

# Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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

## August 3 Annual Picnic noon Greenridge Picnic Area – Tom Mason 970-531-5812

The club will bring the fried chicken, you all bring the rest of the pot luck meal. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, along with your own table setting & beverage. The board will meet at 10 am to set the ride schedule for the coming season – come early if you'd like to help with deciding the rides to come. Lunch begins at noon. For more information contact Tom. A reminder will be sent out later this summer about this important annual August event. See you there. Be sure to bring or purchase a pass so you don't get a ticket. We hope to see you all there!

## Member Survey

Along with this newsletter you're getting a member survey. In order to better serve you we need your input. We will use survey results at the August meeting to help set up next winter's ride schedule. Please take the time to give us your thoughts on rides & activities.

## Recent Events

**Highway Cleanup** – The group met, had donuts and chatted awhile before getting down to business. We finished within an hour and a half. There were a number of potential treasures found: a



good left glove, a brass pipe nipple, an electric switch wall plate, a sock, a bungee, a car wash sponge. There were also car parts, a blown out right glove (not a match) ... no cash this time. All together we picked up 11 bags of trash. A big thank you to (left to right in photo) Tom Mason (with Max), Ron Brown, Ron Bowen, John & Marily Movius, George Wilcinski & Mike Ingle. Not pictured: Debbie Mason

We've reached that time of year when it's really hard to find snow to ride. Of course, sometimes, the snow is there but there's a lot of dirt or mud between the truck and the snow. If you've had a good "last last ride" send a picture or two and we'll put it in the newsletter to help the rest of us get through the "dry patch". Over Memorial Day we crossed Rabbit Ears and there was still snow, but it wasn't looking friendly

**April 20 Last Last Ride** - When we got a good storm in mid-April a few riders got together for a



*last* last ride. Left to right: Ronald Brown, David Zimmerman, Pat O'Brien, Eric & Lisa Anderson, Marshall Shovein & Troy Jaklich. Tom Mason took the photo. Early in the day the riding was good, but the snow started turning to "mashed potatoes" in the afternoon. When there got to be too many stucks, it was time to go home.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gl_trailblazers@yahoo.com) or call 970-531-3480.

### **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 email address is [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.

**(remainder of year)**

**May 18, 10am Hwy Cleanup** Leader – Mike Ingle  
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**June 8 Board Meeting 5pm** Grand Lake Fire Station (rescheduled from June 1)

**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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Over the history of our club the snowmobiles have changed, our members have changed, and times have changed. In order to better serve our membership we're seeking your input. Please take a few minutes to answer a survey that will help us serve you better.

In addition to survey, please send us any additional comments or suggestions that will help us improve the club.

Which of the scheduled rides do you like best? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the scheduled rides do you like least? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to ride on Saturday or Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

What weekends should we NOT schedule rides? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there rides we used to do that you'd like to bring back? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see "split" rides – split to accommodate both the more advanced riders and those who prefer an easier ride?

Would you prefer to see the entire group ride together, at a pace that accommodates the slower riders?

Would you be willing to help lead any of the rides?

Do you like having the rides use the chuck wagon for group meals?

Rides we have had over the last few years (not all each year) are listed below – which would you attend?

**Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday after Thanksgiving, in the Idleglen parking area. Season kick-off. Weather dependent whether or not it's possible to ride that day.

**Hot Dog Ride** – Idleglen (if low snow) or out on the trails. Hot dogs & brats, held early in season due to unpredictable snow conditions

**Steak Ride** – steak provided by club, potluck for the rest of the meal, usually in a meadow off the trail system (recently has been at Odie Owl Meadow, off Pony Park)

**Overnight Ride** – has varied locations out of Grand County, starting as early as a Wednesday, returning Sunday; an opportunity to explore other riding areas.

**Long Ride** – 50 miles or more on area trails, starting from Idleglen. Destination varies. In years past, has gone to Gould (recent-year logging operations have caused closures of this route)

**Poker Run** – fund raiser event, jointly produced by Trail Blazers & Mile-Hi snowmobile clubs

**Moonlight Ride** – scheduled near a full moon, usually in January or February, meets 7pm, goes to Hatchet Park, groomer visits

**New Years Ride** – meet 11 pm ride to view point to watch Grand Lake's midnight fireworks

**Family Picnic Ride** – low-impact ride for families

**Mystery Ride** – destination & route to be determined when riders meet, based on abilities of riders

**Trees & Trails** – some trail riding, with some off-trail riding

**Yahoo Ride** – may or may not be possible (access to Gould is limited many winters due to logging) – barebones cabin at North Michigan Lake, riders ride across Illinois Pass on Friday, gear is carried to cabin for them, then they ride the area Saturday and return to Idleglen on Sunday. Currently, gas may not be available in the Gould area, but may be able to arrange for gas.

Potential New Rides:

**Scavenger Hunt** – ride from clue to clue, picnic lunch at the destination

**Ladies Day** – ride at a more casual pace, plenty of breaks

**Beacon Search** – ride to a meadow and locate (avalanche beacon(s) that were hidden – good practice for this survival tool