

# Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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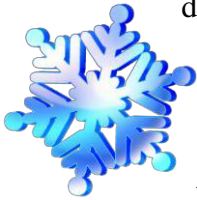
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**Do your snow dance** – whatever kind of snow dance you can do, please do it. We had some snow over the holidays, but we still need a lot more. We need the snow so we can have a fantastic riding season the rest of the winter.



**Upcoming Events** – see full schedule later in this newsletter

**January 12, 11 am Steak Ride** Leader Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com). The club provides the steaks. The rest of the meal is potluck. Please bring a side or dessert and your own table service & beverage. Please call Mike to RSVP so he buys enough steaks for all of us

**CSA Convention January 25-27 In South Fork** Snowmobile clubs from all over Colorado meet to enjoy some riding, conduct some meetings and CSA business. Details on the CSA web site [www.snowmobilecolo.com](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com)

**January 30 – February 3 Overnight Ride** Leader: Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com) The Overnight Ride will be held on Grand Mesa this year. We will be staying at



the Thunder Mountain Lodge where we can ride from our cabin doors. It is your responsibility to make your own lodging

reservations. All expenses are your cost. You can visit their web site at [www.thundermountainlodge.net](http://www.thundermountainlodge.net) please note the .net in the web address. Their phone number is 970-856-6240. The lodge has a restaurant and small bar area. Please contact Mike Ingle for any questions and to also let him know you will be attending so he will have a head count on how many to expect. Mike can be contacted at 970-531-5940 or at [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com). As of December 27, 2012

the lodge had no reservations for the Overnight Ride Dates. This could change quickly so if you plan to attend make your reservations soon.

**February 9 Avalanche Training.** Contact Tom Mason 970-531-5812 or [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com) Meet at Idleglen 8:00 am This is an on-the-snow training session taught by a Colorado State Parks instructor. Limited class size: Pre-registration required. Exact location to be determined by instructor.

**February 16 – Snowmobile for Life Poker Run to benefit Flight for Life.** Registration 9:00 to noon. Cash prizes for top 3 hands, Silent Auction, Happy Hour at \*\*\*, After Party at \*\* A few volunteers are still needed for the Poker Run to assist at Hwy 34 as crossing guards, on the mountain at card stops to distribute cards and at the silent auction in the Community House to assist with setting up and displaying the items. Be sure to go to [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4EA8A723AA8-event](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4EA8A723AA8-event) to volunteer. There are several positions left unfilled. Early sign up for a position will ensure that the event will be a success. The web sign-up page lets you see exactly where you are needed. If you can't access the web site contact Toni Boettcher at 720-208-6692 or [toni\\_boettcher@hotmail.com](mailto:toni_boettcher@hotmail.com).

Club President Tom Mason has gotten us off to an early start with our fundraising efforts by donating \$100 to the President's Challenge which will be applied to the prize monies which are to be awarded as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners at the event. If you would like to donate to the President's Challenge, please make your checks payable to St. Anthony Health Foundation - Flight for Life Colorado and indicate in the memo field that you would like it to be applied for the prize money. St. Anthony Health Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. You will be provided a tax letter from the foundation. Your donation is tax deductible only if it is made out to St. Anthony Health

Foundation. If you write your check out to the club, you will be missing the tax break.

The Gateway Inn is offering event participants a 10% discount for rooms booked on Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th. In order to receive the discount, please reference Flight for Life when making your reservation(s). There are a limited number of rooms in the block that will receive the 10% discount, so make your reservations as soon as possible. First come, first served. Thank you to Gateway Inn for offering the discount.

### Recent Events

The **Hot Dog Ride** was held at Idle Glen Staging area. There just wasn't enough snow to pull the chuck wagon out to any of the meadows. Jon Linton saved the day by pulling the chuck wagon up the road with his truck. Cam Stone was grooming in the area and was able to enjoy a hot dog with the club. We also fed a couple who was up checking out the area and happened to show up while we were going strong.

**Snowmobile Safety Training** saw the smallest class ever. We had 3 students. They all did very well on all material and tests. We think having it so close to Christmas was a problem for people. We won't hold the class so close to Christmas in the future.

### Membership Renewal

If you missed the December renewal deadline, you can still renew your membership. Please be sure to review & update your contact information. If you don't tell us about those changes you'll miss important news and riding opportunities. If you renew online at the CSA web site ([www.snowmobilecolo.com](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com)) take an extra moment to double-check and update your contact information. Yes, you can still send in paper renewal forms.

### Web Master

For several years Marshall Shovein has been our web master. We appreciate his time and effort in keeping our web site up to date and presenting a good face to the world. His schedule has gotten busier over the years and it's time for him to hand it off to the next person. If you would be willing to take on this important job, please contact any of our board members. If you have any specific questions

about the nuts & bolts of maintaining the site, you could ask Marshall [mshovein@yahoo.com](mailto:mshovein@yahoo.com)

### Caution! – Logs & Stumps

The logging to remove hazard trees along our trails continued this summer & fall. There are a lot of new open areas that will be calling to you to go off-trail. Be careful though, there



are a lot of stumps & logs that can snag or damage your snowmobile. Once we have enough snow to really cover them, they'll be fun, but be really careful in your

early riding. There are more photos posted at [www.flickr.com/mooseduds](http://www.flickr.com/mooseduds) look for the Stillwater Logging Aftermath link. until we get quite a bit more snow, those stumps are just waiting to snag your snowmobile.

### Club Patches

The new logo patches are in. Each membership renewal will get a patch. Additional patches are available at \$4 each.

### Keep an eye on our web site

[www.gltrailblazers.com](http://www.gltrailblazers.com). Tell your friends & neighbors to check it out! It has a link to the club Facebook page, too, where you can post photos to show off your rides. The club now has a permanent email address – [gl\\_trailblazers@yahoo.com](mailto:gl_trailblazers@yahoo.com) it is checked daily for incoming messages.

## Board of Directors

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Regular Board meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 5 pm at the Grand Lake Fire Station. There are no meetings May, July, or September. *Note there are a few meetings that are moved to a different date to accommodate scheduling conflicts.*

## Become a business member!

You can't find a better advertising value than a business membership. For \$52 (\$32 goes to the CSA for lobbying efforts to protect our sport) you get a monthly listing in the Trailblazers newsletter. You also get a listing in the Snowscoop magazine reaching thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts across the state and country. You are mentioned and supported on our new website that is generating close to 50 hits (and growing) each day. You get a listing on the new CSA website as well. Both websites are being promoted extensively this year, bringing hundreds of additional viewings. The Trailblazers also have a new Facebook page with your information being listed and promoted. This is target marketing at its best! You can't find a better return on investment. For only \$52 you support the sport, help to keep our trails open and reach out to thousands of like-minded individuals each month.

Please patronize our business members – be sure to tell them you saw them in the newsletter.

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**2012-2013 Ride & Activity Schedule**

All rides & activities meet at Idleglen unless noted otherwise.

**October 20, 10am Highway Cleanup Mile**  
**Marker 9 Hwy 34 Leader** – Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com)

**November 3, 5 pm Board Meeting** Grand Lake Fire Station

**November 24, 9am Pancake Breakfast;** Leader – Kim Ingle 970-509-0077 & Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 Breakfast in the open air, with or without snow. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice & coffee.

**December 1, 5pm Board Meeting** Grand Lake Fire Station

**December 15 11am Hot Dog Ride;** Leader – John Amerman 970-627-5482  
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**December 22-23 8am Snowmobile Safety Training;** Leaders Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 or 3480; [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com) or [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com)

**January 5, 2013 5pm Board Meeting** Grand Lake Fire Station

**January 12, 11am Steak Ride,** Leader – Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com)

**January 30 – February 3 Overnight Ride**  
Location to be determined Leader - Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com)

**February 9, 5pm Board Meeting** Grand Lake Fire Station (*moved from February 2*)

**February 16, 9am Flight for Life Poker Run**  
Grand Lake Community Building, Chair Toni Boettcher [toni\\_boettcher@hotmail.com](mailto:toni_boettcher@hotmail.com)

**February 23, 7pm Moonlight Ride** David Zimmerman 303-908-6950 or [zimmcon@gmail.com](mailto:zimmcon@gmail.com) The groomer makes an appearance at this ride

**March 2, 10am Long Ride** Leader Tom Mason 970-531-5812 or [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com)

**March 2, 5pm Board Meeting** Grand Lake Fire Station

**March 8-9 Pink Ribbon Ride** – not a club event, but a worthy cause supporting breast cancer patients

**April 6, 5pm Potluck & Elections** Columbine Lake Clubhouse

**May 18, 10am Hwy Cleanup** Leader – Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com)

**June 1 Board Meeting 5pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**August 3 Summer Picnic at NOON & Board Meeting 10am** Meet at Greenridge Picnic Area. Board meeting 10 am. This is the meeting that sets the ride schedule for the next season.

**2012 CSA Raffle Results** – The Trail Blazers sold 208 tickets for this raffle. The 2013 Arctic Cat M8 went to Dale Hollingshead of Grand Junction and the \$1000 went to Glenn Miller of Montrose. Maybe next year someone in our club will be the lucky one.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
For  
**TRAIL BLAZERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.**

By joining the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, you are enabling us to support legislation which protects your snowmobile rights and areas. You will receive our newsletters, keeping you up-to-date on the latest snowmobiling news in this area, our meetings and our events, and also *Snow Scoop* publications containing information on statewide events and legislation affecting Colorado and neighboring states. \*As an additional benefit of this membership, you, your spouse, and minor children receive Colorado Snowmobile Association liability insurance, provided you are on a sanctioned club ride. If you enjoy snowmobiling in the Grand Lake area, help keep it open by joining the Trail Blazers.

**CSA strongly encourages members to renew online at <http://www.snowmobilecolo.com> if you prefer to renew directly with the Trail Blazers, fill out this form and send it in**

**\*WE DO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

(Please detach and mail with your payment)

**DUES ARE PAYABLE ANNUALLY, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1**

Individual or Family Membership--\$42.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Business Membership--\$52.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (Significant Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Sleds: \_\_\_\_\_ Names of children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.**  
Mail check to: **P.O. Box 507**  
**Grand Lake, CO 80447-0507**

Please circle:      Renewal Membership      First-time membership

If first time, how did you learn of us? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your newsletter? US Postal \_\_\_\_\_ or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another Snowmobile Club? NO \_\_\_\_\_, YES \_\_\_\_\_ If YES Club name:

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Are you available to ride during the week? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

May we include you in our member directory? (Published in late December) No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of riding do you prefer? Family \_\_\_\_\_ Trail \_\_\_\_\_ Off-Trail \_\_\_\_\_