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Upcoming Events –

The **Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Expo** (Snow Show) is not a club event, but many of us do like to go see all the new toys and equipment. It will be **October 10 & 11** at the National Western Complex in Denver Metro.

October 17, 10 am – Highway Cleanup. Contact Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or ingledavid@hotmail.com. Meet at mile marker 9 (the big pullout north of Stillwater Campground). Bring your safety vest, gloves, and morning beverage. We'll bring the trash bags and donuts.

November 28, Pancake Breakfast fund Raiser – see details below

The coming season has a good list of events and rides to look forward to. We have a couple of things we're trying out this season:

This year's **Pancake Breakfast, November 28** is going to be a **fund raiser**, and will be at the Louis



Heckert Pavilion in downtown Grand Lake. Proceeds from the Breakfast will go toward purchasing a better (low-g geared, high powered) sled for hauling our chuck wagon. We'd love to see all our members come support this event,

and bring a lot of friends. For \$6, \$3 for kids, get pancakes & sausage, syrup, orange juice and coffee, tea or hot chocolate. As a bonus, the annual Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar will be in full swing in the Community Building so you can have breakfast, then shop the local crafts. We'll be looking for several people to help with this event, so if you'd like to help set up, cook, serve, cashier or help with clean-up let your board members know.

Ladies Ride, January 9. This is a gentle ride, with plenty of "thumb breaks". Meadow play is optional. Bring your own lunch. Sorry guys, this one is just for the gals. But, Tom Mason will most likely be riding somewhere that day and would welcome some people to ride with. Contact Debbie Mason 970-531-3480 or mooseduds@yahoo.com



We're bringing back the **Yahoo Ride January 22-24**. Riders take all day to get from Grand Lake to the cabin near Gould, hitting all the meadows and play areas they can. Two nights in the cabin allow for a full day of riding in the Gould area, followed by a ride back to Grand Lake on Sunday. Dinners



and breakfasts will be cooked at the cabin; lunches are BYO. We were able to reserve the biggest of the

cabins at Michigan Lake, so can accommodate up to a maximum of 20 people. Total costs for cabin, food, etc. will be divided among attendees. Contact Debbie Mason 970-531-3480 or mooseduds@yahoo.com about the cabin, meals, getting your gear to the cabin, etc. Contact Tom Mason 970-531-5812 or autowrench2002@yahoo.com about the ride itself.

Mark your calendar for **February 20, 2016** for the **Poker Run**. Toni Boettcher is chairing the event again this year. Look for more details in future issues of the newsletter.

The full schedule is at the end of the newsletter. You'll also be getting a 2-page calendar you can post so the dates of all our events are handy.

Recently

The **August Picnic** was a success. Fifteen people attended the picnic, sharing lunch and companionship. The board meeting right before the picnic did some “table surfing” to make sure there would be a shady table for the picnickers, moving at least twice during the morning.

We want to make sure **Sloopy’s Grill** knows how much the club appreciates their generous donation; they donated the chicken for this year’s picnic. Thank you very much! What a wonderful treat. And not one piece went to waste. Next time you stop in there, be sure to say “Thank you” to Richard & Jenny Schliep.

Work Sled Wanted

We are planning to repair the club sled, but if we could find a “work sled” (wide track or other sled with a low gear range) for free or very cheap, it would be a better candidate for pulling the Chuck Wagon. If you know of one, contact any of our board members with the details.

If you’d like to be part of a work party to help repair the club sled, contact Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or Charles Stoyer 303-818-4213.

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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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November 7, 5 pm Board Meeting – Grand Lake Fire Station

November 28 9 am - Pancake Breakfast Contact Tom or Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 autowrench2002@yahoo.com or 970-531-3480 mooseduds@yahoo.com At Louis Heckert Pavilion in Town Park, as a **Fund Raiser** (new location for 2015)

December 5, 5 pm Board Meeting – Grand Lake Fire Station

December 12 & 13, 8 am – Snowmobile Safety Training Contact Tom or Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 autowrench2002@yahoo.com or 970-531-3480 mooseduds@yahoo.com – Saturday for classroom instruction, Sunday for testing. Meet at Grand Lake Fire Station

December 19, 11 am Hot Dog Ride contact John Amerman 970-627-5482 – ride to a picnic location, or stay at Idleglen, depending on snow conditions. We'll have brats, hot dogs and all the fixin's

December 31, 10:30 pm New Years Eve Ride contact Tom Mason 970-531-5812 – watch the midnight fireworks from Eagles Perch

January 2, 5 pm Board Meeting – Grand Lake Fire Station

January 9, 10 am Ladies Ride contact Debbie Mason 970-531-3480 mooseduds@yahoo.com – this one is a gentle ride for the girls and ladies only. There could be a group of guys riding separately.

January 16 9 am Long Ride Contact TBD – a 50 mile or longer ride, if possible a lunch destination, otherwise bring your own lunch. This entry will be updated as details are finalized.

January 22-24 9 am Yahoo Ride Contact Tom or Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 autowrench2002@yahoo.com or 970-531-3480 mooseduds@yahoo.com – Ride from Idleglen to the Gould Area to stay in a rustic dormitory cabin for 2 nights, then ride back.

February 6, 5 pm Board Meeting – Grand Lake Fire Station

February 13, 11 am Steak Ride contact Dick Doucette 970-531-4148 CRDoucette@gmail.com – ride to where the steaks are to be cooked. Club provides the steaks, members bring the rest of the potluck meal

This is a list of the rides from the 2014-2015 season. 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

All rides & activities meet at Idleglen unless noted otherwise.

Board Meetings are held first Saturday of the month, except May, July and September. Meetings are at 5 pm at the Grand Lake Fire Station unless otherwise noted

October 3, 5 pm Board Meeting – Grand Lake Fire Station

October 17, 10 am Highway Cleanup Contact Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or ingledavid@hotmail.com – meet at mile marker 9. Bring safety vest, gloves, morning beverage. Club provides bags & donuts.

February 20, 2016 Poker Run contact Toni Boettcher toni_boettcher@hotmail.com – Jointly run by Mile Hi and Trail Blazers snowmobile clubs. This event raises funds for Flight for Life and the Right to Ride Fund with Poker Run and a Silent Auction.

February 27, 7 pm Moonlight Ride – Contact **David Zimmerman 303-908-6950** or zimmcon@gmail.com. We may not see the moon, but we'll have a great time around the bonfire. The Groomer makes an appearance so you have an opportunity to see how they keep our trails in such good condition

March 4, 5 pm Board Meeting – 5 pm at Hahn's Peak Roadhouse (during the Overnight Ride)

March 4-6, Overnight Ride Contact: Sam & Judy Eberly : Sam 316-655-3818, Judy 316-259-2503 or eberlysnow970@sbcglobal.net – an opportunity to try out the riding in another area. A long weekend trip. Contact Hahn's Peak Roadhouse directly to make reservations. At time of publication, they had most of their rooms available. Make your reservation directly with Hahn's Peak Roadhouse at 970-879-4404. Tell them you're with the Trail Blazers for a 10% discount. (Note – there is a \$50 non refundable deposit for pets.) Their cancellation policy has changed – no refunds, but they'll hold a year's credit for you if you can't make it. Or you can let someone else use the reservation. For best room selection, reserve now. Last year was a poor snow year, but we had a good time. This winter they're talking about an "El Niño" so we should see much better snow conditions.

April 2, 5 pm Board Meeting, Potluck & Election – usually held at Columbine Lake clubhouse. In 2016 we need to elect a new President and Secretary. Dinner is potluck.

May 21, 10 am Highway Cleanup - Contact Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 or ingledavid@hotmail.com – meet at mile marker 9. Bring safety vest, gloves, morning beverage. Club provides bags & donuts.

August 6, 10 am board meeting – Meet at Shadow Mountain Picnic Ground in the Greenridge area. This is when we set the ride and event schedule for the coming season.

August 6, noon Club Potluck at Shadow Mountain Picnic Ground in the Greenridge area. The club buys the fried chicken and the rest of the meal is potluck. Bring a dish to share, and your own table service & beverage.

If you'd like to share any news or photos, send them to gl_trailblazers@yahoo.com Photos from club events, local scenery, etc. are welcome.

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.

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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.
