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Picture Time!

Cover Photo Credit: Kathy Recla captures a picture of her son Ian in their backyard in Mahanoy Plane!



MOVING FORWARD

February 2022

HAPPY SNOW! RIDE SAFE! STAY ON THE TRAILS!

Thank you to all those who help groom and maintain trails.

Recently the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) Board met on two occasions with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) personnel to discuss/analyze income and expenses of the Snowmobile Fund. Discussions also included suggestions to improve snowmobile recreation on state and private land. DCNR personnel will meet with the PSSA membership on Monday February 7, 2022 7pm to share information and answer questions. Please register ahead of time for what promises to be a very informative meeting.

The PSSA Board has been gathering pertinent information for many years concerning various aspects of the cost of snowmobile recreation across the state. Most snowmobilers realize the \$10 registration fee does not cover costs for DCNR or Clubs.

During the last few years PSSA Committees have continued to research and update various aspects such as: cost, new technology, communication, equipment, reciprocity, trails, grants, programs and finances. Several plans have been put forward during the last ten years to improve the snowmobile experience on both state and trails on private land. As more information becomes available we need to be flexible and embrace what will improve our snowmobile rides in Pennsylvania.

Finally, in cooperation with all participants including DCNR, PSSA, snowmobile clubs and others I think we are at the point in time where we can move forward together and make significant improvements in snowmobile recreation across the state. The improvements won't happen overnight but we are on a path to see BIG things happen in PA. Please be patient.

MOVING FORWARD

The Mini-grant 25.1 is coming to an end. Lisa Vallimont took this and another grant over in mid-stream. . During this time Lisa became the Board Secretary for Summit Twp. Now much more of her time involves her work as Secretary. However, with her diligence and patience she has finished this grant. The Board and clubs thank her for all her work for PSSA. Thank you, Lisa!

As a reminder all DCNR meeting minutes are on their website.

Do you realize what PSSA does? Check out the updated list in the KS.

Please stay on the designated trails, be safe and obey all laws. One careless rider can ruin a trail for the remainder of the snowmobile community.

HAPPY TRAILS!

Liz Krug, President PSSA

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

SUBJECT LINE: KEYSTONE SNOWMOBILER

Include: Full name of your club in the email

Pictures: jpeg/png format

DEADLINE: 20TH OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION

WHAT DOES PSSA DO?

- PSSA promotes snowmobile recreation via website (www.pasnow.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/pasnow) "Pennsylvania Snowmobiling"
- PSSA members are eligible to receive free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance via Insurance Company
- Provides umbrella premium for Trail Insurance
- Research and seeks funding to help clubs maintain and groom trails
- Monitors state and federal issues and send alerts to clubs/members
- Represents snowmobilers on the Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Provides Snow Angel Medical Funds to support medically needy persons under 18 years of age.
- Encourages businesses to join PSSA and provide discounts to members
- Represents the Association at national meetings and events such as: American Council of Snowmobile Associations, United Snowmobile Alliance, Mid-West Chapter
- Liaison with elected officials
- Provides opportunities for clubs to advertise their club on the PSSA Website, Facebook and Keystone Snowmobiler
- Supports Navigational Signage (GIS) on trails
- Coordinates connectors and new trails
- Promotes Safe Riding and offers Education and Safety Classes for Youth 10-15 yrs of age
- Hosts the annual PA Powersport Show
- Offers discounts to members to buy and sell snowmobiles, ATVs, and trailers etc. at the show

In Memorium - Kay Lloyd

First President American Council of Snowmobile Associations

(A personal remembrance of my friend Kay)

Being new to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) I was not familiar with the “movers” and “shakers” of the beginnings of the Council. I had registered for my very first Congress as the meetings were called. Shortly thereafter I received an e-mail from the Executive Director, Christine Jourdain. She wanted to know if I would be willing to share a room with a woman whose name was Kay Lloyd. I told her I would consider it and give her an answer in a few days. I had no idea who this person might be. I had not shared a room for meetings in several years. I questioned Christine a second time and asked her about this Kay. All she said was that she could share much history of ACSA with me. The decision was made that I would “allow” her to share my room. This decision was made on the calculation that I would be in meetings all day so if I didn’t like her I could “get away”.



Of course over the next several years we became friends and I did learn much from Kay. In her younger years Kay and her husband did much Off Road riding, snowmobiling and climbing several mountains. After she “retired” from the Board she became an “Ambassador” for Outdoor Recreation. If she mentored you she demanded that you do all you could to improve snowmobile recreation. If not, you were gone from her time and efforts.

Being in close contact with Kay at these meetings I quickly learned that she had a “four letter word” vocabulary. She did not hesitate to use them when she did not like what was happening. I usually closed my ears and went about my business.

Sure Kay had her eccentric side using herbs etc. She also disappeared during some of the meeting times. One day I “accidentally” saw her at the hotel casino. She didn’t see me.

It has been an honor and a privilege to know Kay Lloyd. I hope Kay will share her mansion in heaven with me.

Liz Krug

DCNR Presentation on the Snowmobile Fund

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Monday, February 7

This is an All-Virtual Event

PSSA is proud to host an informational meeting with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on the snowmobile fund. DCNR officials will provide helpful information on the annual revenues generated by snowmobile registrations and how those funds support the operations, including grooming, safety and security, and maintenance. Join us for this conversation and Q&A session.

Please submit your questions in advance via the registration form. We will schedule this call for an hour and will ensure that questions attendees have will be answered. Questions must be submitted by Friday, February 4.

Instructions to join the meeting will be sent upon registering. Please register below.
Thank you!

REGISTER TODAY!



Thank you Pocono Ridge Runners Survivors

PSSA appreciates your donation in memory of Charmine Weisenbacher who passed away recently. Both Charmine and her husband John were active longtime members of the Pocono Ridge Runners Survivors.

IF IT AIN'T "5G", IT'S SNOWMOBILES . . .

BY HENRY HARTMEN

Seems like there's always newfangled technology that interferes with Air Traffic Control equipment. Lately you've heard all sorts of news reports over the rollout of 5G cell phone systems and the possible effect to aircraft systems.

The following article ran in The Gettysburg Times 50 years ago the 4th week of January, 1972:

Snowmobilers have been asked to keep away from the Big Flat area in Michaux State Forest because their ignitions interfere with aircraft communications with Kennedy Airport in New York. According to the state Department of Environmental Resources, there is a communications relay atop Big Flat which is used by the Federal Aeronautics Administration for communications between aircraft aloft and Kennedy Airport. The ignition systems of snowmobiles operating in close proximity to the relay interferes with voice communication and "causes grave hazard to aircraft operating out of the airport," the department says. Snowmobilers operating in the area will be fined if they disregard the admonition to keep away.

Thankfully, soon after 1972, most snowmobiles were equipped with Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) suppression in the form of resistor spark plugs and resistor caps on the plug wires.

Credit for this flashback goes to Michael Cooper-White, a reporter for The Gettysburg Times today.

Hyner Mountain SMC

Hello from Hyner Mt. Snowmobile Club. Just wanted to let everyone know what's been happening up on the mountain. Well, not a whole lot! So far, winter has not provided any decent snow!! We have been getting some cold temps, just not snow to go with it. I guess this isn't news to anyone; just stating the obvious.

A few of our members got together at the "lodge" to celebrate bringing in the new year, 2022. Shrimp, snacks, and of course, a toast with Asti Spumante for midnight, thus followed up with a pork and saurkraut supper on New Years' Day. I wasn't present, but I am certain it was a good time amongst friends; and, as always, good food.

Well that's about it for now. Talk to ya next month. THINK SNOW!!

Dan Casey



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MEET PA'S FIRST DIRECTOR OF OUTDOOR RECREATION



Nathan Reigner, Ph.D.

DCNR has named Nathan Reigner, Ph.D. as the State's first Director of Outdoor Recreation. As the state's primary outdoor recreation provider, DCNR aims to strengthen its impact through strategic improvements that Nathan will facilitate as the liaison with agencies, businesses, and organizations. Nathan comes to DCNR most recently from Penn State's Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management Department. His outdoor recreation career includes leading recreation and tourism monitoring, planning, and management projects in Pennsylvania, nationwide, and overseas as a consultant, academic, and Fulbright Scholar. A native of Pennsylvania, Nathan graduated from Upper Perkiomen High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Anthropology & Sociology from Gettysburg College, a Master of Science in Forestry from Virginia Tech, and a Doctorate in Natural Resource Management from the University of Vermont.

DCNR opens 2022 grant season for park, recreational development projects

The grants, part of DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program, are open to applicants now through 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. For more information click [HERE](#).

PENNSYLVANIA SNOWMOBILE DEALER HISTORY 1960's-70's

In early 2017, we started putting together the history of people and businesses that sold snowmobiles “back in the good old days”. After starting with York County, the momentum was already going and we expanded it state-wide.

Snowmobiles started to become popular in the early 1960's. By 1970, there were about 130 different manufacturers, and there were more than 265 brand names of snowmobiles being sold !

Snowmobiles could be purchased at small “mom & pop shops”, (often in home garages), as well as at large stores such as Sears, Montgomery Ward, and JC Penney.

During 1970's, the so-called “energy crisis” combined with inflation and several poor snow winters spelled the end of many of these manufacturers and brands.

Today, there are four (4) major manufacturers of snowmobiles. That number has remained constant since the 1985 model year. We are interested in the places that sold snowmobiles not later than 1982-84 or so.

We are attempting to record the history of as many of the “old time” dealers that sold snowmobiles as we can. We list them in alphabetical order by County, then alphabetically by Town names. We also try to include the years the dealership was active, if known. We would like to also show the number of snowmobile dealers in each county today, if known.

As of December 2021, we have information for 55 counties of the 67 total in Pennsylvania. The counties we have no listings for include: Armstrong, Bedford, Butler, Cameron, Delaware, Greene, Indiana, Montour, Susquehanna, Venango, Washington, and Wyoming. If you have anything to share about dealerships in those counties, we would be happy to have the information.

Our list also shows Manufacturers of snowmobiles in Pennsylvania! Can you add information to this list? If so, please e-mail it to: keystonesnowmobiler@comcast.net or phone 717-633-5051.

Thank you, Henry Hartman

Can Snowmobiling Really Go Electric?

It's a Thursday afternoon in early March 2021, and Gabriel Bernatchez is sitting in his office in Montreal, explaining how he and two college friends are revolutionizing an industry. As a cofounder and the chief technical officer of Taiga Motors, a Canadian startup set to release the first electric snowmobile later this year, Bernatchez has reason for optimism. Three weeks earlier, Taiga announced that it was merging with a holding company and going public with a \$422 million valuation. The 29-year-olds suddenly had \$146 million in cash to work with—before they'd completed a single production run.

Bernatchez wore a T-shirt as he downplayed Taiga's encroachment on the nearly century-old business of manufacturing gasoline-powered snowmobiles. "We're not exactly competing with combustion," he says. "I don't see them as an adversary. I more see them as a different option."

The estimated market for recreational power sports—snowmobiles, jet skis, and side-by-sides, or ATVs—is \$40 billion. The impact of electrification on those segments is enormous from a climate standpoint. And the space is changing fast. The world's most dominant manufacturer, BRP Inc., which sells \$1.8 billion worth of Ski-Doo snowmobiles and Sea-Doo jet skis each year (the two most polluting vehicle segments in this category), announced in March that it will spend \$300 million to develop electric vehicles across all of its product lines over the next five years. BRP followed Minnesota-based Polaris, another of the four major snowmobile brands, which partnered with electric-power-train maker Zero Motorcycles in 2020 to do the same by 2025. In an interview with Axios after that announcement, Polaris CEO Scott Wine said, "I never thought I would invest in an electric snowmobile. I thought it was the dumbest idea ever."

Continue reading in Outside Magazine [HERE](#)...

TRAIL CONDITIONS

Here's what to do:

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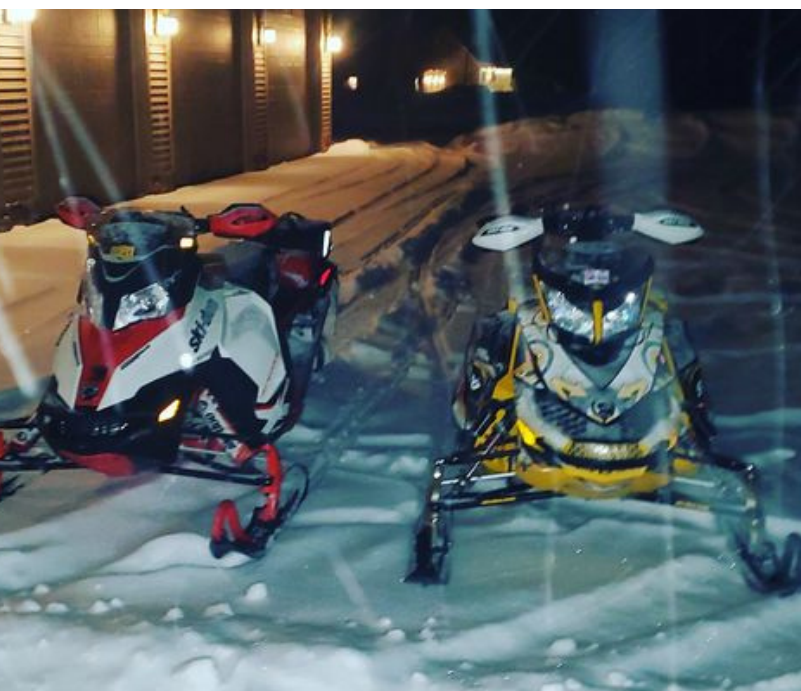
Pictures!

Thank you to everyone who submitted pics on Facebook and helped us find a great cover shot! There were so many that we've selected another one for March AND will include the rest of the pictures in next month's Keystone Snowmobiler.

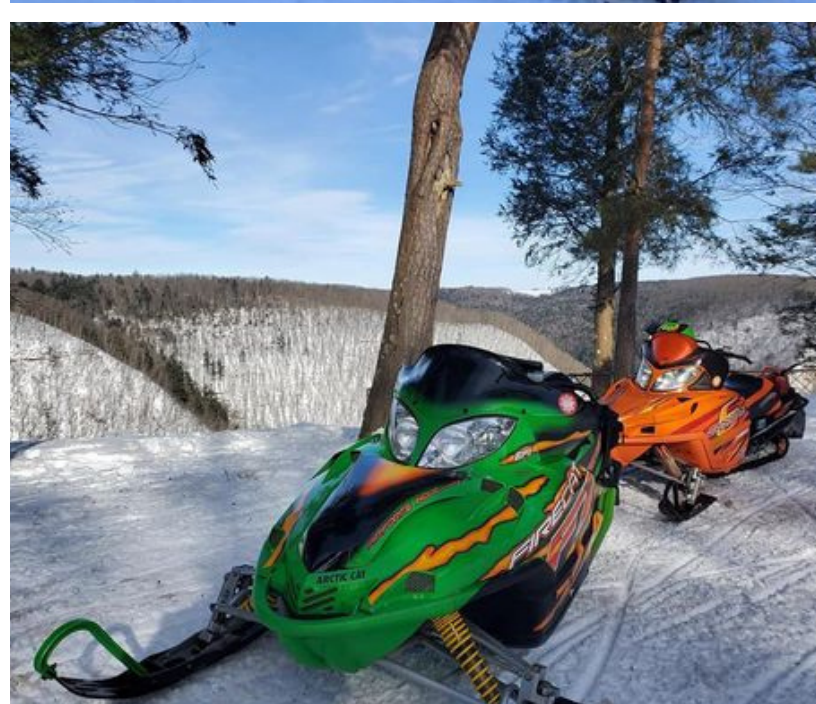
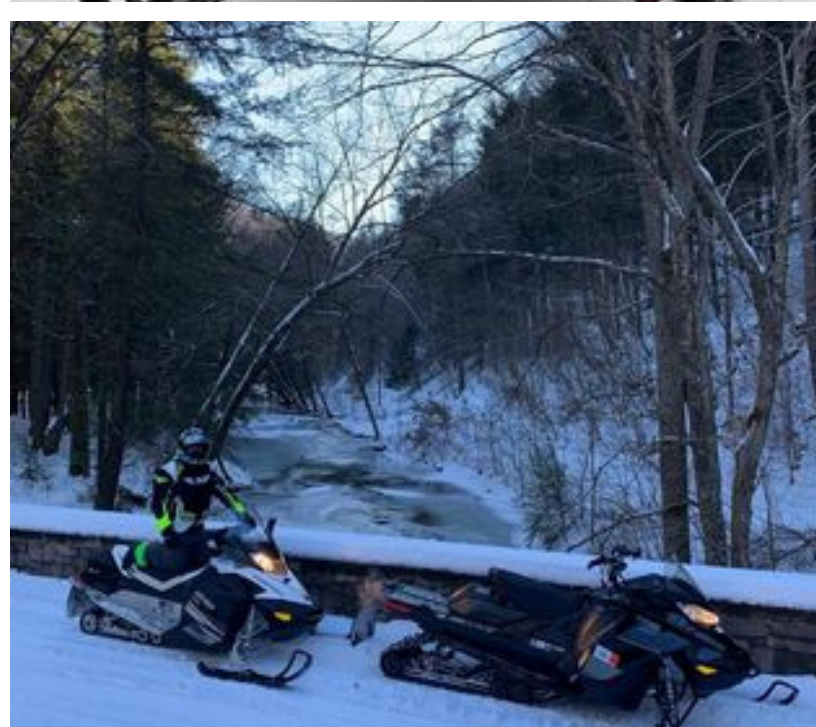
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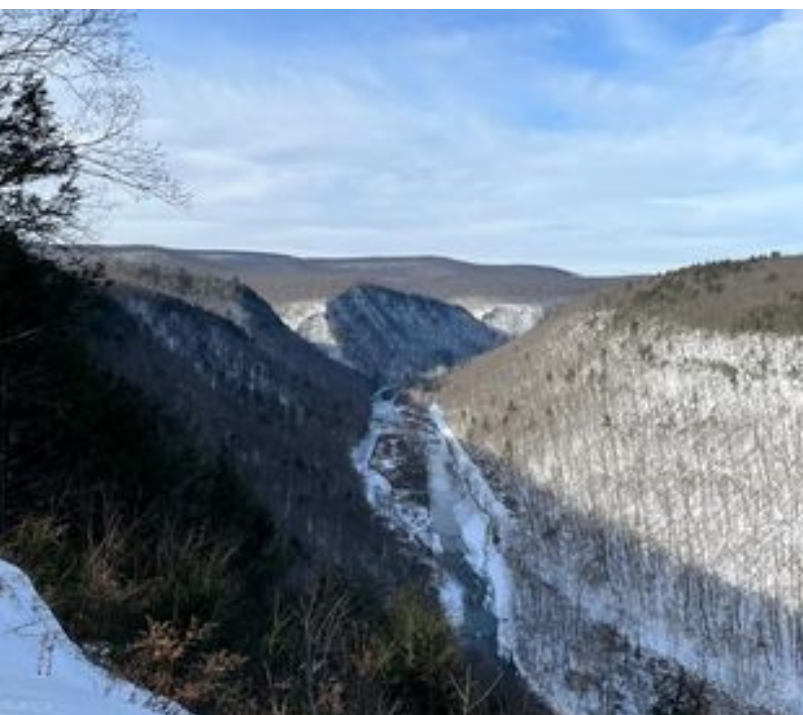














SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

2021-22 MASTER SAFETY CLASS LIST

(sorted by county)

Click [HERE](#) for the full list of classes.

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



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Thank you to our Premium Membership investment levels for 2022 Membership Year

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Thank you!

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Thank you!

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

The PA Powersports Show is the #1 way our organization raises money to advocate for and support snowmobiling in Pennsylvania. We are in the process of raising \$20,000 to make up for this loss of income and are asking that you consider a donation to PSSA in addition to your membership dues. Please also consider a monetary donation in lieu of your usual PA Powersports Auction item if you've supported us this way in the past. We would be very grateful.

Your donation will be used to help PSSA establish and maintain important connections with local clubs to exchange ideas and share important technical information and education on all snowmobile areas of interest. PSSA also works with both federal and state government agencies to preserve and enhance trails and riding opportunities. Our focus includes preserving our natural resources and the environment as well as advocating for the safety and general welfare of snowmobiling. You can make a difference for the good of snowmobiling in Pennsylvania when you send in your donation with your membership dues and raffle ticket funds! Together, let's ensure that all snowmobilers can have safe, fun, and available trails to ride in Pennsylvania!



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