

## Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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

### November 30, 9 am – Pancake Breakfast

**Debbie Mason 970-531-3480** or

[mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com) Meet at Idleglen for breakfast in the open air, with or without snow. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice & coffee. The public is welcome to this season kick-off. If you'd like to help with cooking or serving, give Debbie an email or a call. Once again, we'll invite the local Chamber members; it's good to share this event with the local businesses & could lead to some new memberships.

### December 7, 11 am – Hot Dog Ride Leader

**John Amerman 970-627-5482**

[ja.grandlake07@comcast.net](mailto:ja.grandlake07@comcast.net) Meet at Idleglen. If there's enough snow, we'll ride to the meadow at the start of the After Burn Trail (across from Whiskey Park); if not, we'll have our dogs & brats & fixins at Idleglen

### December & 14 & 15, 8 am – Safety

**Training Leaders Tom & Debbie Mason**

970-531-5812 or [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com) & 970-531-3480 [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com) This is a 2-morning class. Saturday morning is classroom training. Sunday morning is the written & driving tests. Recommended for riders of all ages. While it's recommended for adult riders, kids ages 10-16 must have the training to ride solo on public lands in Colorado. Note: Grand Lake does not allow kids to ride solo if they're under 16 – with or without Safety training. Call or email to sign up.

*See full calendar of events at the end of this newsletter*



### Highway Cleanup

went well. Eric & Lisa Anderson, Mike Ingle Ron Brown and Tom & Debbie Mason collected 11 bags of trash. Several of them were less full than in past

cleanups. It seems that enough people “catch” us at it that our section is seeing less trash each time we clean up. Or maybe we've just been lucky.

### Snow Fence – Trail Groomers and Trail Blazers



joined forces on the 26<sup>th</sup> to put up the orange snow fence that helps keep riders coming out of town on the trail and keeps them off the

landscaping across from the Chamber Visitor Center. Cam Stone, Janusz Gorlicynski, Mike Ingle and Tom & Debbie Mason got it all up, ready for the snow to arrive and bring the riders.

With a bit of snow on the higher peaks around the area, it's time to think about the coming season. Make sure your machines are ready to go when the real snow starts falling. We're hoping the late summer rains and early lingering snows are an indicator of the snows to follow. Think snow! There's not enough on the ground yet for riding, but it's staying longer and longer each time it snows, and the forecast as I write this is for more snow after the weekend. Looking good ... keep it coming!

### Membership Renewal

Membership renewal officially begins October 1 and your membership needs to be renewed by December 1. Please be sure to review & update your contact information so you continue to get newsletters, updates, reminders, etc. Renew online at the CSA web site [www.snowmobilecolo.com](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com) Yes, you can still send in paper renewal forms (we put one at the end of every newsletter). We will then process it on the web site for you.

Your membership in the Trail Blazers includes membership in the Colorado Snowmobile Association (CSA) \$22 of your family membership or \$32 of your business membership is your CSA

dues. People who join more than one club, you pay the CSA portion only once.

One of the benefits of CSA membership is liability insurance while on club rides. Another is an accidental death and dismemberment insurance. You will receive a mailing from American Income Life that includes beneficiary card. Filling out the card to indicate your beneficiary for the insurance will result in a contact from the company. They will offer to review your insurance coverages, offer additional services from their company, etc. *It is important you know there is **no cost to you** for the accidental death & dismemberment coverage, **no cost to you** for the health services discount card.* They **will** offer a dental discount plan that would cost you \$29.95 the first year, \$49.95 for subsequent years. You are under no obligation to accept any for-fee services from the company. The cost-free insurance and health services card are no-strings attached.

### **CSA Raffle**

This year's raffle first prize is a 2014 Arctic Cat M8000 153 Snow Pro, second prize is a ZR120 Youth Sled (aka Kitty Kat). Your board members have tickets available - \$5 each. You can also purchase them at Mountain Food Market. Half of the net proceeds from the tickets we sell comes back to our club, so the more you buy, the more money we have to support our activities.

### **CSA Convention January 31 – February 2 Gunnison, CO**

This annual convention brings members from most of Colorado's snowmobile clubs together to ride together, have fun and attend a CSA Quarterly meeting. We need a club member to represent the club at this event. If you'd be interested contact one of your board members.

### **Save the date – Poker Run February 8, 2014**

The Poker Run is sponsored by both Trail Blazers and Mile Hi Snowmobile Clubs and benefits Flight for Life. It takes a large number of volunteers to put on this event and raise the kind of money we have been able to donate to Flight for Life. Event Chair Toni Boettcher has set up an online signup sheet so you can show our support early. Each kind of job we need to fill is listed on the site.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4EA8A723AA8-13th/5738270](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4EA8A723AA8-13th/5738270)

### **Web Master**

For several years now 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. He'd like to hand this off to the next person. We use a simple and free web-based Yahoo tool to manage and update the website and now that it is built, it only takes 15 minutes a month to maintain (uploading the newsletter) and then an hour or so once a year to update the ride schedule. He'll teach you how to use the tool and it's an opportunity to have some fun if you have any fresh thoughts/ideas you'd like to bring to the website. If you would be willing to take this on, please contact any of our board members or you can reach Marsh at [mshovein@yahoo.com](mailto:mshovein@yahoo.com).

### **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**

President – Tom Mason – 970-531-5812  
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Vice President – John Amerman – 970-627-5482  
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### **District #3 CSA Rep**

Dennis Lynton

Based out of Westminster, Co

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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. The April Meeting is held where we can have a potluck dinner along with the meeting, and the August meeting is held where we can have a picnic

right after the meeting. *Note there are a few meetings that are moved to a different date to accommodate scheduling conflicts. If you want to attend a meeting, contact one of your board members to make sure of date, time & location, or just show up – we will update this schedule, if possible, if any changes are made.*

### **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.



### **The Brown Group Personal Financial Services**

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**2013-2014 Ride & Activity Schedule**

All rides & activities meet at Idleglen unless noted otherwise.

Talk to your ride leader when you arrive – let them know your skill level & comfort zone. The ride will be geared to the abilities of the riders who attend. We want to be sure we all have fun.

**October 5, 5pm Board Meeting**, Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

*(October 12-13 – Snowmobile Expo, Western National Complex, Denver – not a club ride, but of interest to many of us)*

**October 19, 10 am Highway Cleanup Leader**

**Mike Ingle** 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com) Meet at mile marker 9 with your morning beverage; we'll bring the donuts. After a bit of socializing, we break into teams to clean our mile. Bring your safety vest and gloves. We're usually done by about noon.

**November 2, 5pm Board Meeting**, Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

**November 30, 9am Pancake Breakfast Leader**

**Tom & Debbie Mason** 970-531-5812 or [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com) & 970-531-3480 [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com) Meet at Idleglen for a full pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee. Invite your friend, neighbors & potential members.

**December 7, 11am Hot Dog Ride Leader John**

**Amerman** 970-627-5482 [ja.grandlake07@comcast.net](mailto:ja.grandlake07@comcast.net) Meet at Idleglen. If there's enough snow, we'll ride to the meadow at the start of the After Burn Trail (across from Whiskey Park); if not, we'll have out dogs & brats at Idleglen

**December 14-15 Snowmobile Safety Training**

**Leaders Tom & Debbie Mason** 970-531-5812 or [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com) & 970-531-3480 [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com) This is a 2-morning class. Saturday morning is classroom training. Sunday morning is the written & driving tests.

Recommended for all riders. Kids between 10-16 must have the training to ride solo on public lands in Colorado.

**December 28, 8:30am Long Ride Leader Tom**

**Mason** 970-531-5812 or [autowrench2002@yahoo.com](mailto:autowrench2002@yahoo.com) This ride covers 50

miles or so. Exact route to be determined closer to ride date.

**January 4, 5pm Board Meeting,** Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

**January 11, 10am Ladies Ride Leader Debbie Mason** 970-531-3480 mooseduds@yahoo.com  
This one is for the ladies only. We'll keep it as easy or fast as is comfortable for all of us. Bring a lunch.

**January 18, 11am Steak Ride Leader Mike Ingle** 970-531-5940 or ingledavid@hotmail.com Meet at Idleglen. Ride the trails, then head to the meadow at the head of the After Burn Trail (across from Whiskey Park) for steaks and potluck. The club buys the steaks; the rest is potluck, so bring a dish to share and your beverage.

**January 22-26 Overnight Ride Leader Mike Ingle** 970-531-5940 or ingledavid@hotmail.com  
Destination to be determined. Details will be published in newsletter when arranged. This is an opportunity to ride in a different area.

**February 1, 5pm Board Meeting,** Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

**February 8 Flight for Life Poker Run Chair Toni Boettcher** toni\_boettcher@hotmail.com Jointly run by Trail Blazers and Mile Hi snowmobile clubs. Proceeds benefit Flight for Life. Poker Run, Silent Auction, Happy Hour, After Party.

**February 15, 7pm Moonlight Ride Leader David Zimmerman** 303-908-6950 or zimmcon@gmail.com Munch on brats & fixins while the moon comes up. The groomer makes an appearance at this ride & you can check out what our groomers do all night throughout the season.

**February 22, 10am Trees n Trails Ride Leader Tom Mason** 970-531-5812 or autowrench2002@yahoo.com Get off the main trail to explore side trails and meadows. The route will be determined based on abilities of the attendees.

**March 1, 5pm Board Meeting,** Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

**April 5, 5pm Board Meeting, Potluck & Elections** Share a meal with your fellow snowmobilers and determine officers for the coming year. This year President & Secretary are up for election.

**May 17, 10 am Highway Cleanup Leader Mike Ingle** 970-531-5940 or ingledavid@hotmail.com

Meet at mile marker 9 with your morning beverage; we'll bring the donuts. After a bit of socializing, we break into teams to clean our mile. Bring your safety vest and gloves. We're usually done by about noon.

**August 2 Noon, Greenridge Picnic Area** – subject to change - Summer Picnic and Board Meeting. Board and any interested parties meet at 10 am to work out the coming season's ride & event schedule. Then at noon, we have our summer picnic for everyone who can make up to the mountains to cool off. The club provides the fried chicken and the rest of the meal is potluck. Bring table service, beverage and a dish to share.



We hope to see you at many of the rides & events. Your participation is how we know we were successful in setting up the schedule.

If you have an avalanche beacon and would be interested in practicing locating beacons, please let us know so we can set up some practice sessions in conjunction with some of our events.

If you'd like to help our leaders on one or more of our rides, let that person know. You might help as a co-leader or as a "sweep" (ride at the end of the group to make sure we don't lose anyone).

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.**  
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_