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Keystone Snowmobiler



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FALL RAFFLE!

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

For postings to our Facebook page, please fill out this form. Guidelines for posts are on the form.

Facebook Form

PSSA Clubs Fundraising Opportunity!

PSSA's fall raffle will provide a unique opportunity for PSSA clubs raise funds while at the same time supporting the PSSA raffle.

All raffle tickets will cost \$20 each or 4 of any tickets may be purchased for \$70. Clubs who wish to participate should collect raffle tickets and funds and submit raffle tickets to PSSA, keeping 10% of funds for your club. Club members may submit their raffle tickets through the local club to keep 10% of funds with their club. Look for an early mailing of tickets to clubs this month!



MOVING FORWARD

November 2023

Hello everyone,

Summer is gone, Fall is here and Winter is definitely coming. I'm happy to report that the remaining money of Grant 28.5 has been awarded to ten clubs. So, with the work being done on the trails, and the groomers being prepared for the winter, please take pictures and send in article to the Keystone Snowmobiler.

PSSA is proud to announce that MapGears, a phone GPS App, is a reality! Thanks to Board members Randy Green and Rob Housley and financial help from Zippo, MapGears will be up and running for this coming snowmobile season. The whole program depends on club support with supplying information on their trail system. More information can be found in the following pages of this edition. PSSA has been working on this program for a couple of years. MapGears is happening thanks to everyone involved.

PSSA is also in the process of their Fall Raffle. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. Your club will benefit with a portion of the club member ticket sales. Please encourage your club members to help out.

A new trail will be opening out of the ANF, leaving Lantz Corner and ending up at Keating Summit PA. More helpful information about this trail, motels etc. will be available and sent out soon.

And of course, we are still trying to work with DCNR on registration.

Think snow and hope to see you on the trails!

THINK SNOW!

Rich Hayes



Fall Raffle

We need your entries by
November 9th!

BRP ATV Raffle

Grand Prize

CAN-AM OUTLANDER 500 4x4 ATV
Donated by BRP and PA Can-Am Dealers
(\$6,999 value)

Polaris ATV Raffle

Grand Prize

Polaris 110EFI Youth ATV
Donated by Polaris and Five Star Powersports
(\$3599 value)

2nd Prize

Zippo/Case Outdoors Package
Zippo Lighter, W.R. Case & Sons Knife, and Zippo Outdoors Firestarter,
Ax / Saw and Rechargeable Handwarmer
Prize Value \$300

Gift Certificate Raffle

Grand Prize \$1,000 Gift Certificate / Second Prize \$750 Gift Certificate
Third Prize \$500 Gift Certificate / Fourth Prize \$500 Gift Certificate
Fifth Prize \$200 Gift Certificate

(Good towards riding gear or accessories in-store or online at F&S Yamaha.
No expiration)





Fall Raffle



Entries Due by

November 9th!!

Trip Package

1st Place Winner selects trip of their choice

2nd Place Defaults to remaining trip

Beaver Creek Lodge Winter Adventure

Located in the Heart of Logan Canyon, Utah

4-Night, 3-Day Snowmobile Package with a 1-Day Professional Guide Service included

Prize Value \$3,000. No cash value. Certificate dates of use: 01/01/2024-01/15/2024 or 03/15/2024 – 04/15/2024.

Maine Getaway

7 Night Stay for 2 at Northern Door Inn in Fort Kent, ME

Prize Value \$700. No cash value. Expires 6/1/2024.

Drawing on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3pm

at F&S Yamaha, Spring Grove, PA

Ticket Price: \$20 each for 4 for \$70

3000 tickets printed

(Need not be present to win)

Thank you to all our raffle sponsors!

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33rd Annual Snowmobile OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 13 3 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, November 14 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, November 15 9 am - 3 pm

Vintage Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, November 15 | 9 AM - 3 PM
Trophies will be awarded, free to enter, anyone or any brand welcome!



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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

Sat., Nov. 14 | 8 am - 3pm
Must call for pre-registration.

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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](#).

10 Great Things to do in PA in November

Autos and Ales in Hershey – November 3

Lake Erie Wine Country Harvest Festival – November 3-5 and 10-12

Koziar's Christmas Village in Bernville – Opens November 4

PA Bacon Fest in Easton – November 4-5

Slovak Heritage Festival in Pittsburgh – November 5

Dedication Day in Gettysburg – November 19

A Longwood Christmas in Kennett Square – Begins November 17

Light Up Night in Pittsburgh – November 18

The National Dog Show in Oaks – November 18-19

Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philly – November 23

[Get all the details and read the full article HERE.](#)



What's going on?

Stay up to date on the latest snowmobile news and information!

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) is a national organization that was formed to unite the snowmobile community. Because snowmobiling is enjoyed by millions of individuals across the United States, it was imperative that a strong national organization be formed. ACSA is that organization.



Click [HERE](#) to visit their website!



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

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

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.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL



Take the Pledge

Take the Pledge today!

The members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) are joining together again this season with the snowmobile community in promoting the Take The Pledge campaign. The Pledge is designed to ensure snowmobilers protect existing riding areas and trail systems for current and future generations and landowners who give us access to their property. Those that take the pledge agree to the following:

- I Pledge to ride off trail only where I know it's legal and accepted.
- I Pledge to check before going off-trail if I don't know.
- I Pledge to protect access for future generations by doing the right thing.
- Pledge to protect access by encouraging those I ride with to take the Pledge also.



Snowmobilers enjoy over 120,000 miles of trails located on public and private land and have been built and maintained by snowmobile volunteers for over 40 years. Snowmobilers are joined in this effort by snowmobile clubs, snowmobile dealers, lodges, local chambers of commerce – all of whom have a vested interest in maintaining responsible

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Learn more and take the pledge here: <https://www.snowmobilerspledge.com/>

Dutch Trail Cutters Safety Class

by Henry Hartman

The Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Club's annual youth Pennsylvania snowmobile safety course, sponsored by Pat & Son Powersports, will be conducted on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at the Bellegrove Fire Company Social Hall, 1725 Blacks Bridge Road, Annville, PA 17003.

Pennsylvania's Snowmobile Law requires youngsters between the ages of 10 to 15 to earn a safety certificate before they may lawfully operate a snowmobile in the state, except upon lands owned or leased by their parent or legal guardian.

The goal of the course, which was developed and is administered by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is to develop safe attitudes and practices in all keystone state snowmobilers. Student manuals and workbooks will be utilized to illustrate the sport's basic principles and safety concepts. Class participants qualify for their certificate by completing their workbooks and achieving a score of 80% or better on the final examination.

Course instructors include Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Club members Henry Hartman of Hanover, PA and Lew Stoms of Hampstead, MD; and Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club members Rich Ebersole of Cornwall, PA and Harrison Langley, Jr. of Palmyra, PA.

The team of DCNR-certified instructors conducting this course have 186 years of combined and varied snowmobiling experience around North America and the world. So, come prepared to have fun and learn in-person from experienced snowmobilers! Plus, there will be gear and equipment and a modern snowmobile, provided by Pat & Son Powersports, for students to see, touch, and ask questions about.

And unlike the DCNR's on-line course, there is NO FEE TO ATTEND, you will receive your safety certificate at the end of the course vs. waiting and hoping for it to arrive via US mail, and the Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Club will graciously provide a FREE lunch to all attendees.

Dutch Trail Cutters Safety Class

Parents are to accompany their children to registration so that the required forms may be completed. Registration begins at 7:30 AM; class starts promptly at 8:00 AM and will end no-later-than 4:00 PM.

Pre-registration is required and adults are encouraged to stay for the day to attend the course with their youth students.

Please contact Henry or Peggy Hartman at 717-633-5051 or keystonesnowmobiler@comcast.net to reserve your spot.



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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

Bendal Family
Benner Family
Jeremy Blurton
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Rohrer Family
Sell Family, Andy
Sell Family, Robert
David E. Shenk
Siska Family
Weiss Family
Willard Family
Zimmerman Family
Wilmer Zimmerman

Storm

Clementoni Family
Cowgill Family
Thomas Gnegy
Godshall Family
Hackenburg Family
Kirchner Family
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Malec Family
McKenney Family
McMinn Family
Miller Family
Barry Nolt
Andrew Preston
Kevin M. Snoke
Stoltzfus Family
Swierzewski Family
Brian Taylor
Thomas Family, Frank
Thomas Family, David

Thank you!

PREMIUM MEMBER RECOGNITION

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

Snow Burst

Banik Family	LaSitis Family
Carter Family	LaTourette Family
Cazantzes Family	Michael E. McCallips
Crowl Family	Ethan McWilliams
Dolby Family	Miller Family
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Eichelberger Family	Mark Nelson
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Martha Kalko	Salen Family
Kelly Family	Mr. Greg T. Sammet
Randy Kilmer	Don Spangler
Harald Kofler	Stroble Family
Landis Family	Thompson Family
Joseph W. Lanzetta	Wolgemuth Family

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!



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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Monthly Digital Magazine and E-
Newsletter distribution : 3100

Website Monthly Traffic August to
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Users

Facebook Audience: 11,000



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Dues Total	\$ _____
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Donation to PSSA	\$ _____
Total Amount Due	\$ _____

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

Club Member? Yes () No () Which club(s)? _____

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

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

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