

Another season...



MOVING FORWARD

March 2023

Hi, everyone,

My name is Rich Hayes. I am the new President of PSSA. Along with my wife, Loretta, I have been riding snowmobiles with our family and friends for forty years. I have been a PSSA Member for thirty-five years. We are active members of the PA Snowseekers Snowmobile Club.

Our club is 100% PSSA membership all these years as well. We hold monthly meetings in Zelienople and our clubhouse is in Highland Corners of Elk County. Our clubhouse is in the ANF.

For PSSA, I was Region 2 Director and Vice President. I was elected President to replace retiring Liz Klug. Hopefully, I can fill the shoes she left me! With Liz' guidance, the goals we have been working on are as follows: Registration increase to have more money for grooming and trail maintenance; Map Gears, which is an online mapping and grooming report; and Mini Grants for equipment for trail maintenance, fuel and other projects being worked on.

This year is our first in-person Spring Meeting since the pandemic. I would like to invite you all to attend to hear reports on the above. It will be in Altoona, PA, on Saturday, April 15th. Registration can be found on the PSSA website and newsletter. My email address is rahazey@yahoo.com. Please contact me anytime with questions and concerns. I am sure with everyone helping we can accomplish a lot.

Thank you, Rich Hayes

PSSA ANNUAL MEETING

PSSA Annual Meeting and Awards

April 15, 2023 | Altoona, PA

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.

Highlights of our Annual Meeting Include: Cash Raffle Drawing and a Silent Auction! Presentations on:

Grants
PSSA Awards
American Council of Snowmobile
Associsations
Department of Conservation and Natural
Resources

Insurance

Allegheny National Forest Snowmobile & ATV Advisory Committee Conservation & Natural Resources Advisory
Committee
PA Trails Advisory Committee

Erie County Trail System

Plus all the regular presentations from standing committees and a round table discussion on trails

For meeting location, to register and learn more about the awards click <u>HERE!</u>

Spring Raffle

Get your raffle tickets in! Click <u>HERE</u> to order more!

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PA State Snowmobile Association

Grand Prize \$2,000 Cash
First Runner Up \$1,000 Cash
Second Runner Up \$500 Cash
Third Runner Up \$500 Sheetz Gift Card

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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ACE SMC Celebrates 50 Years of Snowmobiling

The ACE Snowmobile Club is celebrating its 50th birthday! This club is located in Wayne County in the town of Honesdale in the north east corner of Pennsylvania. On February 28, 1972, a group of snowmobilers from the village of Beach Lake and the surrounding areas met with the purpose in mind of organizing a snowmobile club.

The intention of the club was to form an organized trail system in the Oregon, Berlin, and Damascus townships and to promote positive relationships between landowners and snowmobilers. Attendees at this meeting decided to move ahead with the plans for a club. A second meeting was scheduled for March 13th of that year to spread the word to get more snowmobilers to attend. The second meeting was attended by 80 interested snowmobilers. Officers were elected at this meeting.

The attendees elected Victor LaTourette for president, Fred Mosier for vice president, Elsa Meszler for recording secretary, Jean Case for corresponding secretary, and Alan Branning for treasurer. A third meeting was held on April 10, 1972. The members attending this meeting discussed and evaluated different names for the club and finally settled on A .C. E. Snowmobile Club with the initials A.C.E. standing for air cooled engines. There was also much discussion on the criteria for membership and whether or not to incorporate the club. Follow up meetings were devoted to bylaws and club organization. The club was incorporated on December 19, 1972.

The A.C.E. Snowmobile Club early on organized charitable events, such as an auction to benefit two snowmobiling community members needing kidney dialysis, with proceeds going towards their medical costs. Summer picnics were held for the membership for a social outing. Each year the club has held a Christmas party with all participating in a Yankee Swap, one of the favorite things to do after sharing a covered dish. These traditions have been carried on. The main purpose of the club was creating, maintaining and grooming trails for landowners who would permit trails across their acreage. All the trails were on private land. The club to this day holds their meetings and events in the local grange hall.

ACE SMC Celebrates 50 Years of Snowmobiling

The club encouraged young members to keep a scrap book of pictures and articles of the club's activities through the many items and letters printed in the local paper, The Wayne Independent, to be entered to compete in the yearly PSSA Scrapbook Contest. Correspondence was done by mail back then.

The A.C.E. Snowmobile Club has been a club member of Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) since the beginning. The first year included a Pennsylvania snowmobile safety course with 43 young snowmobilers in attendance! On March 20th, 1999, the club hosted the PSSA Spring Meeting at the Shadowbrook Inn and Resort in Tunkhannock, PA. The occasion had 90 snowmobiling enthusiasts in attendance and was a full day of seminars and a tour of an ice cream making facility, followed by an awards banquet. One of the special events was the door prize of an autographed Havoline/ Texaco Racing Hat donated by racing legend, Mario Andretti, who has been one of our members for many years.

Today A.C.E. Snowmobile Club keeps up with modern technology by maintaining a website: <u>ACESnowmobileclub.com</u> which carries the usual information plus a portal to accept online memberships. The club's activities are advertised and promoted through Facebook and email. In the club's early days, the snow would come before Christmas and stay until March. In recent winters we have been lucky to get six or seven days of

rideable snow.

ACE SMC Celebrates 50 Years of Snowmobiling

The ACE Snowmobile Club currently maintains a trail system of over 100 miles and involves over 300 landowners. We have a membership of around 100 members including families plus individuals. The club currently owns a Caterpillar bulldozer for trail building and summer trail maintenance. It also owns a Chevy Trailblazer with tracks and drag for grooming, as well as a Yamaha side-by-side for grooming and trail work. We also lease a four wheel drive farm tractor to pull a third drag for grooming. Members donate use of excavators, trucks, and other equipment as needed.

The current president of the club is Clinton LaTourette, the vice president is Bobby VanBlarcom, the secretary is Arline LaTourette, the membership secretary duty is shared by Wes and Kelly Moser and the treasurer is Eugene Hetticher. Enclosed is a picture of the first president, Victor LaTourette, and the current president, Clinton LaTourette. Also enclosed is a picture of the delicious birthday cake 18 members enjoyed celebrating the club's 50th birthday on January 11th, 2023.

The A.C.E. Snowmobile Club is powered by a small group of volunteers that keep the trails maintained and groomed for the enjoyment of our members. May the club be around for another 50 years serving the snowmobiling community!



In the News

BRP to launch electric snowmobiles as part of multiyear push

It's been 64 years since Bombardier launched its first two-passenger Ski-Doo snowmobile for the masses, ushering in an era of adrenaline-pumping winter motorsports characterized by purring engines and speed. Now, the manufacturer it spawned is pitching something new to those seeking recreational nirvana on the snow: Silence.

BRP Inc. will begin shipping out its first electric vehicles, Ski-Doo and Lynx snowmobile models, later this year as part of a wider, multiyear push to offer electric models in all of its product lines by 2026, the company said in a statement late Monday. A few hundred units will be delivered first to outfitters and tour operators such as Lapland Safaris in Rovaniemi, Finland, with power and range optimized for guided snowmobile excursions up to 50 kilometres.

The 50-horsepower snowmobiles are similar in appearance to existing gasoline-motor versions but without the engine noise. Maximum speeds will be limited electronically to 60 km/h for operators and to 40 km/h for consumers renting the vehicles, according the company. That's about the same speed as the first recreational Ski-Doos Bombardier had in 1959.



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



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In the News

Shapiro Administration Announces Grants Available For Snowmobile, ATV Projects

Harrisburg, PA -- Today, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn announced the department is now accepting applications for grants to aid snowmobile- and all-terrain vehicle-related projects.

"Pennsylvania is home to thousands of avid snowmobile and ATV riding enthusiasts and as the statewide leader in outdoor recreation, DCNR is supportive of projects that improve upon and expand opportunities across commonwealth," Dunn said. "We look forward to receiving applications for worthy projects during this year's grant round.

Applications will be accepted Wednesday, February 1 through Friday, March 31. Applications only will be accepted electronically through <u>DCNR's online grant application system</u>.

Proposed projects eligible for these grants include planning, land acquisition, development, rehabilitation, purchase of equipment for maintenance and construction, and development of educational programs related to snowmobile and ATV trails and facilities.

Eligible applicants include municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit organizations in Pennsylvania.

No match is required for this funding, but applications providing match will be given additional consideration.

Funding for these grants comes from the ATV and Snowmobile Restricted Accounts, which are funded through registration fees that riders pay.

With a few limited exceptions, all snowmobiles and ATVs in Pennsylvania must have a registration issued by DCNR.

In the News

Shapiro Administration Announces Grants Available For Snowmobile, ATV Projects (cont.)

Statewide, Pennsylvania has nearly 38,000 active snowmobiles registered and nearly 275,000 ATVs.

DCNR offers two grant rounds annually for ATV and snowmobile projects. Last year, these grants supported 10 projects totaling more than \$1.1 million.

For more information on motorized recreation opportunities in Pennsylvania, visit DCNR's snowmobiling and ATV riding web pages.



Think Outside

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

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!



PREMIUM MEMBER RECOGNITION

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

Blizzard

Robert J Adamski

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Thank you!

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Represent clubs in their Region.
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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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