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Happy
New
Year!

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:

<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.



MOVING FORWARD JANUARY 2024

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

Old man winter is at it again. Some areas had 4 feet of snow and most of us are back to grass now. We need everyone to THINK SNOW!!

Don't forget that PSSA has Mapgears up and running. Please check it out and hopefully we can all enjoy this program.

The most popular page on our website this time of year is the webcams page! Check it out [HERE!](#)

We've been approved for \$62,000 in mini grants!. Once we receive this money, we will notify the clubs and begin the application process.

We are working on the Spring Meeting and the Spring Raffle. We'll release all the necessary information in the near future.

We are busy assessing the results of the Bloomsburg Fall Show. After a long show hiatus due to COVID, we have decisions to make for this upcoming year. As always, we appreciate your input.

When the snow does arrive, please respect private property trails, abide by the speed limit and help us keep all of our trails open. At our last meeting we learned of a section closed in Seven Springs. Please contact Maple Summitt Snowmobile Club for details. Contact your local club for information on trails in your area.

Thanks and Have a Happy New Year!
Rich

HYNER MOUNTAIN SNOWMOBILE CLUB 2025 SAFETY COURSE

The Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club's youth Pennsylvania snowmobile safety course will be conducted on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at the Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club lodge, which is located approximately 6 miles north of Haneyville, PA and directly across Route 44 from Pat Reeder's Tavern in Clinton County. 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 by 4:00 PM.

Class participants qualify for their certificate by completing their workbooks and achieving a score of 80% or better on the final examination. Students receive their safety certificates at the end of the course.

Pre-registration is required. Adults are encouraged to participate. The class is free and the Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club will provide lunch.

Also, if there is rideable snow on the 1/4/25 class date, adults are invited to bring snowmobiles and riding gear for themselves and their youth students so that the DCNR-specified Optional Performance Test can be administered to the youth students.

To pre-register for the course at the Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club, please contact Dan Casey at 570-875-3006 or dcasev@ptd.net



To stay up to date on all safety classes or send us an upcoming class click [HERE](#)

Play but stay safe this snowmobile season

John Bednar, MD, hasn't been on a snowmobile in years, but he's seen firsthand what can happen to drivers and passengers if they don't take proper precautions on the snowmobile trails.

Every year, 14,000 injuries and nearly 200 deaths are the result of snowmobiling accidents, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The main causes are excess speed, alcohol, driver inexperience and poor judgment.

Snowmobile accidents range from ankle sprains to serious injuries such as brain, back and neck injuries, says Dr. Bednar, an emergency room physician with OSF HealthCare. He compares these accidents to the trauma seen in motorcycle mishaps.

"Snowmobile crashes can be absolutely horrendous, life threatening and such a tragedy if you have an unexpected accident, like we see every year," he adds. "Deaths, severe spinal injuries, pelvic fractures, multiple broken bones that can be devastating, devastating injuries and totally unexpected when you're out there to have fun." The biggest danger, without question, is consuming alcohol or drugs while using a snowmobile.

"I've seen very few snowmobile accidents that did not have some sort of intoxication involved or other preventive kind of reckless behavior," says Dr. Bednar. "Intoxication, number one, by far, seems to be most involved in the crashes I've seen over the decades."

Dr. Bednar says if it's not alcohol related, the other common factor in snowmobile accidents is not being familiar with the surroundings. That's especially the case for snowmobilers who travel away from home to ride in other parts of the Midwest.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE AT OSF HEALTHCARE](#)

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
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- 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:



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

Webcams!

Many thanks to all the snowmobile clubs for sharing and maintaining these webcams.

CHECK THEM OUT!



Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club



Hilltop Howlers



NEPA Snowtrails



Prince Gallitzin State Park
Beaver Valley Marina Snowmobile Parking Lot



Arctic Cat owner stopping all production, could sell the Minnesota snowmobile and ATV maker

Textron Inc. had already announced it was halting factory work in Thief River Falls and cutting the workforce; now, St. Cloud operations also will be affected as powersports industry continues to hit bumps.

The owner of Arctic Cat says it is suspending production at plants in Thief River Falls, Minn., and St. Cloud as the company seeks alternatives for its powersports operations.

Rhode Island-based Textron Inc., an industrial conglomerate that owns aviation and defense companies, bought Arctic Cat in January 2017 for \$247 million. Arctic Cat became part of Textron's Industrial segment, which includes other Textron Specialized Vehicles like E-Z-Go golf carts, Cushman utility vehicles and Jacobsen mowers.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday Textron said it was seeking strategic alternatives for Arctic Cat, which is based in Thief River Falls and makes snowmobiles, ATVs and other outdoor vehicles.

“The consumer end market demand for powersports products continues to remain soft,” the company wrote.

The powersports industry, which includes personal watercraft, snowmobiles and all-terrain and utility vehicles, has struggled lately as consumers delay big purchases that often require financing. Medina-based Polaris Inc., the largest powersports manufacturer, said during its third quarter earnings in October that it was limiting production to protect inventory levels at its dealers.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE IN
THE MINNESOTA STAR TRIBUNE



Premium Member Recognition

Blizzard

Andretti Family
Jason B. Baver
Bendal Family
Benner Family
Jeremy Blurton
Mike Brower
Mike Brower
Brown Family
Clause Family
Nathan & Ingrid Eckhart
Gochenauer Family
Steven Gowman
Kistler Family
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Douglas J. Sampson
Sell Family
David E. Shenk
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Specht Family
Steinbach Family
Strotman Family
Uhler Family
Weiss Family
Willard Family
Zimmerman Family
Wilmer Zimmerman

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Carter Family
Cazantzes Family
Crowl Family
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Dolby Family
Ebling Family
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Cowgill Family
Thomas Coyer
Eckhart family
Godshall Family
Kimble Family
Kirchner Family
Kulp Family
Meade Family
Malec Family
McKenney Family
Miller Family
Barry Nolt
Andrew Preston
Kevin M. Snoke
Sowers Family
Spock Family
Stoltzfus Family
Swierzewski Family
Thomas Family
Chris Yerdon

Thank you!

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!



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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Website Monthly Traffic August to
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Users

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Donation to PSSA	\$ _____
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