

## Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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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. 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 –**

**Alternative to Yahoo Ride\* March 12 – 15** Frank Stehlik 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 4**

**April 4 5 pm Elections Potluck & board meeting, at Columbine Lake Clubhouse** This is one of two times a year we expect to see a lot of you, without snowmobile helmets, so we can socialize and conduct a little business. The elections are important and you must be present to vote. Your board works to set ride schedules, work with other organizations, manage memberships, and publish the newsletter to communicate with all of you.

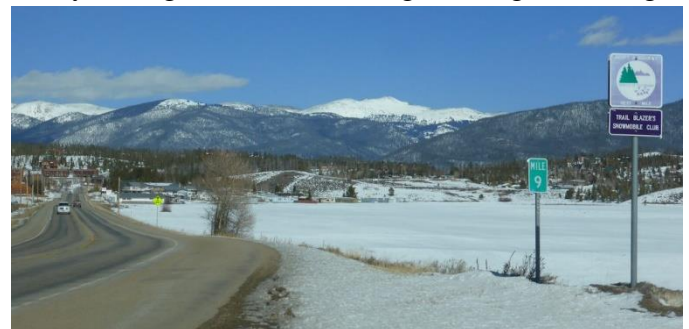
Bring a dish to share, your own place setting, and beverage. We'll eat while the hot food is still hot and the cold food cold. We'll then conduct any business before the board, and have our election. This year the Vice President and Treasurer positions

are up for election. John Amerman is the current Vice President and Dick Doucette is current Treasurer (filling remained of previous Treasurer's term).

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 March 4.

### **Spring Highway Cleanup May 16 10 am.**

Contact: Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or [ingledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:ingledavid@hotmail.com) Meet at mile marker 9 (large pullout just north of Stillwater Campground). We'll bring the trash bags & donuts; you bring your safety vest, gloves and morning beverage. Our sign



is back up for our mile. Now the club's name has been corrected.

See our full schedule at end of newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the rides you were able to attend. In August at the meeting right before the summer picnic, we'll set the 2016-2016 Ride & Event schedule. Please give us your input on what to keep, what to change. Come to the picnic!

As a result of our web master change, we've been looking more closely at what is on our club web site. If you haven't looked at it, please go to [www.gltrailblazers.com](http://www.gltrailblazers.com). Look over the whole site, and especially at the "About" page, which details our beginnings. If you can fill in the gaps, if you can give us a list of our past presidents & officers, if you can help us really flesh out our history, it would be wonderful. We've gotten some additional info from a few members, but better to get something twice than not at all. Photos would be good too.

There's a photo album, but it seems to be pretty much just 1969 & 1970.

## Recently

**February 21 Flight for Life Poker Run** Jointly run by Trail Blazers and Mile Hi snowmobile clubs was a success despite the weather. First it didn't snow, and the town trail was in very poor shape. Then it snowed and the Front Range forecast was for a serious storm. Because the weather discouraged people, ridership was down a bit, however, we still had a good turnout with 137 riders, buying 521 poker hands for a total of \$2,834 (\$1,000 prize money came out of this). This year Silent Auction donors could choose to direct the proceeds from their donations to either Flight for Life or the CSA Right to Ride fund. The grand total raised for Flight for Life was \$3,495.55 and grand total raised for Right to Ride was \$3,345.45 Thank you to everyone who donated time, money or merchandise to the event. Thank you to everyone who rode in the event. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you. The President's Challenge brought in a total of \$250 toward the total prize money.

Mark your calendar for **February 20, 2016** for next year's Poker Run.

## 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](mailto: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 March meeting will be at Hahn's Peak Roadhouse, since the whole board will be on the Overnight Ride. The April Meeting will be a potluck dinner along with the meeting at the Columbine Clubhouse. The August meeting at the Greenridge Picnic Area 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. .

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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](mailto: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 Hahn's Peak Roadhouse on Overnight Ride.

**March 13 – 15** 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.

The club email address is [gl\\_trailblazers@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
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**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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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Sleds: \_\_\_\_\_ Names of children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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