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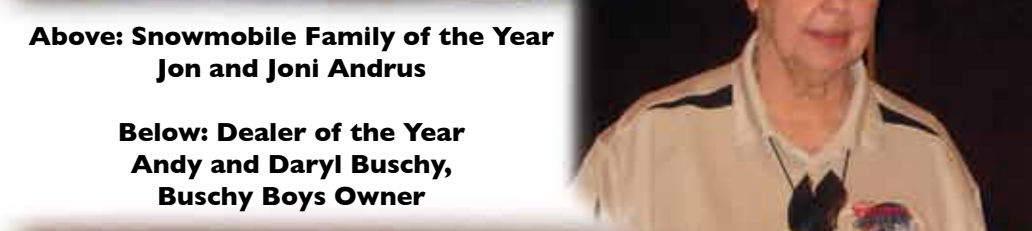
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**Above: Snowmobile Family of the Year
Jon and Joni Andrus**



**Above: Business of the Year
Tim Weaver
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**Below: Dealer of the Year
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**Below: Snowmobiler of the Year
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A QUOTE TO NOTE

"It is not enough
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do what is required."

Winston Churchill,
former British
prime minister

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MOVING FORWARD



It snowed in Erie and many places in Northwestern PA on Sunday, May 15, 2016. "We are snowmobilers" but this event did not produce enough snow to take a spring ride!

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Membership Meeting. Your presence and input is greatly appreciated. Janet Auken was thrilled with the donations of many great auction items and of course the total dollars collected for the drawings. These dollars help pay for the event. The plants for the luncheon tables added to the spirit of the day.

The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) would like to thank the following speakers for their presentation and commitment to PSSA: Alexander MacDonald, DCNR Bureau Chief, Trails, Greenway and Statewide Planning Section, for his remarks regarding grants and future funding of snowmobile recreation. Also Video Mike who presented several videos depicting snowmobile rides on various types of trails. His presentation was in anticipation of producing a state-wide video of Pennsylvania trails. The final product will be used to promote and enhance our trail system. Lori Elliott, PSSA Grant Administrator, updated everyone on our mini-grant program. Many clubs have received over \$18,000 in mini-grants thru a partnership with PSSA and its members. It was noted that Round 19 (2015) clubs have volunteered over 2,364 hours of trail maintenance and grooming with a value of over \$63,900. The PSSA Mini-Grant program has generated over \$622,593 in the last several years. Thank you to the

Snowmobile Clubs, PSSA and Lori Elliott, Grant Administrator. The mini-grant program is a TEAM effort. Finally, Mr. Robert Kirchner, current President of ACSA and a past president of PSSA gave a short presentation on the value of ACSA and its needs. You can join ACSA using the Info in the KS.

Region Seven Director, Bill Sowers, gave a short presentation on a program to involve Teens in snowmobile recreation. **They are our future.** The Board will consider giving an award for the Teen who is committed to snowmobiling in the state. What can you do to get a teen involved? Contact Bill Sowers with your suggestions/comments.

Our PowerSport Show Committee is working hard to make the Show a success and is considering ways to bring more people to the show. If you have any ideas contact Roger Auken, Chair. Raffle tickets for two trailers and a SKI-DOO snowmobile will be sent to all members in July. We owe a debt of gratitude to Michelle of Blizzard and the SKI-DOO dealers who continue to support our show.

Congratulations to our award winners: Snowmobiler of the Year – Joe Rodgers; Snowmobile Family of the Year – Jon and Joni Andrus; Business of the Year – Tim Weaver- McKean Tavern-owner; Dealer of the Year – Andy and Daryl Buschy- Buschy Boys owner; Government Official of the Year – Richard Allgeier, Jr. Thank you for all your contributions to PSSA and snowmobile recreation.

Representative Florindo Fabrizio, Erie County, will meet with representatives of PSSA in early June to discuss a proposal to increase the current ten (\$10) registration fee. We need to have a plan to move this forward. It won't be easy but we need to start with one step forward.

THINK SNOW!

Liz Krug, President

Note: Board Meeting – July 23, 2016 9am University Park – more info to follow in July Keystone Snowmobiler.



NEWS FROM PSSA'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR



Hello, PSSA Members,

I am pleased to report that projects for fifteen snowmobile clubs have been approved by the PSSA

Board and DCNR for Round I mini-grants of PSSA's Round 20 grant. (see charts on page 4) Cash provided for these mini-grants total \$63,528.00, and the dates for this round are April 28, 2016 through April 15, 2017. Reports will be due April 30, 2017. Checks for 90% of the cash awards have been requested and contracts have been issued. Club recipients need to sign and return their mini-grant contracts immediately to the PSSA Grants Office.

Except for a few extensions to allow clubs to use their fuel, all other mini-grant rounds are now closed and final reports have been submitted.

I also submitted in April another grant application for DCNR's Round 22 for mini-grants and two marketing & tourism projects. If you attended the April membership meeting, you heard "Video Mike's" (Mike Grant)

presentation on the national televised show, "Snow Trails TV". PSSA is pursuing funding through the DCNR grant application and other grant opportunities, as well as partnerships with county tourism agencies to produce a Pennsylvania snowmobiling video for this TV show and for future use. We also applied for assistance from a DCNR grant in producing the PA Powersports Show, which is a tourism attraction for many recreation users. Hopefully we will hear in the fall if this application was successful.

Work is ongoing for the PSSA Phase II and Phase III Signs projects. We are working on integrating maps with signage from the Phase II project onto our website. For Phase III, we are working on GPS-ing the trails in Northeast PA and processing the data for maps of the intersection signs. We will integrate these maps onto the internet also. Thank you to all of the club volunteers who have worked and continue to work on this project. These signage projects are important contributions to safety on Pennsylvania's trails!

Lori Elliott

PSSA Grants Administrator



NEW DEPUTY FOREST SUPERVISOR JOINS THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

Warren, Pa. (May 11, 2016) – Forest Supervisor Sherry Tune announced the selection of Carrie Gilbert as the Allegheny National Forest's new Deputy Forest Supervisor. Gilbert will begin her duties on May 16, 2016. "It's been a long time since the Allegheny National Forest has had a Deputy Forest Supervisor," said Tune. "We're excited to have Carrie in this position because she brings skills and experience that will benefit both the forest and our communities, as well as gain new skills and experiences in this developmental position."

Gilbert grew up in Selinsgrove, PA and attended Pennsylvania State University, where she received her bachelor's degree in Forest Conservation and an M.S. in Forest Management.

She has worked for both the USDA Forest Service and Pennsylvania's Bureau of Forestry in the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Her most recent position was as the Regional Environmental Coordinator at the U.S. Forest Service's Eastern Regional Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In that role, she provided guidance and support to the Region's national forests and a national tallgrass prairie on public engagement, environmental analysis and decision frameworks. Gilbert also worked on several national forests where she gained experience in silviculture and landscape planning, completing

forest inventories and working on prescribed burns.

Prior to position with the Forest Service Eastern Region, Gilbert served as the Planning Section Chief for Pennsylvania's Bureau of Forestry in the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). She led planning initiatives to 20 state forest districts that supported an interdisciplinary draft of the State Forest Resource Management Plan. She also worked as an Ecological Program Specialist where she helped lead the Wild Plant Program.

In her free time, she enjoys hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and exploring new waters by kayak. She also likes to forage for wild edibles, visit farmers markets and antique shops.



PSSA/DCNR Approved Mini-Grant Projects – Round 1, DCNR Round 20			
ACE Snowmobile Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage pipes, signs, sign posts, sign boards, parts and repairs on equipment, and rental of a tractor loader backhoe for trail maintenance 	\$3,840.00	Wayne County
Forest County Snowmobile Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase a hydraulic mower to trim brush on snowmobile trails 	\$4,500.00	Forest County
God's Country Black Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine Major Oil Leak on Groomer (BR-180) and make complete repair Enclose groomer garage, build roof over fuel barrel, purchase electric fuel pump Build 1.1 miles new trail on connector "A" trail to Germania, PA Repair area over drain pipe between clubhouse and West Branch Twp. Building 800 gals. off-road diesel fuel for groomer 	\$4,023.00	Potter County
Maple Summit SMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase parts and make the necessary repairs to the club's trail pickup truck 	\$4,500.00	Somerset/Westmoreland/Fayette Counties
Marienville Trail Riders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase a drag for their newly purchased groomer Purchase filters, shocks, synthetic grease, tires for the drag Purchase acknowledgement sign and MTRSC logo signs for groomer and drag Purchase materials for general maintenance on drag 	\$4,500.00	Forest County
McKean Snowriders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase gravel to continue work on the new connector trail that connects PA to Ohio and New York Rent equipment for trucking, excavating and grading Contract excavation work 	\$4,450.00	Erie County
NEP Sno-Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase a commercial grade rough-cut, tow-behind mower for brush and weed control on 52 miles of trail. These trails have undergone extensive reconstruction with trees, brush and undergrowth removed, which has created rapid weed growth to maintain annually. 	\$3,911.00	Wayne and Susquehanna Counties
Presque Isle Snowmobile Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase signs/screws/hardwood stakes to replace non-reflective deteriorating signs making the trails safer with reflective new ones Purchase coil springs and air bag assemblies for track suspension system and other worn parts on groomer Purchase oils/filters/fluids for groomer preventive maintenance Purchase culvert pipes to increase flow and 	\$4,500.00	Erie County

Presque Isle-cont'd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> widen trail, making grooming/riding safer. Lease backhoe or mini-excavator to install pipes Lease stump grinder to remove stumps Purchase fuel for brush-hogging/grooming 		
Pymatuning Trailblazers SMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase groomer fuel, replacement track rollers and replacement lights for the club's existing grooming equipment. Purchase trail signs Purchase replacement bridge decking Purchase trailhead entrance signage 	\$3,792.00	Crawford County primarily and a small portion of Green County
Rolling Ridge SMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase and install a new gas tank on the club's groomer; the current one has been patched several times. Purchase a fuel transfer tank. The club currently has to use 5 gallon gas cans to transport fuel. Purchase and update hydraulic lines and install a hydraulic cooler for the oil. 	\$3,012.00	Somerset County
Scagburners Snowmobile Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club currently grooms with two late model utility sleds pulling homemade planers. Mini-grant funds would be used to purchase an engineered, multi-blade planer for grooming. 	\$4,500.00	Cambria, Bedford, Blair
Triangle S Snowmobile Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To pay contractor to install club-owned culvert pipes in locations where drainage is not adequate. This will require trenching, stone and pipe installation and uphill and downhill blending, ground cover and grade work. Trail will also be straightened and widened for safety, requiring tree removal 	\$4,500.00	Erie County
Tri-County Snowblazers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-route Spartansburg trail per landowner's request Purchase sluice drainage pipes, stone, gravel, driveway matting roll Purchase 2 gate posts and pay for labor to install at Rails to Trails entrance 	\$4,500.00	Erie County
Wales Sno-Drifters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair trails and install culvert pipe and grave to remove standing water: Purchase culvert pipes, 3 loads of over-sized stone, 3 loads of gravel Hire contractor for excavation work 	\$4,500.00	Erie County
Warren County Snowmobile Club, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent an excavator to clean, widen and smooth out some sections of trail and install a sluice pipe to straighten out a 90-degree blind corner. Rent a track loader with brush cutter to mow and trim trails Purchase sluice pipe Purchase 12 concrete blocks Purchase 120 gallons of diesel fuel 	\$4,500.00	Warren County

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- * June 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler July issue
- * July 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler August issue
- * August 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler BIG September issue
- * September 10–Deadline for the Keystone Snowmobiler October issue



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LAUREL HIGHLANDS SNOWMOBILE CLUB



It is starting to feel like summer on the mountain. The trees are bright green, and the weeds are growing in on the trails again. The Laurel Mountain Volunteer Group held their annual Spring meeting to determine trail needs, and set the dates to help out. We are looking forward to getting out there with the DCNR to keep the trails great. The first trail work date is Saturday, June 4. They will be meeting on Laurel Mountain for anyone who is interested. This is National Trails Day.

The mowing team, George Sweigart and Jim Wilkinson, have been hard at work keeping the grass in check. Johnny Felice, friend and helper, is still recovering, but is hopeful to visit soon. Please keep him in your prayers.

DCNR has a few improvements to share. At the December meeting, Ed Callahan, District Forester of Forbes State Forest, mentioned that they would be expanding the Route 31 parking lot. Recently, I drove past and noticed that the lot appears to be nearly double in size. (Upper left photo) Not only did they expand the lot, but they also used the extra soil to improve the Route 31 road crossing with a ramp. It will make the crossing much safer with easier visibility. (Photo at left) Thank you for taking care of us!!!!

Our last workday, the Adopt-A-Highway had to be postponed. As you know, we spent the winter wishing the warm dry days would go away. All of our scheduled winter events were cancelled due to a lack of snow. Ironically, our first warm weather event was postponed due to too much snow. We'll see shortly if the Adopt-A-Highway rain/snow date is effective.

A group of our members were in attendance at the PSSA Spring Meeting in State College. We received statewide updates about trail improvements, goals, and hardships. Plans were announced for the future, grant information was clarified, elections were held, and guest speakers shared their knowledge. We enjoyed a well-prepared lunch and snacks throughout the day. The awards for Snowmobiler of the Year, Family of the Year, DCNR Official of the Year, and Dealer of the Year were handed out. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The next meeting is Thursday, June 9, at 8:00 PM. Nominations for the board will be open. If you or someone you know is interested in being a more active part of the club, please let a current board member know. We would love to have you. Our next workday is June 11, at 9:00 AM. We will be meeting at the clubhouse.

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Hello from The Chickaree Ridge Runners Recreation and Rescue Club. It's been awhile since I submitted a newsletter from our club. We held our Annual Benefit Poker Run on Feb. 14th, we raised over \$4000 for Dave Smith, Dave is a club member and is battling cancer. Thanks to all who supported us. Ten guys took a trip to Munising, Michigan. We were supposed to go to Maine, but they didn't have any snow. We put around 1200 miles on in the Upper Peninsula. It was excellent as usual. We had a couple new guys with us, hopefully they liked it and will go again! As of now we have 16 guys scheduled for Maine next year. I hope they have snow for next years trip.

We held our spring banquet on April 2nd at Hoss's in Ebensburg. Dr. Don Leckey stepped down as president, thank you for your many years of service and dedication to our club. Mark Croft is our new president. Thanks for stepping up Mark, next year we need a new vice president. Doc also had his

wacky awards for the banquet, very funny as usual.

We are planning some upgrades to our facilities this summer, 2 new windows in the announcers stand and fix the fence along the starting line. We have a Curve Game planned as well for fun.

For more info or to join our club, it is open to the public, a single membership is \$10 per year and a family membership is \$15 per year. Call Martin Marine at (814) 749-9931 or visit our website at www.chickareeridgerunners.com (I try to keep it up to date). Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month from Sept. thru April and the first Thursday from May thru Aug. They start at 8:00pm and are held at our clubhouse.

Until Next Time,
Sincerely,

Chuck Baligush
Vice President

HYNER MOUNTAIN

Hello from Hyner Mountain Snowmobile Club. Just wanted to let everybody know what has been happening up on the mountain. Well, everything is kind of slow right now. We're getting ready to go into summer mode at the lodge. Our work week-end is behind us (we'll go over it more next month) and the chicken bar-b-que is coming up later in June. The chicken bar-b-que is really just a day for all of us to kind of hang out together for the weekend at the lodge. Usually, we're able to talk about some of the riding we did the past winter, but we all know not much of that talk will be going on this year, bummer! We'll soon be getting into July and August when things will REALLY slow down; such is life in a snowmobile club! When it's not snowing, things are slow.

I want to mention again that we have some memberships available at the lodge. If you enjoy snowmobiling up in the North Central Counties of Pennsylvania, or you enjoy any other outdoor activities in the mountains, you just might be interested in a membership. For more information visit our website: hynermountainssnowmobile.com or stop by if any of us are there. Our monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Well that's about all for now. Winter and next snowmobile season will be here before we know it, but for now, and until then, enjoy the summer and all that comes with it. Talk to ya next month.

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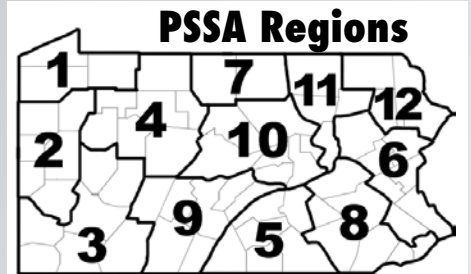


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VINTAGE FLASHBACKS

by Matt Blauch

“Drive your family wildly enthusiastic on the Diablo Rouge!”

The Diablo Rouge is a different style snowmobile as you sit on a skied tow behind sleigh, with a twin tracked front traction tractor. The company started out in Quebec, Canada making what they called the Hus-ski and were known as the Hus-ski Ltd. Company. Due to costly recalls for tracks and chassis modifications they were forced to sell to Food Machinery Company's (FMC) division "Bolens". The Hus-Ski was produced thru 1966-1967 and then was discontinued because the Diablo Rouge was a better built machine. The Diablo Rouge and Hus-Ski were very unique in their design. The 16hp Hirth motor was laid down almost completely flat with a fixed muffler. The driven clutch was in front of the machine. The track had magnesium cleats with a bogie type suspension, which was slightly tied down toward the front for easier maneuverability. The Diablo Rouge didn't have standard steering handlebars, instead it had a bar that looped around and extended past the rear of the tractor to the tow sleigh. To steer, you simply swing your hands to the left or right moving the whole tractor. It was equipped with a right handle throttle. The cab was a distinct red color with a chrome bumper and chrome plated grill. The tractor measured 61 inches long and 30 inches wide. The tow sleigh (where the driver and passengers sat) had a seat and thin wooden skis. Only the driver had foot stirrups and handlebars to hold on, as the passenger had none till 1968. The only options were a windshield or slide rail on the skis. They produced the Diablo Rouge for three years with only three models to choose from, model 500, 502 or the 503. Model 502 had minor changes from model 500, nose cones were painted black, air vents were added to the side of the hood, and the handle bars had a transversal bar to fix cab and engine issues. Model 502 to model 503 had made changes such as the throttle was switched from a hand to thumb mount, a white racing stripe on top of the hood, electric start, the nose cones were red and cut at angles for the headlights. Price of the model 500 was \$980 and model 502 and 503 were \$1080, but since this concept was not accepted, they had a hard time selling the Diablo Rouge. How will the company forgo customer satisfaction issues and produce a more suitable snowmachine? Next month we will explain what happened!



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ROLLING RIDGE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Even though the snowmobiling season has ended, our efforts have not. We were recently approved for a grant that will fund additional improvements to our groomer. Improvements will include the purchase and installation of a new higher capacity fuel tank. This will allow for longer distance grooming, with less frequent refueling stops. The grant will allow for the purchase of a fuel transfer tank and pump. Additionally, upgrades to the groomer's hydraulic system will be performed.

After a unanimous vote at the March meeting, it has been decided that we will purchase a new-to-us 1987 LMC 8700 Snow Groomer. It is an operational diesel powered groomer with a pusher blade. The groomer will require some TLC, but is a great asset as a piece of RRSC owned equipment.

RRSC meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Members and non-members are welcome. Meetings will continue to be held throughout the summer as we plan workdays for groomer and trail maintenance. Please join us for the meetings and consider offering a little of your time to help us to grow our club and continue to improve trail conditions. Many hands make a light load and your help is appreciated.

May's meeting will be held at the Washington Furnace Inn on Route 30. This is a non-smoking family friendly restaurant.

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