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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 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 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 & 970-531-3480 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 26th 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 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

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.

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

President – Tom Mason – 970-531-5812
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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.



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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 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 & 970-531-3480 mooseduds@yahoo.com Meet at Idleglen for a full pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee. Invite your friend, neighbors & potential members.

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December 28, 8:30am Long Ride Leader Tom

Mason 970-531-5812 or 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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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 _____