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Season in Pictures!

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

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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

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.

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MOVING FORWARD March 2024

Hello everyone,

The snow was a little difficult to find this winter! I hope you all got some riding in somewhere. We can only hope next winter will make up for it.

The good news is that PSSA will be hosting the Fall PowerSports Show for the first time in four years! It will be held October 25-27th in Bloomsburg Pa. at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, located south off exit 232 on Interstate 80. Once again we will have great vendors, the used sled coral, and our fun auction. We will be sharing more information on the show soon.

Our Spring Meeting is set for April 13th at Bestline Powersports, located in Centre Hall, Pa. It will start at 9 am and include lunch around noon. This meeting is a great chance to find out what PSSA is doing for you, your clubs and the sport of snowmobiling. There will be committee reports with open discussions and updates from DCNR. There will be an update on our new trail app and our partnership with MapGears. Learn more about the new app on the next page. We will provide information on the grant application process as well. A complete agenda will be available soon. See page six for the link to register to attend. We look forward to meeting all of you.

There will be another round of mini grants coming up as soon. We will announce that applications are open once the money is released.

Thank you all and let's hope for a blast of snow in March!

Thanks! AND THINK SNOW!!!

Rich Hayes, PSSA President

It's Here!

The pilot launch of the Pennsylvania Trail Map and APP is here!



The online version of the PSSA Snowmobile Trail Conditions Map is completely free to use. Plan your trips, save itineraries for future adventures or share them with friends.

Trail Map features:

- Cell Service Not Required for Navigation
- No cell service needed to pinpoint your exact location and load routes
- Thousands of PA miles in the palm of your hand
- Select a starting point and destination, then go!
- Plan trips in advance and save them for future adventures
- Easily modify destinations on the go, with drag and drop menu
- \$4.95 per season for the mobile app
- Get the App Now!

Learn more and see the online version of the app here:





Or visit: https://www.pasnow.org/trail-guide/

3rd Annual Night with DCNR

The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) held its 3rd Annual Night with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on February 21, 2024. We are grateful to Michael Walsh, Deputy Secretary for Administration and thank the DCNR representatives from the Bureau of Administration, Office of Parks and Forestry, Recreation and Conservation Partnerships Division and the Motorized Recreation Section for joining us. A full list of DCNR representatives is available in their presentation.

DCNR representatives spent time sharing information with PSSA and the snowmobile community on various topics including newly announced MapGears project spearheaded by the PSSA trails committee, DCNR Financials, Snowmobile Grant opportunities (specifically the new American made rules allowing Groomers to be purchased once again), as well as an update on what the DCNR registration fee committee has been doing.

The snowmobile community, along with PSSA, submitted questions to DCNR ahead of the meeting. Their questions were answered during the Question-and-Answer portion held at the end of the meeting. The questions asked were relevant to the discussions and added further insight into topics important to the snowmobile community.

Submitted by: Cindy Barrick, PSSA liaison to DCNR/PSSA Region 10 Director/DCNR Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee – Snowmobile Representative

To view the DCNR Powerpoint Presentation, the video of the full meeting and see all the questions and answers click HERE!



PSSA UPCOMING EVENTS!

2024 PSSA Legislative Ride Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 10538 Rt 19 / Peach St Waterford, PA 16441



2024 Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Saturday, April 13, 2024 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Best Line Powersports 2031 General Potter Highway Centre Hall, PA 16828

To register for any or all of our upcoming events, please click the button!



Don't forget to send your tix in!

The 2024 Winter Raffle is under way! Get those tickets back to us BEFORE April 13th!

We've got some incredible prizes so get those tickets in!

Thank you for supporting PSSA and many thanks to our great raffle sponsors – All Trail Powersports and Best Line Powersports!

PA State	PA State Snowmobile Association			
Snowmobile Association	Grand Prize: \$2,000 Cash			
Name	First Runner Up: \$1,000 Cash			
Address	2nd Runner Up: \$500 Cash			
Phone Email Sold By No.2964	Drawing on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 1pm at Best Line Powersports Centre Hall, PA Price: \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25 6000 tickets printed (Need not be present to win) PA SGC #4972 Permit #517			
PA State Snowmobile Association	PA State Snowmobile Association Grand Prize: \$1,000 in Sheetz Gift Cards First Runner Up: New 2021 Hammerhead Torpedo Go Kart, 208cc, for ages 6+ from All Trails Powersports, value \$1,299			
Name	2nd Runner Up: \$500 Best Line Powersports Gift Certificate for Parts, Garments or Accessories			
Address	3rd Runner Up: \$500 Best Line Powersports Gift Certificate for Polaris Parts, Garments or Accessories			
Phone	4th Runner Up: Best Line Powersports Gift Certificate for \$250 in Klim Clothing AND \$250 in Polaris Parts, Garments, or Accessories			
Email	Drawing on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 1pm			
	at Best Line Powersports, Centre Hall, PA Price: \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25			
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If you'd like to order more tickets, click HERE

PSSA AWARD NOMINATIONS

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SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TODAY! CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos on Facebook!









































































































































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Bloomsburg Fairgrounds!

Exhibitor and sponsorship information will be available soon!



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!











Beaver Valley Marina Snowmobile



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** Bruce Cox Nathan Eckhart **Gochenauer Family** Steven C. Gowman Hayes Family, Rich **Terry Kline** Howard Kramer **Krise Family** Laird Family Arline LaTourette Clinton C. LaTourette John W. Manfredi Martin Family

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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?

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