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# MOVING FORWARD

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The coming of fall reminds me that winter is close behind. It is time to check your snowmobile and equipment if you haven't done so already. Safety is the priority.

Clubs have been busy checking and working on trails. Without these volunteers we would not have many miles of trail to ride on. Thank them when you see them.

The snowmobile season has a variety of starting dates. Please check with the clubs where you ride/DCNR before you go. I understand NY may be forced to change their starting date in many places. Check their website for up to date information.

Please return your raffle tickets as soon as possible. Blizzard Trailer has donated a large Blizzard trailer and BRP dealers donated an ATV. We are appreciative of their generosity! Patronize their businesses.

PSSA has received donations from several individuals. Thank you.

PSSA is in need of member input. A Committee has been working on a survey for several months. The data collected will be used to improve PSSA operations etc. Members will receive a survey in the near future. Please return it as soon as possible.

We are all anxious to ride. Let's do it in a safe manner. Follow all local, state and federal regulations.

The Mini-grant Review Committee will be meeting this week to review club applications. DCNR will then review Committee recommendations. Finally PSSA Board/Executive Board will vote on each application. Clubs that receive approval will then receive a check to help pay for work on the trails. Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism.

BE SAFE!

Liz Krug, President

# PA GRAND CANYON SMC

Every year with the fall season comes trail-clearing time for many snowmobile clubs including ours. With Covid19 biting at our heels every club has had to make adjustments how we all address many issues. On Sept. 19th, our club held its annual work detail while combining it with our annual club picnic and mass mailing of membership applications. In today's busy times clubs struggle to get the help needed to complete the tasks at hand to keep the trails open for snowmobilers. We had a very good turnout with twenty-two men and women participating, plus three very helpful youngsters, all helping complete whatever needed to be done.

We have four miles of rail bed on the south side of Route 6 (that runs behind the clubhouse) from the Burnin Barrel Bar to the Log Cabin Inn and two miles of trail on the north side of Route 6 that starts right across the road from the clubhouse and comes out just east of the Burnin Barrel Bar.

Even with a dryer than normal summer this year it didn't seem to slow the growth of the weeds/briars down any, making for a full day of clearing, not to mention the numerous downed trees that were across the trails.

While the trail crews were busy getting the trails in shape for this coming season the ladies were very busy in the clubhouse. They were doing double duty, working on completing the mass mailing of our club membership applications that were mailed out a few days later PLUS preparing a WONDERFUL picnic for everyone that included burgers and hotdogs on the grill and much, much more.





# PA GRAND CANYON SMC

As a reminder we'll again be pumping 89 OCTANE GAS FROM OUR TANK THIS WINTER INSTEAD OF 87 OCTANE. With the newer sleds we thought increasing the gas to 89 Octane was warranted.

In closing I'd like to thank the following team members who helped make our work detail / mass mailing / picnic day possible: Aine Byrne, Mary Domarew, June Baney, Belinda Frost, Karen Myers, Cheryl Gross, Nicole Shoop, Walt Murphy, Nolan Schmell, Bryce Schmell, Corey and Macklyn Hockel, Ryan and Brantley Dane, Rick Prettyman, Bob and Bobby Prettyman, Dave Frost, Tom Byrne, Brian Shoop, Walt Domarew, and yours truly, Jim Baney.

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# LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC

Hello from the Laurel Highlands. If you haven't taken the time to come visit our area, you may want to make it a goal. The Laurel Highlands is among the Readers Choice Winners for the Best Destination for Fall Foliage category in the 2020 USA Today 10 Best Travel Awards Contest. The Laurel Highlands placed third overall in voting amid a field of 20 nominees that also included Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

Here are the top 10:

- Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- Laurel Highlands, PA
- White Mountains N.H.
- Door County, Wis.
- Stowe, Vt.
- Ozark Mountain Region., N.Y.
- Pocono, Mountains, PA
- Finger Lakes, N.Y.
- Asheville, N.C.

Not only is our area beautiful in the fall, but winter has some terrific views to boast as well.

At the clubhouse, we completed a few chores like mowing, cleaning, and adding gutters to the maintenance building. There has also been work done to the cameras in preparation for the winter. We are all set for membership renewal. The mailings will be going out soon. If you are interested in becoming a member, more information can be found on the club website, [www.lhsc.net](http://www.lhsc.net).

We just held the year end meeting and counted the ballots. Steve Matscherz and Jim Wilkinson have rejoined the board replacing Brad Hoover and Art Engelka whose terms have ended. Thank you Brad and Art for all your hard work around the club. You are appreciated. Thank you also to Jim, Steve, and Linda for agreeing to the new term. The officers are President: Sheila Knupp, Vice President: Steve Matscherz, Treasurer: Linda Walker, and Secretary: Shelly Buckles. We are looking for a place to hold the annual banquet where we will announce the club snowmobiler of the year.



# LAUREL HIGHLANDS SMC (CONT.)

We are also considering holding our annual safety class. It would be held at the club with socially distant seating. Prepackaged food would be available. The course is designed for children ages ten to sixteen, however, we encourage adult attendance. If you are interested, please contact Jim Wilkinson at [jwwilk@hotmail.com](mailto:jwwilk@hotmail.com) for more information.

We have some sad news to report this month, too. A popular destination in our area is no more. Walat's Bar, a Somerset County tavern along route 30 west of Jennerstown, was destroyed by fire recently. The local news reported this:

"Martin Walat, co-owner of Walat's, a bar atop Laurel Hill Summit in Jenners Township, was discovered in the bar area of the business, state police said. Walat's was built more than 50 years ago. It was a favorite spot in the winter for snowmobiles and in the summertime by motorcycles."

We will miss Martin and Walat's.

On a happier note, things are coming together for the winter season. What better way to get out and about than on a sled! Hope to see you out there.

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



## HAVE SOME CLUB NEWS?

Many thanks to all the snowmobile clubs that have submitted news and information. We encourage all clubs to send us information each month. Here's how to submit your news for publication:

Email address: [member@pasnow.org](mailto:member@pasnow.org)

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Include: Full name of your club in the email

Pictures: jpeg/png format

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# GLENDALAKE SMC

The 2021 sledding season is off to a great start. The Glendale Lake SMC's start to the season, our Annual Picnic, sled give away, and membership drive was a huge success. Many folks turned out for some great sledder comradery, delicious food, beautiful weather, free sled give away, and Powersports displays. Special thanks to everyone in the club that made this all possible. Another special thanks to Alpha Powersports and Five Star Powersports the event sponsors who turned out to the event with new Power Toys to ogle over. This year the event was held at the Lodge at Patton Sportsmen's Club and everyone really enjoyed it.

Trail work continues on our Round the Lake Trail with plans to open the next section by snowmobile season. This trail connects for the first time, both sides of the lake for snowmobilers, hikers, bikers, cross country skiers and horseback riders. We'll continue with a snowmobile only trail on to the Patton's Sportsmen's Club. Several bridges still need to be placed but we're well on the way to completing this. This should expand the riding Prince Gallitzin SP riding to close to 25 miles. With the substantial completion of this trail we're refocusing on future construction of some other trails in the area. Join us at a meeting to see how you can be part of this effort. We also had a trail work-fun day on our Prince Gallitzin to Black Mo Connector trail. It was a great fall morning to be out in the woods prepping the trails for winter.

Our 2021 Club Membership Drive Continues. If you haven't sent in your Dues for 2021, please do so ASAP and save us the postage of future mailings. If you've lost your application just go to: <https://www.facebook.com/GLSMClub/photos/a.1067351833299719/2839325792768972/?type=3&theater>

Since PSSA is faced with not having a PowerSports Show this year the club voted to send PSSA a donation of \$100 in addition to our membership fee. The value that PSSA bring to clubs, particularly thru the Grant Program has had a positive effect both at our club and in many of the other areas that we ride. It's great to see PSSA Grant dollars at work throughout PA.

Just a reminder to check us out on FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/GLSMClub/> Or check out our Group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/864367483745347/>. Club membership applications and maps can be found on the Group page. Please join or renew, we need your membership to be able to continue to do all the great things we're doing for the area and the sport.



# GLENDALE LAKE SMC (CONT)

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. Stay safe till then.

Randy Green

Glendale Lake SMC

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# GETTING AWAY TO PA

Many sledders are wondering what the winter will bring, both weather wise and pandemic wise. If the weather cooperates but the Pandemic doesn't. And if the Northern USA Border remains closed and all those riders that usually head to Canada now head to NY, MI and ME, accommodations could fill up quickly in those areas. We may be limited to PA riding.

Fortunately we can still get away for a couple of days to the Potter-Tioga - Grand Canyon Area, a great place to get away for a few days and ride. If your camp in ANF doesn't get snow or the lake effect doesn't hit Laurel Highlands or RB Winters doesn't get hit by that Nor'easter, consider driving an additional 1 to 3 hours to reach this area. Due to its higher elevation snow can often be found here when the rest of Pa is still brown. How do you know if there's snow, check out the Pennsylvania Riding Still Exist article in the March Keystone Snowmobiler, go to the last page of the article for tips on finding riding and snow conditions:

<https://www.pasnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/March-Keystone-Snowmobiler-2020-Volume-1-Issue-8-1.pdf>

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# GETTING AWAY IN PA (CONT)

Now let's plan a trip: 2-3 day Trips in PA in Grand Canyon Area, 2 – 3 hour drive, good to great accommodations, good food and glorious trails:

- Stay in Wellsboro and then trailer 6 miles to Colton Point to get on the PA Grand Canyon Trails. Very scenic and great groomed trails. Stay at the Hotel or Lodge in Wellsboro:  
<https://pennwells.com/home/welcome/> . You'll love the quaint town of Wellsboro, shopping and things other than snowmobiling to do. Once on the trails, stop at the Pa Grand Canyon SMC Club for Gas and Food. Or go approximately 10 miles to God's Country SMC for Breakfast on Saturday from 8 - 11 it is a tradition. On trail Lodging is Colton Point Motel  
<https://www.facebook.com/coltonpointmotel/>
- Stay just south of Little Pine SP and then trailer a few miles to lower Grand Canyon and Hyner Trails. Stay at Happy Acre Lodge or Cabins: [www.happyacresresort.net/lodge.html](http://www.happyacresresort.net/lodge.html) or Waterville Tavern and Inn: <http://watervilletavern.com/> Food at Fin, Fur and Feather, and Mountain Top Inn isn't far. This is pretty far south in Lycoming Co, so double check the snow conditions or drive 10 miles north to hit snow in PA Grand Canyon area
- Stay at Slate Run. Ride north to PA Grand Canyon. Stay at the <http://www.hotel-manor.com/> Google it to get much better pictures of the place. Stop across the street at the Orvis Wolfe's General Store. Trail access and gas. Just a little north of Hyner. If you'd like to give a Bed and Breakfast a try then : <http://pavisnet.com/cedarruninn/features.html> costs a little more but includes dinner and breakfast.
- And half way between Ole Bull and Hyner is the Black Forest Inn. Make sure you request a King Suite. <http://www.theblackforestinnpa.com/Lodging.html> We like the food here. Ride north or south, or both depending on trail conditions. Lots of short or long loops out of here.
- Another possible option is staying at the Hyner Mt Snowmobile Club Bunk Room. I'm pretty sure they allow guests, call the club to confirm.  
<https://sites.google.com/site/hynermountainsnowmobileclub/home>

With good snow conditions all of the above could be a great two or three day trip with riding every day due to the short truck ride. Some lodging is trail access and some requires a short trailer ride. I used the Hyner Map for research. Early reservations may be required. This area is well mapped and fairly well signed and trails in PA are as beautiful as anywhere.

# ADOPTING A TRAIL

About 6 years ago my wife and I and another couple were riding the designated snowmobile trails at Prince Gallitzin State Park. One of the trails we came across had a huge tree laying across the trail. We had no saws, or other means of getting around the tree, so we turned around and headed back to the trailers. As we were loading the sleds up, a park ranger drove past and asked us "How's the riding today?" I walked over to him and told him the story of the tree. I asked him if we could take a chainsaw back and cut it so we could continue riding into another area, extending our riding by a few more miles. The ranger agreed and said we could cut it away. He also explained a program that DCNR parks have. This program was called Adopt-A-Trail.

Adopt-A Trail is a program through DCNR that registered volunteers can "adopt" a trail or trails. This involves, cleaning up litter, cutting back growth, clearing trees and other trail maintenance projects. Park staff approves projects and allows the group to work in an independent way. The group will coordinate with park staff to gain access to tools and equipment. <<<

I told the ranger I would look into this project and bring it up at our next snowmobile club meeting. The club agreed to get involved with the Adopt-A-Trail program. I went to the DCNR volunteer website and registered the club and contacted the park for our first trail cleaning.

<https://www.volunteers.dcnr.pa.gov/index.aspx>





# ADOPTING A TRAIL

The benefits that have been achieved from joining this program have gone well beyond just clearing trails. Over past years we have had a great relationship with the park manager and staff. We have adopted over 30 miles of trails that wind throughout the park. In order to clear these in a timely manner the park lets us use ATV's and SXS. We have built many bridges over ravines that were always flowing in the winter, filled low areas with shale and drainage pipes and always are clearing blow downs. In addition to trail maintenance the park has asked the club to join them in their annual "winter fest". At the festival we promote safe snowmobiling, show maps of trails throughout Pennsylvania, and offer snowmobile rides for guests that sign waivers. Most of the guests have never rode a sled. Some have snowmobiles but did not know of all the areas available to ride. We are also granted a booth at the annual Apple Cider Festival every year, and last year the park coordinated with our club to shuttle attendees via pontoons boats. The park has also applied for grants for snowmobile trail development and maintenance. We are currently developing a new multi-use trail that will add an additional five miles to their snowmobile trail system. This project should be ready for travel this winter.

I feel that the Glendale Lake Snowmobile Club has benefitted a lot more from the Adopt-A-Trail than just cutting a tree down over a trail nearly six years ago.

Robert Housley  
Glendale Lake SMC



## Snowmobile Safety Classes

If your club is holding a Snowmobile Safety class this Fall/Winter please let us know and we will promote the class in the Keystone Snowmobiler. Send all the details to [member@pasnow.org](mailto:member@pasnow.org)

# PREMIUM MEMBER RECOGNITION

PSSA would like to recognize and thank our members who have invested at the Premium Membership level for the 2021 Membership Year

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*Thank you!*

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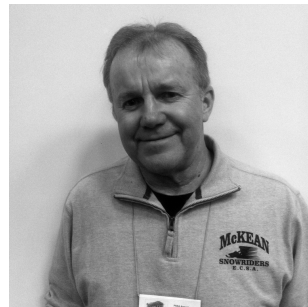
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Finance Committee  
Arline LaTourette (2020), Chair

Trails Committee  
Elizabeth Krug (2022), Chair

Fund Raising Committee  
Charles Walter (2021), Chair

Safety Committee  
Don Mosier (2022), Chair

Website Committee  
Kathy Woolever - website administrator  
Larry Martin (2021), Chair

Public Affairs Committee  
Richard Hayes (2020)

# Keystone Snowmobiler

## Advertising Rates 2020/2021

### BASE RATE PER MONTH SEVEN DIGITAL ISSUES AUGUST - FEBRUARY

Full Page - \$500

1/2 Page - \$300

1/4 Page - \$200

#### AD SIZES

Full Page  
10" wide x 13" high

1/2 Page Vertical  
5" wide x 13" high

1/2 Page Horizontal  
10" wide x 6.5" high

1/4 Page Vertical  
5" wide x 6.5" high

1/4 Page Horizontal  
10" wide x 3.25" high

Advertise in all seven digital  
issues and receive a 10% discount  
if paid in full.

### PREMIUM ADDITIONS

#### FULL PAGE ADVERTISER RECEIVES:

*Banner ad placement in  
Keystone Snowmobiler monthly  
E- Newsletter  
Website Recognition  
Facebook Thank you*

#### 1/2 PAGE PAGE ADVERTISER RECEIVES:

*Website Recognition  
Facebook Thank you*

#### 1/4 PAGE ADVERTISER RECEIVES:

*Facebook Thank you*

### AUDIENCE SIZE

Monthly Digital Magazine and E-  
Newsletter distribution : 3100

Website Monthly Traffic August to  
February: 35,500 Sessions/20,500  
Users

Facebook Audience: 11,000





# Give the Gift of Membership!

**Member Information** ( ) New ( ) Renewal Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name for Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Website for Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County where you live: \_\_\_\_\_ Township where you live: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I ONLY wish to receive the "Keystone Snowmobiler" by email. (You must supply your email address.)

## Membership Category: (PM = Premium Membership)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Standard (\$25)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Standard (\$25)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Snow Burst PM (\$45) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Snow Burst PM (\$45) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Storm PM (\$65)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Storm PM (\$65)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Blizzard PM (\$105)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Blizzard PM (\$105)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile Dealer (\$35)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Dealer (\$35)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (\$35)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile Club (\$50)      |

Number of Snowmobilers in Family Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member? Yes ( ) No ( )

Which club(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to assist during snow emergencies? Yes ( ) No ( ) Emergency phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Donation to Snow Angel Children's Fund

- ☐ Snow Angel Friend - \$10.00  
☐ Snow Angel Supporter - \$15.00  
☐ Snow Angel Guardian - \$20.00  
☐ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Donation to PSSA

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "PSSA", and mail to 42 W Main St., Palmyra, PA 17078

For credit card payment please mail or fax to: 866-723-2506

MasterCard ( ) VISA ( ) Acc't No. \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues and donations to PSSA are not deductible as a charitable expense on your Federal Income Tax Return.  
They may be deductible as trade or business expenses if ordinary and necessary in the conduct of your business.