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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

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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.



MOVING FORWARD

December 2024

Hello, everyone!

I am at our camp on this very cold morning in December getting ready for some hunting. We have snow in the Allegheny National Forest and hopefully it will stay. There is lots of snow up the northwestern part of Pennsylvania! This time of year brings us hope for some great snowmobiling conditions.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for.

PSSA is proud that the MapGears program is up and running now for a full snowmobile season! We are all anxious to try PSSA's app out for the participating areas as we have been using it in other states and are looking forward to enjoying this GPS ability to get around.

The PSSA PowerSports Show was a success and much appreciated by all who attended! If you came to the show in Bloomsburg and would like to give PSSA feedback, your ideas and comments will be much appreciated. We are already discussing next year's show.

We all here at PSSA wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hope to see you on the trails this winter!

Think snow,
Rich Hayes

2024 Used Toy Corral!

After a 5-year hiatus, the Used Sled (Toy) Corral made a return to the PA Powersports Show at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. This popular feature of the show was a bit less on the numbers this year but was a healthy restart. Thanks to all who brought snowmobiles, trailers, ATV's, and motorcycles to sell. There is a statistics chart included with this report for your interest.

A great thing that makes the Used Sled Corral successful are the wonderful volunteers who donate their time and energy to make it all happen. This year, the following people served you and PSSA for the entire weekend:

Dale Hartman
Gary Claypoole
Juliana Claypoole
Dave Shank
Harrison Langley
Henry Hartman

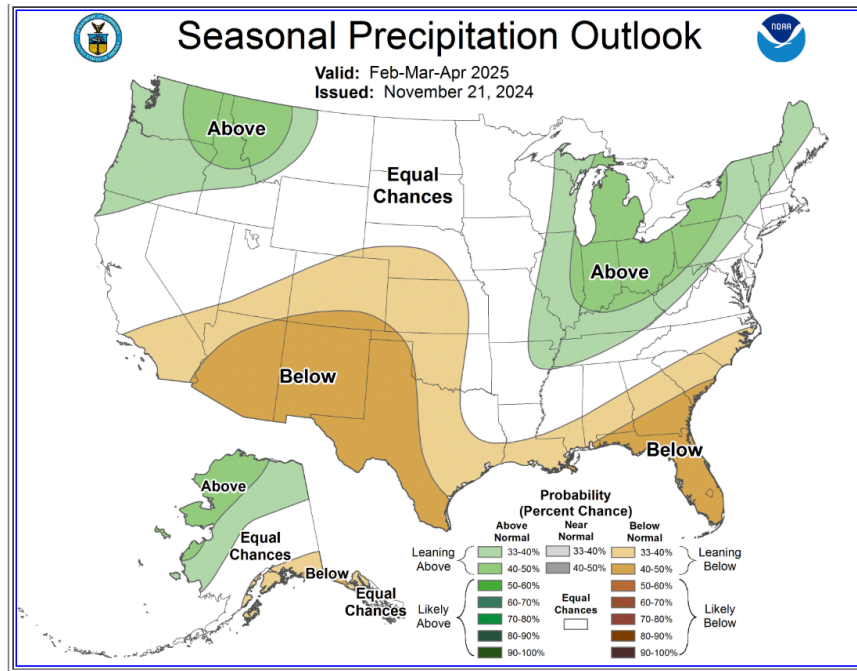
Thanks also to the PSSA Powersports Show Committee and BestLine Equipment for arranging the forklift that we use to unload and reload machines. The same forklift came in very handy with moving many of the sleds in the Vintage Snowmobile Show. We thank the providers for making this machine available.

Everyone is already looking forward to next year and an even better show. Thanks again to all who helped make the 2024 Show a success.

Henry Hartman

2024 SLED CORRAL TOTALS												
	Friday		Saturday		Sunday		TOTALS					
	IN	Sold	IN	Sold	IN	Sold	IN	SOLD				
A-C	6					1	6	1			17%	
POL	9			1			9	1			11%	
S-D	9	1					9	1			11%	
YAM	0		1				1					
OOPS	0						0					
Sled Totals	24	1	1	1			25	3			13%	
Trailers	3						3					
Motorcycles	1						1					
ATV's	4					1	4	1			25%	
	8					1	8					
TOTALS	32	1	1	1		2	33	4			16%	

How Much Snow Will We See This Winter In PA?



How cold and snowy will the upcoming winter be in Pennsylvania? While winter doesn't officially start until Dec. 21, meteorological winter begins this weekend —on Dec. 1. Several forecasters have put forward their predictions for how snowy the season will be here in the Keystone State. Here's a look at what they're saying:

AccuWeather: Winter will have some “meteorological twists and turns” that could bring bursts of heavy snow and blasts of bitterly cold air...

The Old Farmer's Almanac: In its 2024-2025 outlook, The Old Farmer's Almanac released calls for the coming season to be "a calmer, gentler winter" for much of the United States.

The Farmers' Almanac: Its forecast calls for rapid-fire storms that will bring both rain and snow, with little downtime in between.

NOAA: In the Northeast, temperatures are expected to be above normal up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Precipitation is expected to be above normal in much of the region, that forecast predicts.

Read the full article [HERE!](#)

Top Things to do in Pennsylvania this Winter

Cooler temperatures inspire loads of winter fun in Pennsylvania, from ice boating and ice fishing to snow tubing and snowmobiling. As Old Man Winter works his magic in Pennsylvania, sparkling ice-frosted trees and snow-dusted beauty abound in state parks and forests bustling with outdoor fun for all ages. Pennsylvania's winter wonderland offers snowy adventures from Nemaquin to the Allegheny National Forest. Add one or more of these fun-filled outdoor activities to your Keystone State winter bucket list.

- Dog Sledding
- Snowmobiling
- Cross Country Skiing
- Snow Tubing
- Iceboating
- Ice Fishing
- Ice Skating
- Carriage Rides
- Snowy Scenes
- Hiking Snow-covered Trails



Read the full article [HERE!](#)

Why Ski-Doo is the only snowmobile permitted in Yellowstone

Replete with stunning hydrothermal and geologic features and thriving wildlife across 2.2 million acres, [Yellowstone National Park](#) is a national treasure. It's also America's first national park; former president Ulysses S. Grant made it official on March 1, 1872.



The [national park](#) maintains its beauty with a stringent set of environmental regulations that places the welfare of the park front and center. For example, during the winter months only certain kinds of vehicles and snowmobiles are allowed on the groomed trails, and they must meet the park's [Best Available Technology \(BAT\) standard](#) for emissions. Only one snowmobile brand currently meets the criteria: Ski-Doo.

Ultimately, snowmobiles remained, but with new safeguards in place for the Yellowstone ecosystem. Through that process, the national park service learned about new emissions technology offered in four-stroke snowmobile engines that decreased carbon emissions by more than 70 percent and decreased sound levels by about half.

As a result, updated regulations today state that snowmobiles entering the park must operate at or below 67 dBA (the measurement of sound levels) and must be certified for certain emissions levels. According to the National Park Service, a snowmobile “will be certified for six consecutive winter seasons following its manufacture or until the snowmobile travels 6,000 miles, whichever occurs later, and model year 2015-2017 snowmobiles must have less than 6,000 miles on the odometer to be approved.”

Ski-Doo's approved-for-Yellowstone snowmobiles employ a four-stroke engine, which is more efficient and emits fewer toxic fumes than the two-stroke engines offered in other snow machines. The company's ACE (advanced combustion efficiency) engines are designed with a square bore and stroke in a spherical combustion chamber and tuned to use less fuel to create power. Thus, fewer emissions. [YouTube channel driving 4 answers](#) does a great job explaining the difference between two- and four-stroke engines and how they work. ([Continue reading on Popular Science](#))

Snowmobile Safety

Our snowmobile friends in New York offer some great snowmobile safety tips:

- Inspect and properly maintain your snowmobile; make sure it is in good working order and carry emergency supplies (e.g. – food, water, warm clothing and safety equipment).
- Always wear a helmet with DOT-certified standards and make sure you wear appropriate snowmobile gear including: snow bibs, water-proof jackets, boots, and gloves to withstand the elements (cold temperatures and moisture).
- Always ride with a buddy or group and tell a responsible person where you will be riding and your expected return time.
- Slow down. Ride responsibly. Ride within your ability, ride to the right and always operate at a safe and prudent speed.
- Stay on marked trails. Respect landowners and obey posted signs.
- Never drink alcohol or use drugs and ride.
- Frozen bodies of water are not designated trails; if you plan to ride on ice, proceed with caution and be aware of potential hazards under the snow. If you choose to ride on ice, wear a snowmobile suit with flotation built-in and carry a set of ice picks as a precaution.

Source: The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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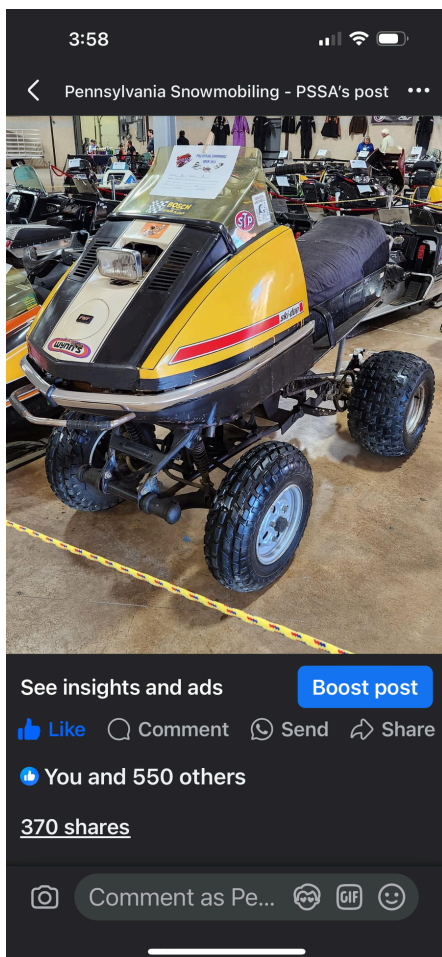
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Our most popular Facebook post from the show! We have tons of great pics on social so check them all out!

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The PA Trails Foundation provides free, hands-on ATV and Dirt Bike Safety Education events using our custom simulators. Bring us to your community event or club next year!



Our non-profit is grant funded and endorsed by PA DCNR, PAOHV, and other organizations across Pennsylvania.

Contact us at
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Come visit us in the Industrial Building during the Power Sports Show 2024.

Hands on training will be available throughout the show on every hour for ATVs and half hour for dirt bikes.

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Thank you!

We're ready!!

The Pennsylvania Trail Map and APP is here! Check it out!



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!
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- \$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/>

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!



Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club



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")
- 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.

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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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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