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IMPORTANT – Grand Lake Trail System Maps have major changes – please use ONLY the new 2014 -2015 maps

With a change in a couple of trail sections, and needing to add new junction letters to the map, the Trail Groomers took the opportunity to rearrange the letters. Now all the junction letters for the trails on the east side of the trail system run A – N and the west side of the system O – Y. If you think of it as two big loops, it should be less confusing. Please make sure to pick up one or more of the new maps. They're available from many locations around town, and in the rack at the bottom of the big maps at Idleglen. Even if you don't pay much attention to the junction letters it would not be fun if people were trying to meet up and had different versions of the map – they could be at the same letter, but at different junctions.

Upcoming Events –

February 21 Flight for Life Poker Run Jointly run by Trail Blazers and Mile Hi snowmobile clubs.

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. There are plenty of volunteers still needed. Once again, volunteer sign-ups are being handled via *sign-up genius*. Go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49a9a62ba7fc1-grand> check to see where your help is needed – mainly crossing guards and afternoon card stop duty.

President's Challenge – your president has donated \$50 toward the Poker Run prize money. We welcome your donations to the prize money – will you match this donation? Your club secretary is matching that amount to a total of \$100.

We have a supply of Poker Run flyers. If you can help get them posted around Grand County or other

areas, contact Debbie at 970-531-3480 or Tom at 970-531-5812.

*****DATE CHANGE*** – March 6-8 Overnight Ride Contact Sam & Judy Eberly** : Sam 316-655-3818, Judy 316-259-2503 or eberlysnow970@sbcglobal.net Make your reservations at **Hahns Peak Roadhouse 970 879 4404**; be sure to mention you're with the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club in Grand Lake (if we book 6+ rooms/cabins they'll give us a 20% discount), then let Sam & Judy know you'll be joining the group. A full detail email went out on 3/30, but the basics: Leave Friday March 6, with a stop to ride Rabbit Ears Pass, before going on to Hahns Peak Roadhouse 30 minutes north of Steamboat Springs (*check-in 4pm*). Friday night dinner – cook your own or eat in the on-site restaurant. Ride the Steamboat Lake area Saturday, with a mixer/group dinner that night. Baked potatoes, salad & dessert provided; you bring your meat to grill. Live band at the restaurant Saturday night. Sunday riding optional, and return home. The Roadhouse has restaurant, convenience store, gas, hot tubs, etc. If you'd rather go shop or hit the hot springs in Steamboat Springs, they will offer a van into town (\$40 round trip). *****Date change due to availability of lodging. Note: they're dog friendly, with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. More information about Hahns Peak Roadhouse hahnspeakroadhouse.com**

Alternative to Yahoo Ride* March 12 – 15 Frank Stehkik will be heading to Alexander Lake Lodge, on the Grand Mesa, for a long weekend of riding. If you'd like to join him, check out their web site <http://www.alexanderlakelodge.com>, make your reservations, and head on down. Alexander Lake Lodge is under new ownership. The restaurant offers all 3 meals, and all but one of the cabins have fully stocked kitchens. They also have a bar. You can check out the cabins & menus on their web site. The largest cabin could be shared by quite a few people (1 king, 2 queens, 1 twin & 1 futon).

**The Yahoo Ride is not going to happen this year. We couldn't get the either of the big cabins.*

Club Elections – April

Each year, at our April potluck & meeting, we elect officers. This year Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. Our by-laws require we publish candidates' names and position they're running for in the newsletter a month before the election, so please, get your name in to the board no later than February 4. We just brought a new Treasurer, Dick Doucette, on board at our December meeting. It was done by consensus of the Board. His name will be on the ballot for Treasurer. This meeting is also our spring potluck dinner. More details in the next newsletter.

See our 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, but the cabins were already reserved by 8 am when I tried.

Recently

January 3 Steak Ride

We had about 15 adults and a couple of kids for our Steak Ride. We enjoyed grilled steaks with sides, salads and desserts. Thanks to Cam for grooming the pullout across from Whiskey Park for our get-together. Thank you Charles Stoyer for running the grill.

January 10 Ladies Ride – If any of you got there early or on time and left, I apologize. We had some technical difficulties on the way to Idleglen. As it turned out there were only 2 of us on the ride. We did most of the main loop, stopping at Whiskey and Hatchet Parks for a bit of speed. We took our lunch break at Hot Dog Park. The only “shortcut” we took was turning off at Gilsonite instead of going through Pony Park.

January 24 Long Ride – We had a good turnout for this ride. 14 riders (and the “sag wagon” driver) made the long ride over to Gould, where they became guests for the day at Clark Peak Cabins. Everybody enjoyed their burgers, pasta salad, beans, chips and chocolate cake. Some of us shopped the gift counter, which had a selection of jewelry, “boot bags”, furs, clothing, etc. After gassing, up the gang headed back to Grand Lake in two groups; one group went back by the direct route, the other took a few side trips to check out

the meadows. I'm happy to report the “sag wagon” wasn't needed.

January 31 Moonlight Ride – we hadn't had any fresh snow for a while, but the Trail Groomers have been working hard to smooth the trails at night. We had about 31 people show up. We had the moon show up (that only happens on some of the Moonlight Rides). We got a little fresh snow (yes, the moon and snow)! It's always a treat when that groomer rolls up to our group. Cam gave more groomer tours than any of us could remember. It



started with the little guys, and went on until the long piece of Hatchet Park looked like a race track. . We were beginning to wonder if Cam was going to get a chance to eat, but he got the last couple of brats. We got the chuck wagon out of there in a single try. We had a couple of sleds at the bottom of the exit trail to light the way, and another near the top to light the Kawuneeche Trail. David Z was able to just charge right up and out of there. We ate 42 brats & dogs! On the way to pick up the chuck wagon we even saw a moose on the trail – she wasn't sure she was willing to move off the trail (we slowed and slowed for her) until the groomer showed up on the other side of her – that was just too much for her and she dropped off the trail.

Media Ride – Mike Ingle, Ken Erickson and Charles Stoyer showed a group of social media



bloggers what our trail system is all about. We were contacted through the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce about showing these folks around. The snowmobile ride was just one of many things they were experiencing to share with their readers to showcase winter activities in Grand County. If their devices got a signal they were planning to post their comments from the trail, during the ride. As you can see in the photo, they had a great time.

Member Directory

The club Directory went out mid-January. In the envelope you should also have found a club patch and membership card(s). Please let me know if you find any errors or omissions. We have a very few patches left; if you want to purchase additional patches they're \$4 each.

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.

Trail Hosts

Do you know the local trails? Do you like helping people? That's what the Trail Hosts do. Hosts ride where they would ride anyway, wearing a bright yellow vest to identify them as Hosts. They carry their cell phones, a supply of maps, and keep an eye out for people who might be lost or stuck. Hosts provide only the level of help they're trained for and are comfortable with. The cell phone is to call for more serious help. Many Hosts' contacts are simply a quick "thumbs up" to see if riders stopped along the trail are taking a break or looking for some help. If you'd like to become one of the Grand Lake Trail Hosts, contact Debbie Mason, coordinator, at grandlaketrailhost@yahoo.com or 970-531-3480.

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. Please pre-register.

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.

March 6-8 Overnight Ride – Contacts Sam & Judy Eberly - : Sam 316 655 3818, Judy 316 259 2503 or eberlysnow970@sbcglobal.net Make your reservations at **Hahns Peak Roadhouse 970 879 4404** See details earlier in this newsletter.

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. *If the lodging issue doesn't get resolved, we'll try again next year to make this ride happen.*~~ Join Frank Stehlik on his trip to Grand Mesa – see full details in the earlier part of this newsletter. Make your reservations at Alexander Lake Lodge, then let Frank know you're joining the trip.

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

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Number in Family: _____ Number of Sleds: _____ Names of children under 18 _____

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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.
