

Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.

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Upcoming Events –

Spring Highway Cleanup May 16 10 am.

Contact: Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or 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

Summer Picnic August 1 Noon Greenridge

Picnic Area The club provides the fried chicken and the sides and desserts are potluck. The board and any interested members will meet at 10 am to work out the coming season's ride schedule. Then we eat and hang out.

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

Recently Club Elections

We had a nice potluck dinner, then the elections. John Amerman, Vice President and Dick Doucette Treasurer, were reelected unanimously. It was a short meeting; March Madness and Easter were calling folks. Next year President, Secretary and Board Member at Large will be up for election.

Our 2014-15 schedule is at end of this newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the rides you were able to attend. On August 1st, at the meeting right before the Summer Picnic, we'll set the 2015-2016 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. 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.

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. During the 2014-15 season the Trail Hosts provided over 300 much-appreciated hours riding the trails and being available to give directions & help riders. 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.

Work Sled Needed

We are planning to repair the club sled, but if we could find a "work sled" for free or very cheap, it would be a better candidate for pulling the Chuck Wagon. If you know of a free or inexpensive sled with low range, please contact any of our board members with the details.

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 a potluck dinner along with the meeting at a location TBD. The August meeting is 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. .

Please patronize our business members – be sure to tell them you saw them in the newsletter.

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This is a list of the rides and when we had them in the 2014-2015 season. Each year we work around holidays, and other events to try to provide the best schedule of rides and events we can for your riding enjoyment. If you have suggestions, or comments, please contact your board, or attend the August meeting so we can use your input in setting the schedule for 2015-2016.

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

October 18, 10 am Highway Cleanup

November 1, 5 pm Board Meeting

November 29, 9am Pancake Breakfast

December 6, 5 pm Board Meeting

December 6, 11am Hot Dog Ride

December 13 & 14, 8am Snowmobile Safety Training

December 27, 10am Trees & Trails

December 31, 10pm New Years Eve Ride

January 3, 5 pm Board Meeting

January 3, 11am Steak Ride

January 10, 10am Ladies

January 24, 9am Long Ride

January 31, 7pm Moonlight Ride

February 7, 5 pm Board Meeting

February 21 Poker Run Jointly run by Trail Blazers and Mile Hi snowmobile clubs

March 6-8 Overnight Ride

March 7, 5 pm Board Meeting

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

June 6, 5 pm Board Meeting

August 1, noon Greenridge Picnic

Now, that we've hit the season's end, the newsletters will come out a little less frequently. If you'd like to share any news or photos, send them to gl_trailblazers@yahoo.com



Eagles Perch – taken in daylight on the Ladies Ride. This is where we watch the fireworks on New Years eve. The point of rocks (behind the tree) has a great view of Grand Lake.

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.
