

Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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Upcoming Events – see full schedule later in this newsletter

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

April 6 Annual Potluck & Elections, 5 pm Columbine Club House – Be sure to attend this important event. It's a great chance to get together and share a meal together. It's also time to elect officers for the coming year. Our Vice-President, Treasurer and Board Member at-large are up for election. The Treasurer and at-large member will be vacant effective the date of the elections. If you'd like to run for any of the above offices, please let President Tom Mason know so we can get you on the ballot. We will also provide for write-ins on the ballots. The club will provide pizza; bring your own table service & beverage. Side dishes or desserts to share are optional.

At the time of this newsletter, we have candidates for Vice-President: John Amerman (incumbent), Treasurer: Joe Kelly and board member at-large: Ronald Brown. If you'd like to run for Vice President, Treasurer or member at-large, contact Tom immediately – 970-531-5812. Board members need to be available to attend the monthly board meetings on the first Saturday of the month.

Recent Events

February 16 Snowmobile for Life Poker Run

Once again, we had a great event. Event Chair,



Toni Boettcher made sure we had volunteers to set up, register riders, handle card stops, help with highway crossing, silent auction, cleanup and

more. Thank you so much, Toni. Thank you so much to each and every volunteer. Thank you to both the Mile Hi Snowmobile Club and the Trail

Blazers Snowmobile Club – without all the hard work from both clubs this event would not be possible. We had 205 riders and raised \$9183 before expenses.

Gabriella Sullivan won the top hand 4 fives, A. Sam Thergesen took second prize with a full house nines over aces and Melinda O'Brien took third prize with a full house nines over tens.



Thank you to all our donors and special thanks to



Grumpys for hosting our Friday Happy Hour and to Pancho & Lefty's for hosting our Saturday After Party. Things went smoothly and we had good

weather. We got a bit of snow before the event and had nice weather on the day of the event. Thank you, Toni, and everyone who helped.

February 23 Moonlight Ride David Zimmerman and Mike Ingle did a great job with the Moonlight ride. They got the chuck wagon out to Hatchet Park ahead of the main group and set up the lights, had



the brats & dogs cooking on the grill and all the fixin's heating. Between the group that rode from Idleglen, the group from On The Trail and the group from Lone Eagle

Lodge, we had 27 people chowing down in the snow. We even had a brief, fuzzy glimpse of the moon. Cam Stone brought the groomer down into Hatchet Park and explained how it all works to

several interested people. It's always nice to find out how those trails stay as smooth as they do – it takes a lot of work by the Trail Groomers skilled staff. The only incident was a “stuck” – one of the



sleds headed back to Idleglen wound up deeply stuck in the ditch along the Kawuneeche Road. After a short wait, they got the help they needed to get it out and back on the trail.

March 2 Long Ride This ride happened too close to publishing time, so the report on this ride will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

Membership Renewal

If you missed the December renewal deadline, you can still renew your membership. Please be sure to review & update your contact information. Renew online at the CSA web site www.snowmobilecolo.com 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

Club Patches

The new logo patches are in. Each membership renewal will get a patch. Additional patches are available at \$4 each. If you haven't gotten yours yet email gl_trailblazers@yahoo.com or call 970-531-3480.

Keep an eye on our web site

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 email address is 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

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 or 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

January 30 – February 3 Overnight Ride
Location to be determined Leader - Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or 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

February 23, 7pm Moonlight Ride David Zimmerman 303-908-6950 or 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

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April 6, 5pm Potluck & Elections Columbine Lake Clubhouse

May 18, 10am Hwy Cleanup Leader – Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or 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.

To “follow” the grooming operations, go to http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0fqGODvjCsnbp8vmZfgEyCAYKVbqJQ_NkQ Many nights there are two tracks, the current & the night before, so it can get a bit confusing.

For more Moonlight Ride photos go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mooseduds/sets/72157632900518052/>

For more Poker Run photos go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mooseduds/sets/72157632896174219/>

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: _____

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 _____