jrauker@dejazzd.com

Susquehanna County - Region 12

Date - December 15th

Time - 8am - 4pm

Location - New Milford Rifle and Pistol Club

Sponsor: Susquehanna County Snowmobilers Association



GLENDALE LAKE SMC



Greetings from Glendale Lake SMC. And an early Merry Christmas as well. Depending when you received this, or read it, our Club Christmas Party is coming up on December 2 or happened earlier this week on December 2. The Party is at 6:30 at the Patton's Sportsmen's Club. This event is well attended every year, usually standing room only, with a good time had by all. Wings and Pizza are served as are drinks and deserts. Our Annual Club Meeting is also held that night with the election of Officers and Board Members. Nominations are open up to when the vote is held. We're very fortunate to have an active Board with many members stepping up to be on it.

The club has been busy preparing for the riding season. Several trail clean ups have already taken place. We've done our biannual cleanup of the trails at Prince Gallitzin State Park and we've spent several days working on our trail connecting that state park with Black Moshanon State Park. Turn out for the trail work days has been great with plenty of hands, and the needed equipment. Several pictures are attached. One of the bigger projects was installing a bridge on our main trail. All the material for the bridge was donated by club members. And we have another bridge planned in the area of the Patton Sportsmen's club with the hopes that it will be in before the snow flies.

Again this year the club had a booth at the AppleCiderFest at Prince Gallitzin State Park. Pictures attached from October 6th. But we also had a new role at the festival this year. The Park asked us to shuttle Festival Goers from remote parking areas across the lake to the Festival via Pontoon boats. Of course the largest and fastest Pontoon Boat broke down before the event even started. But we did our part with smaller boats getting everyone to the Festival and gave some lake joy rides as well. Thanks to all the club volunteers that made this happen.

Glendale Lake SMC (cont.)

In club business it was reported that our Club Picnic in September was a financial success and a recruiting success with many new members joining. Alpha Powersports was the official sponsor of the Picnic. Stop in and see them and tell them that you heard about them from our club. The Picnic brought our club membership up to over 205. We typically have, give or take, 30 members attending our 12 month a year meetings. Thanks to all that attend and make the meetings interesting and fun. We have a nice selection of club T-shirts and hats available for everyone on your Christmas list. Pick them up at the Christmas party or reach out to us on Facebook to pick some up.

Each month we have a PSSA report to keep up on the State wide snowmobile news. Anyone that wants a printed copy of the Keystone Snowmobiler, let us know and we'll have one for you at our club meeting. Let us know ahead of time on Facebook and we'll have it printed for you.

We know that not everyone is a Facebook fan or follower but our club does use Facebook for a lot of our communications. So Like us or Follow us to see what's happening at the club. Better yet, ask to join our Facebook Group to make sure you don't miss any club news. Over the winter we try to keep updated trail conditions posted much like the NY clubs and many clubs in NW PA. Like it or not, Facebook is a great resource for learning where there's riding in PA.

The club is currently in the process of creating three new trails. Each trail is in different stages of development. Help is or will be need to make all these trails a reality. Come to a club meeting the first Monday of the month at Patton Sportsmen's Club to see how you can help. More hands and minds and resources all help make it happen. Or come to discover some new to you existing trails, or riding areas, or just talk about anything sleds.





Glendale Lake SMC (cont.)

With the approach of winter, keep in mind that different trails open at different times. State Park Trails open Dec 15th, ANF Trails open Dec 20th and Game Land Trails (our trail to Black Mo) opens the third Sunday in January. Please respect these dates and our trail providers by staying on the marked trails.

For the most up to date insider information on the club, join our Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/864367483745347/

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 Glendale Lake SMC

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