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HAVE SOME CLUB NEWS?

Many thanks to all the snowmobile clubs that have submitted news and information. We encourage all clubs to send us information each month. Here's how to submit your news for publication:

Email address: member@pasnow.org

SUBJECT LINE: KEYSTONE SNOWMOBILER

Include: Full name of your club in the email

Pictures: jpeg/png format

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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASSES

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If your club is holding a safety class and you'd like to be on the list please submit your info to: member@pasnow.org.



MOVING FORWARD FEBRUARY 2024

Hello, everyone!

Here in northwestern Pennsylvania we received a lot of snow for some terrific riding! We see that the central and eastern areas were hit with a good amount of the white stuff as well. Of course, we are all grateful as we are so overdue for these conditions. I hope all snowmobilers across our state got some riding in somewhere with family and friends!

The word is out that another round of DCNR mini grants are available. Please check the Keystone Snowmobiler for details.

Two weeks ago there was an unfortunate incident that was covered in the news where an animal on the trail was being chased and injured by snowmobilers. Wild animals are simply looking for food and a break from the deep snow. The Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association clearly does not condone this behavior in any way and we are completely outraged by the actions of the snowmobilers covered by this news report. Please leave all wildlife alone and respect their presence in the wild while riding. This behavior gives our sport a bad name.

Our riders are enjoying the new PA Trail Conditions application. Feedback helps us continue the learning process. We are working to get all club trails on this program and need everyone to be involved in this process. Contact the PSSA office if you would like to get more information on PA Trail Conditions.

In addition, the PSSA Spring Meeting scheduled for April 12th, 2025, will be held once again at Best Line Powersports in Centre Hall, PA. The Keystone Snowmobiler will have all the details.

Ride safely and enjoy the snow!

Thanks,
Rich Hayes

PSSA Annual Meeting

Join Us!

The Annual Membership Meeting & Awards will be held in-person on
Saturday, April 12, 2025
from 9am – 3 pm

Be sure to attend the upcoming PSSA Annual Meeting of its members to stay informed on the latest information from your association, and hear updates on snowmobiling in PA!

Agenda:

General Membership Meeting & Director Reports
Luncheon & Awards
Regional Roundtables & Trails Updates

Registration fee is \$20 per person, which includes lunch and refreshments.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)



IT'S AWARD SEASON!

It's time to nominate someone for a PSSA Award! We're looking for nominations in the following categories:

Snowmobiler of the Year



Family of the Year

Teen of the Year



Dealer of the Year

Government Official/Forester of the Year

Awards are announced each year at the Annual Membership Meeting. Clubs have many outstanding members who deserve an award for their spirit of volunteerism and dedication to the sport. Please consider one member per award and e-mail your nominations to: Rich Hayes, PSSA President at: rahazey@yahoo.com

Deadline is March 7, 2025.

Nominate Today!

We're ready!!

The Pennsylvania Trail Map and APP is here! Check it out!



The online version of the PSSA Snowmobile Trail Conditions Map is completely free to use. Plan your trips, save itineraries for future adventures or share them with friends.

Trail Map features:

- Cell Service Not Required for Navigation
- No cell service needed to pinpoint your exact location and load routes
- Thousands of PA miles in the palm of your hand
- Select a starting point and destination, then go!
- Plan trips in advance and save them for future adventures
- Easily modify destinations on the go, with drag and drop menu
- \$4.95 per season for the mobile app
- Get the App Now!

Learn more and see the online version of the app here:



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Or visit: <https://www.pasnow.org/trail-guide/>

Webcams!

Many thanks to all the snowmobile clubs for sharing and maintaining these webcams.

CHECK THEM OUT!



Marienville Trail Riders Snowmobile Club



Hilltop Howlers



NEPA Snowtrails



Beaver Valley Marina Camera 1



Dutch Trailcutters SMC

DUTCH TRAIL CUTTERS CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE 50-PLUS YEARS

by Henry Hartman

In the fall of 2021, we started to tell you about the history of the Lancaster County based Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Club, which was formed in early 1971. Here is another flashback from 50 years ago.

An earlier article in this series mentioned the club purchasing 5 acres of land in Havice Valley, Mifflin County, in 1972. Here are some highlights from meeting minutes in 1974 and 1975:

September 9, 1974 Still no word when electric service will be done. Cabin will be “inspected” Sept. 10th. The Financial Committee reported they will prepare an annual budget for operating and maintaining the cabin.

October 8, 1974 Reported that Phone Company will put in poles if three are purchased. Electric Co. will lease the poles from Phone Company and put lines in. Cost \$18.00 plus \$5-6 per month, members voted to go ahead with phone service. Basement steps are in, upstairs is well under way. Voted to buy 60 mattresses at \$5.00 each. Club will renew PSSA membership.

November 12, 1974 Still not full consent by property owners for electric service. Furnace to be installed very soon. Discussed getting fire extinguishers and first aid kit for cabin. Will check on prices for a “dog sled” for cabin.

December 10, 1974 Received letter from DER about Safety Training for 10-16 year olds. Still no decision on electric. Seven members volunteered for a “Furniture Committee”. Cost of cabin so far is \$10,800.45.

January 14, 1975 Thirty four members are shown on the roster. Received application forms for Safety Instructors from DER. Will probably be installing fireplace in cabin in near future. Beds need to be painted. Cabin has been assessed at \$1,490.00 for tax purposes.

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Dutch Trailcutters SMC

February 11, 1975 Phone Company plans to install poles in the near future. Letter received from George Ward with PSSA about attending one of our meetings. Furniture Committee reported receiving some donations.

March 11, 1975 Reported that a “rescue sled” will be donated to the cabin. Not much progress with electric, will check with other property owners to ask for a decision. Total cabin cost to date is \$11,958.42. Taxes at assessed value will run \$131.12 annually.

Today, 50 years later, the Dutch Trail Cutters are still a 100% PSSA club! Every member of the club is also a member of the State organization, supporting snowmobiling across the entire Commonwealth. In future articles, we will explain more about how the clubhouse was finished out as a livable structure.

The Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Club has memberships available. If you are an active snowmobiler and would like more information, write to: DTC, c/o Ervin Nolt 10 North Hershey Ave. Leola PA 17540 or call 717-633-5081.

World's largest snowmobile race returns to Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (WLUC) - Crowds braved freezing temperatures to watch their favorite racers in the 56th International 500 Snowmobile Race in Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday.

I-500 Co-chair Carri Bradley says it's the largest snowmobile endurance race in the country.

"It's just amazing for our community," Bradley said. "Our founding fathers put this together with in mind that we are very cold here in the winter. We don't have a lot of visitors come here in the winter."

Bradley says the race brings in \$3.5 million every year in four days. She also says 80% of the spectators are Michiganders, like Allan Schultz from Grand Rapids. He says he's attended the race for about 30 years and is amazed at how far the race has come.

"They get it done in about eight hours, used to take 13 hours, you know that's how far this stuff has come along through the years, so good time," Schultz said.

Drivers made 500 laps on a one-mile oval race track, going over 100 miles per hour. Miss I-500 Pageant Queen Reanne Rau says it's cold, but she is excited to watch the race for a second time.

"It's just an amazing organization that runs this, and it's all volunteer-based," Rau said. "Seeing all these people come together is such a great and amazing thing to witness."

She says the race is a sight to see and a one-in-a-million chance to view a track this big.

"If you haven't been here, you have to come here and see it," Bradley added. "It will be nothing like you ever experienced. If you want to volunteer, we're always looking for volunteers; again, we are driven by volunteerism."

Bradley says the volunteers and spectators made the race reach another year. This year's I-500 winner is #18 Dan Revering of the Nelson Racing Team.

Original Release from WLUC

Snowmobilers discover ideal conditions on state trails in Pennsylvania. Here's why

Cold weather and lots of snow this winter have created rare exceptional opportunities for snowmobilers in Pennsylvania.

Recent snowstorms have produced the right conditions for snowmobilers who are used to having to travel to find a good snowpack.

Chris Carpenter, 55, of Buffalo Mills, Bedford County, traveled to the Somerset/Westmoreland county area Sunday to snowmobile with his son on Laurel Mountain.

The area is home to Laurel Ridge and Laurel Mountain state parks and the approximately 120 mile Laurel Highlands Snowmobile Trail System that traverses over state park and state forest land. Weather permitting, snowmobiling is permitted through April 1.

Carpenter has been snowmobiling about 30 years.

“In the winter, there are not a lot of things to do rather than sit in the house. I love to get out and enjoy the snow. I love the snow," Carpenter said. "I like to ski, I like to snowmobile. I do a lot of motorcycle riding, ATV riding, jet skis, I have them all. But of all those power sports, snowmobiles are by far my favorite.”

He likes that he can explore terrains on a snowmobile that may be accessible only by foot in other times of the year.

“When we go to Ontario or Quebec or the Upper Peninsula or Maine or wherever we ride, you’ve got a lot of miles that you can cover. It’s fantastic in Pennsylvania when we get the weather,” he said.

His family recently returned from a snowmobile trip with his son in Michigan where they rode about 900 miles. “It was good,” he said about the escape.

Read the full story with pictures and video [HERE](#).

Premium Member Recognition

Blizzard

Andretti Family
Jason B. Baver
Bendal Family
Benner Family
Jeremy Blurton
Mike Brower
Mike Brower
Brown Family
Clause Family
Nathan & Ingrid Eckhart
Gochenauer Family
Steven Gowman
Kistler Family
Terry Kline
Krise Family
Arline LaTourette
Clinton C. LaTourette
John W. Manfredi
Martin Family
Steve Matscherz
Petronchak Family
Scott Rodich
Robert Rohrbaugh
Saks Family
Douglas J. Sampson
Sell Family
David E. Shenk
Siska Family
Specht Family
Steinbach Family
Strotman Family
Uhler Family
Weiss Family
Willard Family
Zimmerman Family
Wilmer Zimmerman

Snow Burst

Brussell Family
Carter Family
Cazantzes Family
Crowl Family
Dibiase Family
Dolby Family
Ebling Family
Eichelberger Family
Forester Family
Grab Family
Green Family
Donald Hess
John Hilsher
Martha Kalko
Kelly Family
Harald Kofler
Landis Family
Joseph W. Lanzetta
LaSitis Family
LaTourette Family
John K Liebermann
Paul Littleford
Michael E. McCallips
Miller Family
Mark Nelson
Peterson Family
Wayne Roush
Salen Family
Mr. Greg T. Sammet
John Sarginger
Jason Starr
Stroble Family

Scott Sunderland
Brian Taylor
Thompson Family
John Vanerstrom
Cliff Weaver
Weisheit Family
Wolgemuth Family

Storm

Clementoni Family
Cowgill Family
Thomas Coyer
Eckhart family
Godshall Family
Kimble Family
Kirchner Family
Kulp Family
Meade Family
Malec Family
McKenney Family
Miller Family
Barry Nolt
Andrew Preston
Kevin M. Snoke
Sowers Family
Spock Family
Stoltzfus Family
Swierzewski Family
Thomas Family
Chris Yerdon

Thank you!

WHAT DOES PSSA DO?

- Promote snowmobile recreation via Website (www.pasnow.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/pasnow "Pennsylvania Snowmobiling")
- Obtain funding to help clubs maintain and groom trails
- Monitor state and federal issues and send alerts
- Represent snowmobilers on the Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee (SAAC) and PA Trails Advisory Committee (PTAC)
- Support volunteer clubs by: Joining a club, participate in activities, offer to help
- Provide funds for trail maintenance/grooming, webcams/images on the PSSA website and GPS units in groomers.
- Support Navigational Signage (GPS) on trails
- Coordinate connectors and new trails
- Encourage Business to join PSSA and provide Discounts to members
- Promote Safe Riding and offer Education and Safety Classes for Youth 10-15
- Host the annual PA Powersport Show provided Dealers have sufficient inventory
- Offer Discounts to members to buy and sell snowmobiles, ATVs, and trailers etc. at our show
- Represent the Association at national events such as: American Council of Snowmobile Associations, United Snowmobile Alliance
- Liaison with elected officials
- Inform members of current issues, trails and legislation etc. via "Keystone Snowmobiler" and Facebook
- Maintain a website: (www.pasnow.org) which contains up-to-date information concerning snowmobile recreation, issues, clubs, legislation and concerns of our members
- Prepares a mini-grant application in support of all clubs Helps clubs prepare other grants when necessary.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

The PA Powersports Show is the #1 way our organization raises money to advocate for and support snowmobiling in Pennsylvania. We are in the process of raising \$20,000 to make up for this loss of income and are asking that you consider a donation to PSSA in addition to your membership dues. Please also consider a monetary donation in lieu of your usual PA Powersports Auction item if you've supported us this way in the past. We would be very grateful.

Your donation will be used to help PSSA establish and maintain important connections with local clubs to exchange ideas and share important technical information and education on all snowmobile areas of interest. PSSA also works with both federal and state government agencies to preserve and enhance trails and riding opportunities. Our focus includes preserving our natural resources and the environment as well as advocating for the safety and general welfare of snowmobiling. You can make a difference for the good of snowmobiling in Pennsylvania when you send in your donation with your membership dues and raffle ticket funds! Together, let's ensure that all snowmobilers can have safe, fun, and available trails to ride in Pennsylvania!



REGIONAL DIRECTORS

What do Regional Directors do?

Board Member and participate in Board meetings
Represent clubs in their Region.
Liaison with the Board
Help promote snowmobile recreation.
Ambassadors for snowmobile recreation state-wide
Help with projects- Power Sport Show, rides
Contact elected officials as needed

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Users

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Donation to PSSA	\$ _____
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Club Member? Yes () No () Which club(s)? _____

Are you willing to assist during snow emergencies? Yes () No () Emergency phone: () _____

Please make checks payable to "PSSA", and mail to 42 W Main St., Palmyra, PA 17078

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Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____ CVV: _____

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