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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

## 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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Facebook Form









Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

I would like to start with a recap of 2023. Our past President, Liz Krug, retired after ten years of dedicated work for PSSA. We would like to thank Liz for all her time and effort and we send best wishes from all of us at PSSA, her snowmobile family!

After the pandemic, we started our in person membership meetings and held a meeting in Altoona. The attendance was better than anticipated following COVID, and the meeting was very productive. We held our Spring Raffle Drawing live during the meeting.

Two rounds of mini grants were awarded to ten different clubs this year! They will be used for trail maintenance, chainsaw and grooming maintenance and the purchase of fuel. Many thanks to Lori Elliott, our Grants Adminstrator, for the time and work in writing the grants.

After determining that MapGears (a trail maps app) is the best trail mapping solution for the state of Pennsylvania, the PSSA Trail Committee is working hard to have it ready for use this snow season. The following article gives the details of our new venture with MapGears. We look forward to the improvements in the snowmobiling experience for Pennsylvania snowmobilers. A very special thanks to the owner of the Zippo Company and his generous support in helping us make MapGears possible.

Our Fall Raffle was a big success as well. PSSA created an incentive to all our clubs by awarding a percentage of the ticket sales. Many thanks to F&S Yamaha for hosting the drawing at their Open House.

The programs we will be working on in 2024 are as follows : The Spring Membership Meeting with the location to be announced, registration increase and we hope to bring the Powersport Show back. With your support in selling raffle tickets, PSSA can help continue to make snowmobiling a great experience in PA.

As I am writing this letter, the snow is coming down in Northwestern PA! Hoping for great things ahead.

Thanks again, Rich Hayes

# **Snowmobile Club Help Needed**



PSSA is contracting with MapGears this fall for a trail map app - a needed enhancement to the snowmobiling experience in Pennsylvania. The first year will be a pilot program with a limited number of state trails and a limited number of participating club trails. Getting the MapGears application up and running will be a work in progress as we will continue to load more trails, more trail conditions, and more features next year. Robert Housley, currently on the PSSA Trail Committee and the Region Nine PSSA Director, will be the super user administrator to coordinate the implementation and each club will have someone assigned to keep their trails updated. We are very grateful to Zippo Outdoors for their generosity! We ask everyone to support this company that supports PSSA and snowmobile riding enthusiasts whenever possible.

### We are looking for local clubs that want to be part of the first year pilot program with their local trails and trail conditions shown on the new PSSA PA Map and APP.

Training for interested clubs will begin very soon. Please reach out to trails@pasnow.org to let us know if you want to participate. Send your club maps in one of these formats: CSV//SHP/TAB/GPX/KML/GDB/VRT/Geo JSON

Zippo Outdoors has graciously agreed to provide the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) the necessary funding to get MapGears up and running for the first year! MapGears is a proven program that has both a website and a phone APP and is being used by most snowmobile states here in the United States of America as well as by provinces in Canada. We are very excited to be able to move forward with this Mapping, Trail Conditions, and GPS program.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT MAPGEARS

ZIPPO has some great holiday gifts, check them out HERE.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS!

**BRP ATV Winner:** Crystal Ochs, Tremont **Polaris ATV Winner:** Jen/Keith Woolam, Clarion Zippo/Case Outdoors Package: Carol Mosier, McKean F&S Yamaha \$1000 Grand Prize Winner: Greg Sammet, Lititz F&S Yamaha \$750 2nd Place Winner: David Halabura, Orwigsburg F&S Yamaha \$500 3rd Place Winner: Ken Ebersole, Strasburg F&S Yamaha \$500 4th Place Winner: Brad Wolfe, Shickshinny F&S Yamaha \$250 5th Place Winner: Ted Lasitis, Kitt **Trip Package 1st Choice Winner:** Richard McMinn, Holtwood **Trip Package 2nd Place Winner:** Wilmer Zimmerman, New Holland



# Thank you!

PSSA has the best supporters! Many thanks to BRP/PA Can-Am Dealers, F&S Yamaha, Polaris, Beaver Creek Lodge, Northern Door Inn, and Zippo Lighters/Case Knives for their generous donations of the Fall Raffle prizes!















## **PA Snowseekers Fall Activities**

### PA Snowseekers 2023 Members of the Year

The PA Snowseekers would like to recognize our 2023 Members of the Year, Beth Gumina and Jim Hart!

Beth is always willing to step up and contribute her time. Beth is currently our Grant Committee Chairperson and she works diligently on the various Grants we are applying for. This involves a lot of coordination with various agencies and is a huge time requirement. Beth is Rich Hayes's right hand when it comes to Grants and she is truly pivotal to the success of our Club.

Jim has done a lot for the Club over the years and currently serves as the Co-chairperson for one of our largest fund raisers, the Golf Outing. Jim is also one of the key persons in running our various Hunting Camps. In addition, he is one of the key contacts we reach out to when we are having issues with the heating system. He is truly very handy and a jack of all trades and another pivotal member in the Club.

To Beth and Jim, thank you both for ALL

that you do for our Club and we sincerely appreciate your efforts and contributions!





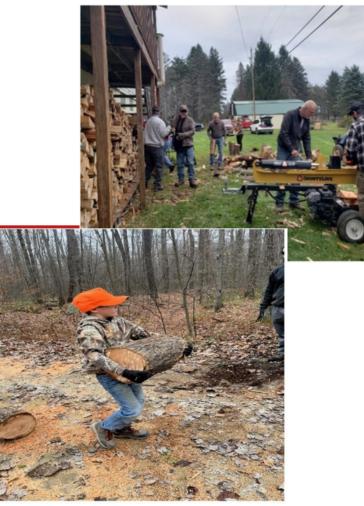
## **PA Snowseekers Fall Activities**

### Fall Work Weekend and Thanksgiving Dinner

We held our Fall Work Weekend and Thanksgiving Dinner the weekend of November 4, 2023. It was a beautiful fall day and we had good weather with temperatures in the 50's. We had over 20 members and friends and we were able to get a good number of projects completed:

- Fall wood cutting routine completed (e.g., filling, rotating, cutting, splitting, and stacking).
- Framed and finished off the back entrance.
- Installed a new screen door in the back entrance.
- Exterior Trim painting completed.
- Fall cleaning projects.
- Other projects as well.





# **PA Snowseekers Fall Activities**

We finished the day with our usual Thanksgiving Dinner where several members worked diligently all day in the kitchen to prepare our excellent meal. We had about 50 people for dinner and it was one of the largest turnouts for our local neighbors and friends. We finished the day with full stomachs relaxing around the Clubhouse watching football and a hockey game after a very productive day. A few members ventured outside to enjoy the beautiful weather with a nice bonfire listening to music, reminiscing, and telling a bunch of stories.

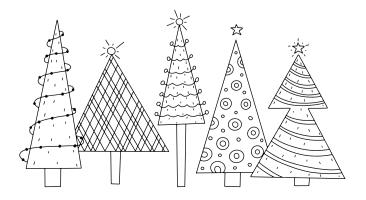
I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all members and friends in attendance and personally thank all of you for your time and efforts for a job well done!



# 10 Great Things to do in PA in December

- Christmas Village in Philadelphia Through December 24
- Cascade of Lights in New Castle Select Days in December
- Dickens of a Christmas in Wellsboro December 1-3
- Valley Forge Beer and Cider Festival in Oaks- December 2
- Steel City Con in Monroeville December 8-10
- Firebird Festival in Phoenixville December 9
- Mifflinburg Christkindl Market in Mifflinburg December 14-16
- Delaware Crossing Reenactment in Washington Crossing December 25
- New Year's Eve Celebrations in PA December 31
- Holiday Train Display at the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia

## Get all the details and read the full article HERE.



## FOMO?

# Do you have a fear of missing out? Ah, well, you are missing out if you aren't following us on social media!

Here's what you'll see:

- PA Bucket List
- PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau
- Snowmobile Club news and events
- Raffle information
- Beautiful Pennsylvania Scenery (and snow!)
- and much more



For list of all the Safety Classes please visit: <u>https://www.pasnow.org/snowmobile-safety-classes/</u>

If your club is holding a safety class and you'd like to be on the list please submit your info to: member@pasnow.org.

# What to Bring Along!

## New to snowmobiling? Here's a handy check list of items to take with you on your ride.

Map and Compass: Most states have good trail maps. Topographic maps provide the most useful information for navigating terrain because they show the area in three dimensions. Purchase a good orienteering compass, and learn how to use it with a topographic map.

First-Aid Kit: Carry a well-stocked first-aid kit, and take a first-aid course so that you'll know how to respond in an emergency.

Survival Kit: In addition to the items listed above, you should carry a survival kit. Although the contents will vary based on conditions and the length of your outing, a survival kit could include:

- Emergency blanket
- Emergency food and water (enough for one or two extra days)
- Flashlight
- Hand axe or saw
- High-energy snacks such as candy bars
- Knife
- Nylon rope
- Plastic whistle
- Pocket mirror
- Signal flares
- Snowshoes
- Sunglasses
- Tarpaulin
- Waterproof matches
- Water purification tablets

Other useful items:

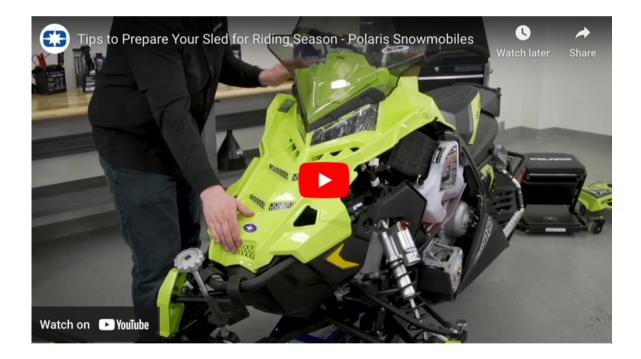
- GPS unit
- Mobile phone
- Radio for weather reports



## Get Your Snowmobile Ready to Ride!

Watch the following video to help you get your snowmobile ready for the upcoming season. Among the topics covered are: removing the hood and side panels (:29); removing dryer sheets (1:07); reinstalling your drive belt (1:14); reinstalling your battery (2:18); checking your wiring (3:17); removing fogging oil from the engine (3:37); replacing spark plugs (3:55), draining, recycling and replacing fuel (4:10); adjusting your track and suspension (4:20); inspecting your carbides (4:43); checking fluid levels (4:57); and reinstalling your hood, speedometer and side panels (5:17).

Consult your <u>Owner's Manual</u> for complete details on maintenance procedures. Search our Help Center to find maintenance procedures for your specific model.



Read the full article and watch all the videos at <u>https://www.polaris.com/en-us/snowmobiles/owner-resources/help-center/article/KA-01131/</u>



## This is Fun!!

### Vintage Winter Weapon: A 1964 Polaris Sno-Traveler Pacer Snowmobile

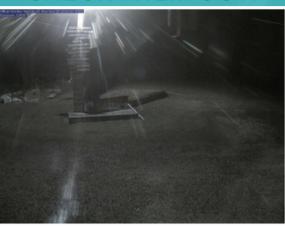
This is a 1964 Polaris Sno-Traveler Pacer snowmobile that has been restored back to full working condition. It's now being offered in running condition ready for winter adventures out of Salem, Oregon.

The Pacer K80 D shown here was named for the fact that it was powered by a Kohler 8 hp engine (K 8.0) and it's capable of 25 mph on snow with a total weight of 435 lbs. Pacers like this were typically used by anglers, hunters, farmers, trappers, and by the public for general leisure.



# 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 Snowtrails



Prince Gallitzin State Park Beaver Valley Marina Snowmobile Parking Lot



Prince Gallitzin State Park Beaver Valley Marina Snowmobile Trail



# 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 10-15
- 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.

## PREMIUM MEMBER RECOGNITION

Thank you to our Premium Membership investment levels for 2024 Membership Year

### Blizzard

Andretti Family Jason Baver **Bendal Family Benner Family Jeremy Blurton Brown Family Clause Family** Nathan Eckhart **Gochenauer Family** Steven C. Gowman Hayes Family, Rich **Terry Kline** Howard Kramer **Krise Family** Arline LaTourette Clinton C. LaTourette John W. Manfredi Martin Family

Steve Matscherz Perry Family Petronchak Family Robert Rohrbaugh Rohrer Family Douglas Sampson Sell Family, Andy Sell Family, Andy Sell Family, Robert David E. Shenk Siska Family Strotman Family Weiss Family Willard Family Zimmerman Family Wilmer Zimmerman

### Storm

**Barndt Family** Daniel Christine II Clementoni Family **Cowgill Family Thomas Coyer** Thomas Gnegy Godshall Family Hackenburg Family **Kimble Family Kirchner Family** Paul Littleford Malec Family **McKenney Family McMinn Family Miller Family Barry Nolt** Andrew Preston Severin Family Kevin M. Snoke Stoltzfus Family Swierzewski Family **Brian Taylor** Thomas Family, Frank

Thank you!

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### Snow Burst

**Banik Family** Garnet Beltrame **Brussell Family Carter Family Cazantzes Family Crowl Family Cummings Family Dolby Family** Eckhart family Eichelberger Family **Rick Emler Green Family Donald Hess** John Hilsher Hiltz Family Martha Kalko Kelly Family Randy Kilmer Harald Kofler Landis Family Joseph W. Lanzetta

LaSitis Family LaTourette Family John Liebermann Michael E. McCallips Ethan McWilliams Miller Family **Brian Miller** Mark Nelson Peterson Family Wayne Roush Salen Family Mr. Greg T. Sammet **Don Spangler** Specht Family Stroble Family Scott Sunderland **Thompson Family** Michael Walsh Wolgemuth Family hank 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!



## **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

#### What do Regional Directors do?

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

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**REGION 6** 

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## Keystone Snowmobiler

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## Give the Gift of Membership!

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Dues Total Snow Angels Children's Fund	\$			
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I agree to abide by the By-Laws and Rules & Regulations of the PA State Snowmobile Association Application for membership shall be made in writing on the appropriate form containing an agreement by the applicant to abide by the By-Laws and Rules & Regulations of the Association				
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