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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. This is a great way to raise funds for our activities. 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 (\$2.40/ticket). If each of us would sell even 5 tickets each, it would bring a nice check to the club.

Mail problems – if you mailed anything to the club in the last couple of months and it was returned to you, please try again. We've had a series of problems with our post office box. It is open, the notice has been sent to the central office that it is indeed open. We're hoping the last visit to talk with the postmaster has settled everything. We've received few paper memberships, and we have no way of knowing if you're all renewing online or if yours was one of the items returned by the post office.

Did you know? With our latest round of new memberships we are now a coast to coast snowmobile club. We have members on both coasts and some Midwest states as well as Colorado! About half our membership is either on the Front Range or out of state. That tells you how special our trail system is, offering a great variety of terrain and on- and off-trail riding. Come on snow! Let's get out there and ride.

Upcoming Events –

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 friends, 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. If you'd like to help with the preparations or serving contact us via email or phone.

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See out 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.

Recently

We had a surprise when we met for our fall



Highway Cleanup – the signs identifying it as “our” mile were gone! We went ahead and did our

cleanup. Somehow the renewal had gone to a wrong address. We have resolved this and new signs should be up within a couple of months – with the correct club name. Keep your eye out for the new signs. We found a number of “near treasures” such as an unbroken clothes hanger, somebody’s house key, a small electric motor, a socket, and more. There was less trash than previous cleanups, so the decrease is continuing. That’s a good thing!

Evan Miller, Jeff Woolsey and Shawn Marley of the Mile Hi Snowmobile Club joined us at our November meeting to discuss the upcoming Poker Run. We had a good productive discussion of how the planning is progressing for the event. We also agreed to make the New Year’s Eve ride a joint event with Mile Hi.

We need a treasurer

We first want to thank Joe Kelley for his service to the club. But, due to a number of other commitments, he has had to resign that position. He’s still a valued member of our club, but has had to relinquish the Treasurer’s duties. So, now we are looking for someone who can take care of the club’s finances for the remainder of Joe’s term – until next April’s elections. If you’re able to help us out in the short term, or the long term, please contact Tom Mason 970-531-5812.

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 calendars now. We’ve touched base with the town and Chamber to make sure there are no other events planned for that weekend. Once again, volunteer sign-ups will be handled via *sign-up genius*. We’ll get the address into the newsletter as soon as possible. We’ll email it out as soon as we have it.

February 2015						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Watch the newsletter 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. One of our new members, Josh Couch is learning what Marshall has been doing and the hand-off is in progress. Keep an eye on our web site – Josh has ideas for some changes. Our site address is 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.

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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. May break into groups by skill level if enough riders.

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. This year it will be a joint ride with the Mile Hi Club.

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. We'll take "thumb breaks", too. *Guys -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. This year the proceeds will go to Flight for Life and the CSA Right to Ride fund – you choose either or both when you register.

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 & explore in a different area. Location will depend on where the good snow is. If you've ideas about where to go, contact your board

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 & accommodations permitting, we're bringing back the Yahoo Ride. Riders spend the day riding from Idleglen to a cabin at North Michigan Lake. We may need to stay in a B&B in the area if the cabin doesn't become available. We're working on alternatives for this one.

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 it 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.

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 _____

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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.
