

A changing of the guard!



MOVING FORWARD

February 2023

TO ALL PSSA MEMBERS

The Executive Committee of PSSA met on Monday, January 16, 2023, at my request. After conducting routine business, I announced that I would be resigning as President and member of the board effective Friday, January 27, 2023. The Board held its regularly scheduled meeting the following Wednesday, January 23, 2023, and Mr. Richard Hayes (Allison Park) was elected as the incoming President with Mr. Norm Stroman (Bradford) elected as the incoming Vice-President. Cindy Barrick retained her position of Secretary and Arline LaTourette as Treasurer. In a previous meeting, Mr. Daryl Busch (Erie) was elected to serve Mr. Terry Wood's term as he had resigned several months ago. My position on the Board will be filled in the near future.

The PSSA Board has evolved over the past decade into committees involved in research and communication. In other words, information and facts are analyzed for possible actions to be discussed before action is taken. Communication of the above information to our members is key. Members are now informed as necessary using a variety of media such as the following: the PSSA website at www.pasnow.org, the PSSA magazine "Keystone Snowmobiler", Facebook, Constant Contact, Surveys and email. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has also provided their data to our membership on several occasions. Cindy Barrick, PSSA Secretary and Region 10 Director, is the liaison with DCNR personnel.

The Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee (SAAC) of DCNR meets twice a year. PSSA was successful in nominating Norm Strotman as Chairman and Arline LaTourette as Secretary. The Registration Fee Committee of SAAC was established to gather information and bring all stakeholders to the table. Norm Strotman and Daryl Busch now represent PSSA on this committee. They are working in partnership with DCNR to reach an equitable solution to the Snowmobile Registration Fee. Pennsylvania has one of the lowest Registration Fees (\$10) in the country. Because of the work of Arline LaTourette, in-person Safety Classes are back.

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After many years of trying to establish a Legislative Ride, it may happen this February 23 in Erie County. PSSA has invited selected legislators and local officials to participate in a trail ride with the help of the following organizations and people: the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' (ACSA) Christine Jourdain, Executive Director and Bob Kirchner, a Past President of PSSA and ACSA, Lori Elliott, Grant Administrator in cooperation with PSSA directors. This project is supported by a grant from Ed Klim, President of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association.

There is much work to be done to unite trails where feasible, such as the following: a trail connecting the Kinzua Bridge to Crosby and Potter County; expand Corry trails to cross the Allegheny River and link with the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) trails and establish a connection with several Forests/Parks in the south-central part of the state. Our 2500 miles of trails are in need of a state-wide mapping program. Randy Green and Rob Housley (Region 9 Directors) have been researching this with DCNR for the past year and half.

Clubs have done their part to groom and maintain trails for all to enjoy. Their volunteer hours help support our grant program and keep trails safe for riding. It is important that all snowmobilers need to support the clubs for all their work.

Finally, after several years of holding our membership meeting by Zoom, we are now able to conduct it in person. The date is April 15 at Discovery Center in Altoona. Check the information here and on the website. Don't forget to register.

All Board members should be proud of the work they are doing to support snowmobile recreation. They do need the support of all our members.

Several members have asked for the reason I am resigning now when the Board is enthusiastic and functioning very well. Many of you know that I have been involved with education for many years. Now with the effects of COVID on our kiddos, schools are in dire need of help. Schools have become my #2 priority after family. PSSA was in this position for many years. I am very confident that the current Board with its skills, enthusiasm and commitment to outdoor recreation will continue to move snowmobile recreation forward. I will always be a member of PSSA; so if you need anything, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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Many thanks to all our members who have helped make the Association what it is today.

It is with great pride that I leave the Board in capable hands. The future is bright!

Think snow!

Liz Krug, President PSSA January 27, 2023

Mark your Calendars! PSSA Annual Meeting and Awards April 15, 2023

Please join PSSA live and in person on April 15 for our Annual Membership Meeting! Join us as we celebrate members who promote their club/Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) and snowmobile recreation.

Awards are announced each year at the Annual Membership Meeting. Clubs have many outstanding members who deserve an award for their spirit of volunteerism and dedication to the sport. Please consider one member per award and e-mail your nominations to: Rich Hayes, PSSA President at: rahazey@yahoo.com Deadline is March 3, 2023.

For more informatiom on the meeting and the awards click <u>HERE!</u>



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

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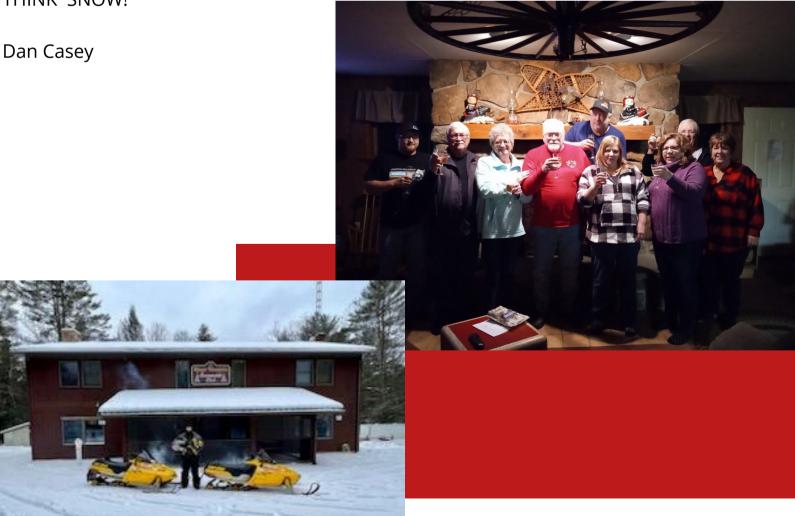
Hyner Mountain SMC

I want to let everyone know what has been happening up on the mountain. But first off, we at Hyner Mt. SMC hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. Well, some of our members were able to get some riding in the end of December. We weren't blessed with a lot of snow, but what was there was good enough to ride.

Ten of our members were up to the lodge to celebrate together and bring in the new year, 2023. A good time was had by all with shrimp, wings, plenty of snacks, and of course, a little drink at midnight on New Year's Eve, followed up with a pork and sauerkraut dinner on New Year's Day.

Let's all hope that by the time you are reading this, the warm up has ended, the temps have dropped and snow has fallen so we can get on with winter. Well, that's about all for now. Talk to ya' next month.

THINK SNOW!



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Coming to your mailbox soon!

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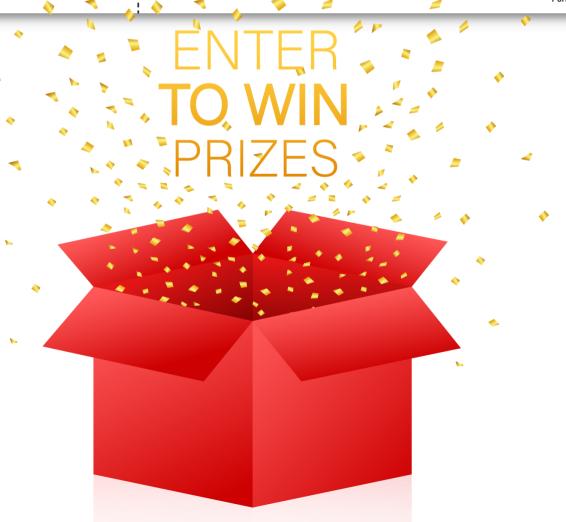
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Grand Prize \$2,000 Cash
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Drawing: Saturday April 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Altoona Heritage Discovery Center, Altoona, PA

\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20 7,000 tickets sold NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

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A Night with DCNR

PSSA was pleased to host an informational meeting with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The agenda included a DCNR overview, Snow/ATV budget update, Fee Working Group update, Forestry Issues and a question & answer period. Please click the button below to view the video:



Meet our 2022-23 Board of Directors

PRESIDENT (Allegheny County)

Richard Hayes

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Norm Strotman

SECRETARY (Perry County)

Cindy Barrick

TREASURER (Wayne County)

Arline LaTourette

DIRECTORS

Don Mosier Daryl Busch

Webcams!

Many thanks to all the snowmobile clubs for sharing and maintaining these webcams. We've been working to update the page so that we're ready for snow!

CHECK THEM OUT!



Hilltop Howlers



NEPA Snowtrail:



Prince Gallitzin State Park Beaver Valley Marina Snowmobile Parking Lot



Prince Gallitzin State Park Beaver Valley Marina Snowmobile Tr

CHECK THIS OUT!

ATV/Snowmobile projects funded in Pennsylvania

For ATV and snowmobile enthusiasts, there will soon be more trails to explore in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) said Wednesday that about 5 miles of trail improvements will be made in several parts of the state.

Seven trail grants, totaling about \$3 million, include construction of 4.45 miles of new trail and rehabilitation of more:

- Grants to Allentown, Hanover Township, and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor will complete a 2.75-mile connection of the D&L Trail, a priority trail gap through the Lehigh Valley.
- Construction of 1.5 miles of the Knox and Kane Trail and a "Four Seasons" trailhead in Forest County.
- Construction of 0.75 miles of the Chester Creek Trail in the City of Chester, Delaware County.
- Design for 0.7 miles of the Cobbs Creek Trail in Philadelphia.
- A study of the feasibility of a 2-mile extension to the Green River Trail in Greene County.

"In addition to many other benefits, trails contribute to the vitality of our communities by making them places where people want to live and locate a business," DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn said in the news release. "They are a perfect use of the federal recovery funds intended to help our economy rebuild after the pandemic, and we worked hard to get them on the ground quickly."

The grants are made possible through American Rescue Plan Act money appropriated in the state's 2022-23 budget, and other federal and state funds.

Source: Brian Whipkey is the outdoors columnist for USA TODAY Network sites in Pennsylvania.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Pennsylvania Has One of the Snowiest Cities in the U.S.

If you aren't a fan of snow, then many areas of Pennsylvania are not the place for you. The Keystone State gets lots of snow each winter season, and sometimes that bleeds into the fall and spring months, too.

Now, according to the Old Farmer's Almanac, Pennsylvania has one of the snowiest cities in the U.S.

So, what's No. 1? According to the famed publication, Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan has been the snowiest city in America over the last 30 years. "One of the oldest French settlements in North America, Sault Ste. Marie is located near the bank of a river which connects Lake Huron and Lake Superior," the publication states. "With lake-effect snow, it's no surprise that it's one of the snowiest places in the United States."

What about Pennsylvania? Erie, Pennsylvania, was named the No. 5 most snowy city in the U.S. "Noticing a trend? Erie is a city on the south shore of Lake Erie; it's the only port on the Great Lakes," the publication states. "This city is a very snowy place to live with 80.9 inches on average. Its winters are moderately cold, with heavy lake-effect snow." According to the Almanac, the information they used came from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is based on a 30-year average. Weather states across America report the weather data. They only include cities with a population of more than 10,000 people.

Other cities on the list for getting tons of snow include Syracuse, New York; Juneau, Alaska; Duluth, Minnesota; Muskegon, Michigan; Burlington, Vermont; Casper, Wyoming; Portland, Maine; and Worcester, Massachusetts. Find the full tally here.

Original article by Anne Erickson, 102.9 MGK

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

2023 MASTER SAFETY CLASS LIST

(sorted by county)
Click <u>HERE</u> 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



WHAT DOES PSSA DO?

- Promote snowmobile recreation via Website (www.pasnow.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/pasnow"Pennsylvania Snowmobiling"
- PSSA members receive Free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance via Insurance Company Trail Insurance
- Obtain funding to help clubs maintain and groom trails Monitor state and federal issues and send alerts
- Represent snowmobilers on the Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee (SAAC) and PA Trails Advisory Committee (PTAC)
- Support volunteer clubs by: Joining a club, participate in activities, offer to help
- Provide funds for trail maintenance/grooming, webcams/images on the PSSA website and GPS units in groomers.
- Support Navigational Signage (GPS) on trails
- Coordinate connectors and new trails
- Encourage Business to join PSSA and provide Discounts to members
- Promote Safe Riding and offer Education and Safety Classes for Youth 10-
- Host the annual PA Powersport Show provided Dealers have sufficient inventory
- Offer Discounts to members to buy and sell snowmobiles, ATVs, and trailers etc. at our show
- Represent the Association at national events such as: American Council of Snowmobile Associations, United Snowmobile Alliance
- Liaison with elected officials
- Inform members of current issues, trails and legislation etc. via "Keystone Snowmobiler" and Facebook
- Maintain a website: (www. pasnow.org) which contains up-to-date information concerning snowmobile recreation, issues, clubs, legislation and concerns of our members
- Prepares a mini-grant application in support of all clubs Helps clubs prepare other grants when necessary.

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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Thank you to our Premium Membership investment levels for 2023 Membership Year

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Represent clubs in their Region.
Liaison with the Board
Help promote snowmobile recreation.
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Ambassadors for snowmobile recreation state-wide Help with projects- Power Sport Show, rides Contact elected officials as needed

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