

Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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Fall in full swing

We've had a little snow just above Grand Lake a couple of times now. And a couple of times, Gravel Mountain has looked nice and white. It even has some cornice build-up already. The fall colors are intense: some of the aspen are nearly maple-red this year. Many have lost their leaves, but the late ones are very colorful. We've had lots of below-freezing night up here, cooling the ground to hold the snow that should soon arrive.

Mail

If you recently sent anything to the club's post office box and it was returned, please don't panic. A temporary closure has been cleared up and we are again receiving mail at Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc., PO Box 507, Grand Lake CO 80447

CSA Raffle Tickets

We have our tickets! Tickets are **\$5 each**. First prize is a **2015 Arctic Cat M8000 Snow Pro 153** (retail value \$12,799); second prize is an **Arctic Cat ZR120**. Drawing will be **December 20**, at Front Range Arctic Cat in **Fort Collins**. Remember that half of the net proceeds from the tickets we sell come back to support our club. Please contact a board member to purchase your tickets, or to get tickets to sell to your friends & neighbors. The more we sell, the more comes back to the club.

Upcoming Events –

October 18, 10am – Fall Highway Cleanup: Contact **Mike Ingle 970-531-5940** Meet at mile marker 9 on Hwy 34 at 10am. We bring the donuts & trash bags; you bring your morning beverage, gloves, safety vest, etc. The more who share this job the quicker we're done. And the last few times we've seen less trash than in years past ... let's hope folks are getting better about littering. It's snowy or very wet along the road, we'll cancel for now and do it in the spring. Safety first!

November 29, 9am Pancake Breakfast:

Contact – Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 & 531-3480 Meet at Idleglen for a full pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee. Invite your friend, neighbors & potential members. This is our season kick-off. We'll be serving breakfast on the south side of the Idleglen parking area snow or shine. With any luck, you'll be able to ride to breakfast.

See full schedule at end of newsletter. We hope you'll be able to come to many events. If all goes well, we're bringing back the Yahoo Ride and we're going to try again for the Ladies' Ride.

New Board Member

We welcome Charles Stoyer to the Trail Blazers Board of Directors. Charles and wife Bridget joined the club last season and came on some of the rides. Charles will fill the remainder of Ron Brown's term as Board Member at Large.

NOTE: Significant change to 2015 Poker Run

date – Because the Grand Lake Winter Carnival traditionally falls on

the first Saturday in

February and the way

the calendar falls in

2015, the Poker Run

has had to be pushed

to February 21. In

2015 the second Saturday in February is the 14th

and the start of Presidents Day weekend. Because

of that, we can't have the Poker Run between the

Winter Carnival (Feb 7) and Presidents Day. The

next available Saturday is the 21st. Mark your

February 2015						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	X
8	9	10	11	12	13	X
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

calendars now. We've touched base with the town and Chamber to make sure there are no other events planned for that weekend.

Look for updates as we get more information from Mile Hi Snowmobile Club about the details of the 2015 Poker Run.

Directory corrections & updates

It's renewal season – your membership renewal is due by December 1. The fastest way to renew is to go to www.snowmobilecolo.com (the CSA site).

Be sure your membership shows CSA, Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc, and any other clubs you belong to. It really is the easiest way when joining or renewing with multiple clubs. Of course, you can still use the paper form at the end of the newsletters, and we'll process your membership for you.

As members join & renew, we'll be putting together this year's member directory about the end of December. If your information changes, be sure to let us know so you keep getting your newsletters and notices. While we strive to give you all the news & dates in the newsletters, we do short-notice updates via email. The directory will also help you find folks to ride with on days the club doesn't have an event. Stay in touch!

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. We have someone who may be able to take this on in the near future. Stay tuned for more on this.

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 often for incoming messages. During the summer it is not checked every day; during the riding season it's checked almost every day.

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. 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. *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 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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2014-2015 Ride & Activity List

There are a couple of events that may change as we get closer – see individual listings

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 4, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room.

October 18, 10 am Highway Cleanup – Contact Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 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 1, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

November 29, 9am Pancake Breakfast Contacts – Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 & 531-3480 Meet at Idleglen for a full pancake breakfast with sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee. Invite your friend, neighbors & potential members.

December 6, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

December 6, 11am Hot Dog Ride – Contact – John Amerman 970-627-5482 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 13 & 14, 8am Snowmobile Safety Training at Grand Lake Fire Station – Contacts Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812, 531-3480.

This is a 2-morning class. Saturday morning is classroom training. Sunday morning is the written & driving tests. Recommended for all riders. Kids 10-16 years old must have the training to ride solo on public lands in Colorado. No charge for class

December 27, 10am Trees & Trails – Contact – Joe Kelley 970-887-9337 Get off the main trail to explore side trails and meadows. The route will be determined based on abilities of the attendees.

December 31, 10pm New Years Eve Ride – Contact Tom Mason 970-531-5812. Ride to Eagles Perch to enjoy a bonfire and watch the midnight fireworks.

January 3, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

January 3, 11am Steak Ride – Contact TBD Meet at Idleglen. The club buys the steaks; the rest is potluck, so bring a dish to share and your beverage. RSVP so we buy enough steaks.

January 10, 10am Ladies Ride – Contact – Debbie Mason 970-531-3480 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. Tom will be riding, so if you guys want to ride give Tom a call 970-531-5812

January 24, 9am Long Ride – Contact - TBD This ride covers 50 miles or more. Exact route to be determined closer to ride date.

January 31, 7pm Moonlight Ride – Contact – David Zimmerman 303-908-6950 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 7, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

February 21 Flight for Life Poker Run Jointly run by Trail Blazers and Mile Hi snowmobile clubs. Proceeds benefit Flight for Life. Poker Run, Silent Auction, Happy Hour, After Party. Look for

announcements of changes & new ideas as we get closer

February 25 – March 1 Overnight Ride – Contact - TBD A multi-night trip to another area, stay in lodging & ride daily. This is an opportunity to ride in a different area. Location will depend on where the good snow is.

March 7, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

March 13 – 15 Yahoo Ride – Contact Tom Mason 970-531-5812 Snow permitting, we're bringing back the Yahoo Ride. Riders spend the day riding from Idleglen to a cabin at North Michigan Lake.

April 4, 5pm Board Meeting, Potluck & Elections Share a meal with your fellow snowmobilers and determine officers for the coming year. Offices are for 2 years; elections alternate offices.

May 16, 10am Highway Cleanup – Contact Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 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.

June 6, 5 pm Board Meeting Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station Board Room

August 1, 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.

Please feel free to attend any of our board meetings. They're the first Saturday of the month October through April, then June and August. All but April & August are held at the Grand Lake Fire Station in the Board Room at 5 pm. April we meet where we can have a potluck and August we meet where we can have a picnic.

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**
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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:
Why do we ask this? If you are already a member of CSA you do not pay the CSA \$22/32 again, only the \$20 for the Trail Blazers.
